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## AMERICAN'S LACK OF INTELLECTUAL Life Deplored By Father Gillis

NEW YORK. — Although Americans spend money on education "with the prodigality of Niagara," they do not "really live the intellectual life," declared the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Sunday, in his address over the "Catholic Hour" on "The Intellectual Life."

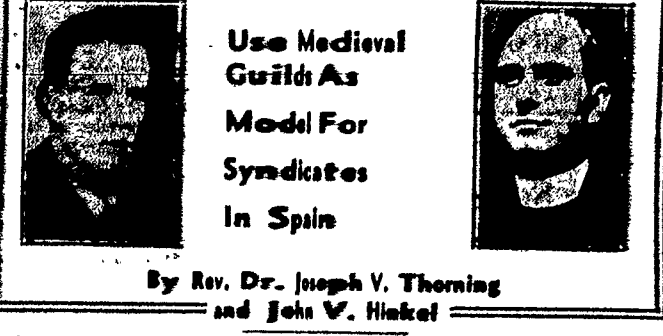
The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over a network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WJZ here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Father Gillis cited the extensive and elaborate educational systems in the United States, but added that in spite of it, there is "a preponderant materialism, an excessive intellectual life." "Indeed we seem to have demonstrated the paradox that there is no necessary connection between education and the intellectual life, and that education, without culture or civilization, or good manners or morals or an appreciation of the finer things of life," he said.

Tyranny of old ideas  
Saying that "tyranny of old ideas today does the thinking more than the robot or the assassin," Father Gillis stated that "clear, straight, honest, undistorted thinking could, with the grace of God, save the world."

He praised Catholic University education as being based on "principles that are rational and permanent," accounting "greatly" for what the world needs most, today and always.

## SPAIN Today and Tomorrow



Use Medieval Guilds As Model For Syndicates In Spain  
By Rev. Dr. Joseph V. Thorne and John V. Hinkel

In this article the Rev. Dr. Joseph V. Thorne and John V. Hinkel discuss the economic program of the New Spain being created by the Spanish Nationalists. Other phases of the New Spain will be covered in subsequent articles. They have just concluded a six-week visit to Spain.

SANTANDER, SPAIN.—Of particular interest to workers and employers throughout the world is the Labor Charter and the system of national syndicates or unions being established by the Nationalist Government in Spain.

His Eminence Indro Cardinal Goni, Primate of Spain, confirmed the Cardinal told the writers in an interview at his temporary residence at Pamplona, that "a splendid start has been made to set up a smooth-functioning syndicalist organization on the pattern of the medieval guilds."

Workers are grouped in vertical industries, he declared. "Credit facilities have been extended to farmers and fishermen. Social security measures already are in successful operation. The national syndicates and farmers seem to be pleased with the practical application of the principles of the Labor Charter. They have heard with some amazement from the so-called capitalists, the bankers, directors of corporations, managers or owners of industry."

With the possible exception of our labor unions, where a Christian view of life is prevalent, I do not know of any country where a more conscientious class has been organized to realize the dreams of Pope Pius XI. "In recent years we have heard a good deal about the perplexities which have created the social question. The solution of this question is being worked out in Nationalist Spain. It is not a solution which is content with mere palliatives, or public or private charity, but is inspired by the dictates of justice."

There is nothing superficial in Generalissimo Franco's plan of reconstruction. It is radical in the best sense of that term, going to the heart of the problem of organization of the productive forces of the nation, the employers, managers and workers.

## 'SWING STUDENT' IS HEADED STRAIGHT For Jungle Avers Sr. Bona President

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y. — Warning students that they "are headed straight for the jungle," the Rev. Thomas Plasmann, O.P.M., president of St. Bonaventure College and nationally known educator, issued a warning today at a recent convocation of the student body.

"The scholarly president, a past president of the New York State Association of Colleges and Universities, who holds doctorates in sacred theology, philosophy and literature, gave his view showing great aptness and using such terms as "swing" and "jitterbug." "Jitterbug music," he said, "is a degenerate form of the so-called jitterbug dance." "I get the impression that its champions are dancing to the tune of 'Darwin's theory of evolution.'"

"It is sad enough if most of our modern textbooks on science and history trace human history back to the jungle or cave and then declare with a conviction that is as illogical as it is humiliating, at least for some of us that right-horned science ends and that thereafter, reason must halt by the wayside, the most atrocious kind of indoctrination."

"But it is still more deplorable to see the sport, if you prefer, the cave man, in disguise, sprawling and flailing and swinging over our dancing floor and thus depriving our youth of what little real and decent enjoyment is still left in this depressive age."

"But depression has never cleared by itself. It reveals the roots and destroys the heart that there is. And so music has sacrificed melody and harmony to jazz; art has exchanged grace and beauty for cubism. Its very rhythm is to yield to the new swing."

"Look out, boys, you are swinging around in a vicious circle and you are headed straight for the jungle. Do you remember your mother's warning to you, 'If that is where you expect to end, I do not know of any country where a more conscientious class has been organized to realize the dreams of Pope Pius XI.'"

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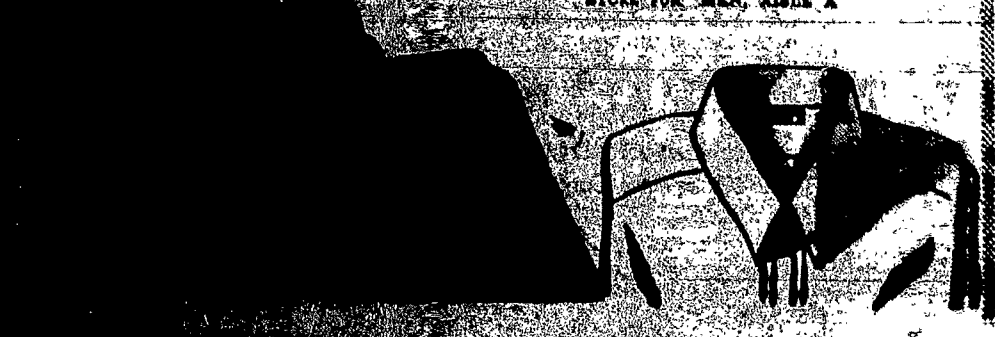
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## Social Center Activities

Charles House  
Last Friday evening a group of delegates and officers from the N.C.C.W. convention at the Charles House. The women inspected the settlement, and witnessed the settlement at Notre Dame College last Friday evening. The children sang Italian songs and presented versions of the native dance.

The Boys' Program is well under way at the Charles House at the present time. A new garage room has been constructed and there is a new program of special craft work, which includes projects on the new electric work-working machine. Mr. Neil Hickey is in charge of the Boys' Program.

## St. George's Lists Thanksgiving Fete

Parishioners and friends of St. George's Church are invited to attend the annual harvest festival to be held Nov. 22 and 23 in the parish hall, 555 Hudson Avenue.

## Song, Dance Revue To Be Given Nov. 18

AUBURN — More than fifty pupils of the Catholic School of Dancing are conducting the services for the Catholic Daughters of America Christmas Charity fund musical, song and dance revue to be given at the Holy Family School auditorium Friday evening, Nov. 18.

## Only N. Y. Communist Candidate Defeated

NEW YORK.—The Communist Party in New York this year threw its support to the Democratic Party, which officially spurred it. The only Communist candidate for office was Israel Amter, who was snuffed under in his campaign to be elected at Congresswoman-at-large from New York State. Amter, however, did not receive votes in New York City. This total is expected to exceed the 200,000 marks when Amter returns from upstate are organized.

## C.D.A. Members Hold Initiation Ceremony

WAVERLY — More than 200 women attended a regional conference and reception for new members of the C.D.A. Daughters of America at the Waverly Moose Home Sunday afternoon.

## Two Priests Attend Albany Conferences

AUBURN.—Rev. Dr. William E. Cowh, pastor, and Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary's Church, attended the State Advisory Committee Conferences at Albany Nov. 10.

## Merriam Centre

The Merriam Centre is all warm and cozy once again, due to the new heating plant recently installed. Classes and programs have been resumed, and many activities are being planned for the regular season. The Merriam Centre is now open to the general public, and is a fine place for the children of the neighborhood.

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