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Exiles From Hate

'ALONG THE WAY'

By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

Returning travelers from Europe tell with tears in their eyes of the Jews coming, penniless and persecuted, from Germany to a refuge in the United States. What they don't usually mention is the fact that each of these Jews is being vouched for by a Jewish family in our country, which promises to keep an eye on them until they are safely established.

Well, the Jews certainly take care of their own. For which I bow in their direction respectfully. What about the millions of Catholics being ground down by Hitler's persecutions instead of any people that class oppose his tyranny? Are they escaping from Germany to a land of freedom and safety? Is anyone guaranteeing some sort of reception here?

Yes, Father Joseph Chiaramonte, who can be reached at 128 Second Street, New York, heads a committee to vouch for Catholics. But how many Catholics have written in and asked him how they can help?

I don't want to use the column to exhaust; but it might be a grand idea if you, my good Catholic friends, had a little of that love of your own that unites the Jews. How about a letter to Father Osterman while the ideas is still hot?

From Out of Germany

You read the eyewitness accounts of the public appearance of Hitler with an understanding of how modern propaganda can turn a man into a messiah, and give to a dictator the glory that is God's.

Recently Hitler addressed a congress of Germans, evidently carefully trained for that moment. He went through the litany of those benefits which he had bestowed upon the country. After each, the assembly, in perfect imitation of a litany chant, responded: "We thank thee, Our Leader." Now when his Catholic Churches were singing the litany, and crying out in gratitude to God as in petition to Him, the voice of the priest, the voice of the people that rhythmic sort of "Grant us, O Lord," or "Have mercy on us, O Lord," or "We thank thee, O Lord."

But as one read through this litany of the benefits from the hands of Hitler to the people of Germany, the prayerful response they had been trained to make, one began to suspect Hitler to be the greatest of impostors. For the moon and the sun, the flow of the seasons, and finally the bodies and souls of the men and women before him. And one would not have been surprised if in hypnotic rhythm they had continued to chant "We thank thee, Our Leader."

It was on the same occasion that Hitler concluded by shouting that he would hand on to his successor. He was joined together with chains of iron. "Chains of iron" is absolutely right!

Youth Slows Up Age

The two little servers were perfectly trained. They helped me on with my sermon or well bowed correctly to the crucifix, and they preceded me out into the sanctuary.

And their poses had all the slow dignity and awe restraint of a funeral or a wedding. The trained brides going down the main aisle. I restrained myself from stepping on their heels, and eventually we reached the altar.

Later I met a dear old nun. "Oh, father," she said with that heartening sympathy that adds years to your age, "how old you've become. When you walked across the sanctuary this morning at that slow, solemn pace. I almost wept. It was so different from the quick stride I used to see you use. Do take care of yourself, father. You mustn't get old like that."

I hated to tell her that my age was a matter of the dignity of two twelve year olds.

Just One of Them There Slips

I came back from my lecture wringing wet. It was a fiercely hot day, and I had talked for two hours (pity the audience), and as a consequence I had gone straight through my clothes and walked with my coat hanging in limp folds about me.

The Sister who supervised the chaplain's home met me and her gentle eye took in my condition. "You must change all your clothes," she insisted. "Leave them outside your door, and I'll see that they are all washed. And she looked at my coat, looking as if from a distance. "If you've over an hour or two, and can't get me to take it to the laundry, I'll see to it that they wash your coat."

We both smiled, and then we both roared with laughter.

Water-Hewer How would you like your rice, mamiad? The Maid (lovely)—Thrown at me.

The Catholic Press furnishes Catholic education for those who may have need of it.

BE SURE TO VOTE FOR SOUND AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION ON NOVEMBER 8th

ON 1-6-8 • VOTE "YES" • ON 1-6-8

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

Includes many non-controversial sections approved overwhelmingly by the Constitutional Convention. Among those of special interest are provisions:

- Involving the Legislature to provide transportation to and from any school.
- Forbidding any discrimination in civil rights because of race, color or religion.
- Insulating exemption from taxation of property used for religious, charitable and educational purposes.
- Clearly defining the State power to inspect private charitable institutions.
- Permitting cities, towns and counties to provide health and welfare services for all children equally.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6

Principles of justice and the dignity of man are expressed in the constitutional declaration that:

Human labor is not a commodity or article of commerce and shall never be so considered.

On contracts for public work, the five-day-forty-hour week and prevailing wages shall obtain.

Employees shall have the right to organize and to bargain collectively.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8

Contains many Welfare sections explicitly permitting the Legislature to provide:

- For care and support of the ready through public agencies.
- For protection against the hazards of old age, sickness and unemployment by insurance or otherwise.
- For the physically handicapped.
- For health and welfare services to all children equally.
- For the care of the sick and of needy children through authorized private agencies.

ON 1-6-8 • VOTE "YES" • ON 1-6-8

They Say--

Score-Talk

"If, on the contrary, you are in the right, and a dissolution of civility is in hand, we shall do wisely to put to the best advantage whatever interval remains, employing it in prayer to Almighty God and in rational conversation with our friends. By such means, I am, shall continue our happiness while peace continues and fortitude when it ends, and you, by your wearisome retortition of dismal predictions will achieve nothing better than to lower the public spirit and to propagate despair. This is neither fatal nor defeatism for it does not imply that the citizen is not to do his duty but to influence public opinion so that he cannot do so. What it does mean is that he should be based on the newspapers that prefer scare-headlines to the thoughtful analysis. (The Catholic Review, London.)"

Question Box

Q—Can a Catholic resolve Holy Communion worthily who borrowed a large sum of money from a friend, who has since bought a home and car, and who is in comfortable circumstances, but who will not repay the loan or any part of it?

A—A penitent lacks true contrition if he is under serious obligation to make restitution and is willfully opposed to the performance of this duty, or at the proper time. Such a one may not be absolved. He is not worthy of absolution if there is serious bad faith on his part, as when he has many times broken his promise, or when he has refused to pay even the part or installment which is within his power and he is bound to additional damages for the loss caused by his delay. (McHugh-Callahan's Moral Theol., vol. II, pp. 71 and 87.)

Q—Are turtles and frogs fish or not? May they be eaten on Fridays?

A—Turtles and frogs are considered fish and may be eaten on Fridays.

Q—When the words of a prayer are written and read by a man of the lips is such a prayer as good as the one requiring the use of lip motion?

A—The essence of prayer is lifting of the mind and heart to God. To pray it does not require a motion of the lips but some prayers are vocal prayer and when a vocal prayer is prescribed the words must be articulated with the lips.

Q—If my uncle (my father's brother) dies can I validly marry my aunt?

A—"No without a dispensation on the part of the bishop for a worthy cause." The impediment of affinity invalidly impedes marriage in the collateral line to the second degree inclusive between persons related by marriage (Canon 1077). In this instance, affinity is related to her nephew in the second degree of affinity, and no valid marriage is possible between them without a dispensation.

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

Diocesan Recordings

It was Sunday morning . . . in the center aisle to meet four young women in academic caps and gowns, two of them bearing bouquets of bread and wine. They proceeded slowly up the center aisle and the young women entered the sanctuary and presented their offerings to His Excellency seated at the Episcopal throne over the altar. In the afternoon the young women of the Diocese presented their offerings to the Blessed Mother to whom the Sodality is dedicated. . . . Beautiful chrysantheums in full bloom adorned the altar. . . . On the right in the auditorium there took their places, seminarians of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's, Sisters in their religious garb, and young women and men, members of the Sodality of the Holy Family. The Sodality took away the Bishop's prize for the best. . . . All Sodality returned to their homes enthusiastic over the work they will carry on for their parish in Our Lady's name. . . . It was a youth demonstration sharply in contrast with that reported in the press on the same day from Vienna where the distinguished Cardinal was insulted by church-going youth. . . . Here were young people eager to get together and sacrifice their spare time for advancement of their Sodality program. . . . They were shown how to be devout in religious exercises. . . . They were encouraged to cooperate whole-heartedly with their pastors. . . . Sodality activity throughout the diocese has been given great impetus by the following with Sodality visits. . . . Creditable reports will be given by the Rally delegates' enthusiasm spreads.

Cardinal Newman

'LIBRARY SIGNPOST'

SECOND SPRING
A Play by Emmet Lavery.

Longmans, Green & Co.

If *Second Spring* does nothing more than clear up the reader's conception of the relationship between Cardinal Newman and Manning, it will have justified its publication many times over.

The editors do not proclaim it a biography of Cardinal Newman, but a "dramatization of his life." As such it is well and forcefully written. The author sharply points out the difference of opinion between these two great, contemporary minds: Newman, the far-seeing, progressive intellectual; Manning, the staid middle-of-the-road pillar of the Church.

As a book *Second Spring* is a very good, but as a play it is outstanding. There are very fine dramatic parts, not only in the two main roles but in characters of lesser importance, such as Newman's valet and Cardinal Nicholas, Papal Secretary of State.

The play's one drawback seems to be in the necessity of dividing it into so many scenes. Thirteen scenes in three acts plus a total of four scenes in the prologue and epilogue mean seventeen scenery changes, and the story does not flow smoothly and efficiently. *Second Spring* could be a splendid dramatic triumph.

J. C. F.

THE COLUMNS THAT SUSTAIN IT



Beware of Oratory

Sursum Corda

By REV JAMES M. GILLIS, C.S.P., Editor, The Catholic World

Monday, September 26, 1938, was a fateful day in the history of civilization. War was impending. International negotiations had stalled. The Premier of England had flown to Germany to confer with Der Fuehrer, but apparently in vain. French and British diplomats had met in a desperate attempt to avert a war that might spread over all the world.

The ominous prophecy was in all men's minds: "One more world war and civilization will be ruined." All Europe was on the qui vive. America, though ostensibly neutral, was concerned and alarmed. If over in the history of mankind there was a time for calm deliberation, dispassionate thought, sober reflection and cautious utterance, that time had come.

Der Fuehrer Spoke

In that setting, Adolf Hitler arose and spoke. America did he say? Some things true. Some things fair and just. Some things relatively moderate. But spiraled through the long discourse were inflammatory utterances that no statesman of all the European peoples to avert the unspeakable horror of a great war. Some may say it was too late. It is never too late until the drums roll and the armies march. The battle is on. It is not too late when arbitration, conciliation, pacification are always in order. Flamboyant oratory is generally out of order, and in time of crisis it can be enormously dangerous.

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Five Years Ago

In the files of the CATHOLIC COURIER

From October 12, 1933 issue. Amid ecclesiastical splendor in historic old St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney was installed as fourth Bishop of Rochester by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes. The Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, Bishop of Ogdensburg and senior suffragan Bishop of the New York Province.

Thousands of men, women and children went to their respective parish churches to offer their Masses, Holy Communions and special prayers for the installation of their new Bishop. The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney.

Representing Rochester at the National Conference of Catholic Evidence Guilds in Washington and taking an active part in the proceedings were the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan director of the Faith and managing editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER; the Rev. Patrick Gleary, M.M., Roman Missioner; and the Misses Helen Coyne and Mary Moran, members of Nazareth College Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Stephen J. Myers was elected Grand Regent of Court Geneva. Catholic Daughters of America.

The Rev. John E. Masseth was named Spiritual Director of the Holy Name Society of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn.

The ranks of two of the original Irish Catholic families in Western New York were broken by the death of Mrs. Rose Thorne Leicht. Mrs. Leicht's grandfather was Cornelius Franzetti, first white Catholic settler in the Mt. Road community.

The Palace of the Popes, Avignon, France, contained a castle, convent and prison. The latter is now a barracks and the remainder a national monument.

The Irish captain, Father Theobald Mathew, is depicted on a new stamp in connection with Ireland's centennial of the temperance movement, conducted by Fr. Mathew.