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THE CATHOLIC FIGHT By Mgr. P. M. H. Wrynhoven Editor-in-Chief Catholic Action of the South

Don Quixote, the famous imaginary Spanish cavalier, was undoubtedly an enthusiastic fighter. He was, however, not very wise or judicious. He never gave himself the trouble of first studying a situation to find out what he was really fighting on the contrary, with a conqueror's blind ardor, he would attack windmills, imagining them to be menacing fighters. The result of his foolish campaigns always amounted to broken lances, torn armor and dislocated bones.

We Catholics have an inherent sense that we must fight for "God gave it to Abraham by promise," but the Jews rejected it, and it was in turn tendered to the Christians. The result of his foolish campaigns always amounted to broken lances, torn armor and dislocated bones. A faith that is based solely on egotistical motives, selfish satisfaction with our own recitude, is not the faith of the Savior. He suffered and died for all men without exception. Because he died to death for each living human. He wishes not to have died in vain for anyone. Therefore, a Catholic who is interested only in the spiritual welfare of himself and his family, a priest who is concerned only with his parish, is not the believer in whom Christ is well pleased.

We must, at all times be ready to fight for the right of Christ. His dearly bought right to souls. We must never forget that "his right of the Catholic Church never intending to inflict pain, to cripple or to kill, but to conquer and to bring people to Our Savior's Kingdom under His saving rule. The only autocracy that can make for real happiness is principally, this premise of which we have to convince the world first.

Soberly considered, the Catholic Church holds nothing against State socialism. It is their theories and methods that we condemn, because, no matter how well intended, they cannot lead to man's peace and welfare. Margaret Sanger is a woman who is convinced that she is proposing something which will redound to the benefit of poor people. Not one of the advocates of goddess education, not a single one of our materialistic non-material social workers, not even our mentally lopsided atheists, unless they are really insane, have in mind to advocate anything which they think will hurt people or will make them unhappy.

The campaign that should be pursued, the Catholic fight that has to be waged is to convince these people of their fallacious theories, to make them see the error of their thoughts and intentions. This cannot be accomplished by "wildly swinging at them" or meeting them in a vicious debate, which method most of the time results, figuratively speaking, in torn clothes and broken bones.

Our principal concern and objective in Catholic Action should not be mere formations through new organizations, new unions, new congresses, and large conventions where lances are lustily thrust at monsters that cannot be killed out-right any way. Catholic gatherings in which the principal asset of the audience is large hands to give thunderous applause will not get us anywhere in the defense of our Christian inheritance.

All efforts should, first of all, be bent on preparing an intelligent laity, who know their faith and who feel deeply convinced of the justice of God's warfare. Then the enemy, his attacks and his intentions, should be thoroughly studied and analyzed. When this is accomplished, through parochial Christian doctrine classes and study clubs, and our individual Catholics, have developed a taste for serious reading, then, and only then, can we begin to hope slowly to reach the element of individual persuasion, by which he will see reason, if he is in any way reasonable. Let us not act as did Don Quixote, and fight in vain.

2 Additions Made To Social Service School

WASHINGTON.—The addition of two new members to the faculty of the National Catholic School of Social Service here are announced. Barbara Bailey Hodges, connected at various times with the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, the University of Minnesota Hospital at Minneapolis, the Division of Services to Crippled Children of the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, and the Department of Sociology and Social Work of the University of Minnesota, has been named Director of Medical Social Work. Helen Clare Walker, of Chicago, has been named Director of Group Work. Miss Walker has had a wide experience in settlement house and social center work.

I BELIEVE I BATTLE IN BUILDING YOUR HOME

Go to African Mission

Economic Guideposts Speaking at a forum discussion of "The Church and Economic Reform at the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations, the Rev. Edward L. Stephens, Director of the Diocesan Missionary Fathers, Richmond, Va., offered seven conclusions with regard to the economic situation, as follows: "Man is Sacred Personality"

"First: Man is not merely a commodity for the use of industry. He is a sacred personality bearing the imprint of God upon his immortal soul, and comes into this world with certain inherent rights that may not be taken away from him.

"Second: Labor and Industry or Property are at the same time both individual and social.

"Third: Free and unbridled competition is an evil and must be discontinued, because it makes for cut-throat methods and 'dog-eat-dog' conflict, because it makes for continuous economic upheavals and does not consider the common good, which must, before all else, be the controlling motive in the matter of hours, wages and profits or expansion.

"Fourth: That it is not only the divinely good right of every man to organize in free unions, independent of companies, and guided by Christian principles of charity and justice, but that it is his duty for the protection of his fellowman as well as society in general.

"Fifth: Mothers must be taken out of the field of labor, where they are forced to augment the insufficient wages of the husband. To permit women to go into the labor market for such a purpose encourages the condition of underpayment, demoralizes the home, brings about the neglect of children and tends toward immorality of life both privately and socially.

"Sixth: Equity toward the owner or industry must be observed in fixing wages. Excessive wages, which will be destructive of the life of the business or confiscatory. However, if a company is poorly managed or negligent, it may not wage this equitable condition as a defense against doing the honorable thing by its employees.

"Seventh: In all negotiations to effect a just and equitable relationship between capital and labor, the determinant must always be the public good.

'Man Without God' Is Meaning Of Hell, Declares Fr. Russell

NEW YORK (NC) — "Hell means man without God," declared the Rev. John J. Russell in the last of his current series of addresses, Sunday night over the "Catholic Hour."

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

"Hell means man left to himself as his only God," Father Russell said. "Hell means man alone in unspeakable loneliness. Let us try to imagine ourselves absolutely alone, no relatives, no loves, no friends, no hopes, no ambitions, no sky nor sun nor stars, no trees nor light, no earth."

"By ourselves suspended in an abyss of darkness, lovelessness, without a yesterday or a tomorrow, only an everlasting sickening night without a dawn, wherein we shall see nothing but the lurid images of persons and things that only madden the soul to greater despair."

"Hell means an unspeakable disorder, for the creature has usurped the place of the Creator. An intellect without order, a will without force, a memory that looks back in bitter remorse, and an imagination that looks forward in utter despair, a body whose every particle of flesh, blood, bone, muscle, nerve, and tissue is in disorder and therefore racked with excruciating fire such a man without God. Such is Hell."

It is important to remember, Father Russell said, "that the pain of hell is caused not by any positive act of God.

"The greatest punishment of hell is caused by God's ceasing to act. The sinner has renounced God. God leaves him to himself. Immortal is that soul from the first moment of the man's conception, immortal it shall endure throughout unaided ages, immortal but forever without God."

"When that man's hour is come God withdraws from him that help which means life to the immortal. The man has already renounced God. God leaves him to his choice."

Noted Astronomer Dies LONDON.—Prof. George Percy Bailey, gold medalist of Cambridge University and noted writer and lecturer on astronomy, has died at Clifton. Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral there.

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Catholic Shelf in Library STERLING, Ill.—The first Catholic book shelf in a town public library in this part of Illinois was installed this summer here. Sterling has had the largest class of converts in this part of the state.

Cardinal Sends Message NEW YORK.—Harrassed Catholic missionaries everywhere today place their hopes in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it was stated by His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, in a letter received by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which today opened the fifth national convention of the Diocesan Directors here.

Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, former Apostolic Delegate to the United States in Rome, to Monsignor McDonnell extended cordial greetings to Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, Chairman of the Episcopal Committee of the Society, and to the diocesan directors, with a special blessing for each.

The Cardinal's letter is as follows: "The National Convention of the Diocesan Directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith being held in New York City on the 28th and 29th of this month is to me the occasion of much joy and consolation.

"The splendid activity of your Diocesan Directors is well known to us here in Rome, being evident from the annual diocesan reports which you bring to my attention and to the Supreme General Council at the annual meetings.

"These beloved Directors are representatives carefully chosen by their Bishops to labor day in and day out for the missions of the Church. You and they stand before the message of co-operation in the work of salvation. The success of your efforts is weighed by the sincerity of your zeal and your love for a cause which we know demands sacrifice. But such sacrifice is not unwelcome when you realize your responsibility before God and have the consolation of knowing that your labors are bringing salvation and spiritual comfort to souls hitherto devoid of Christ."

"Our heroic Priests, Sisters and brothers in the mission-field are today facing untold difficulties and restrictions. Under such circumstances we are anxious to help them all we can and we naturally look to those nations especially that are least affected by untoward conditions and least hampered by currency regulations from coming to their assistance.

"Our reports from the missions are most encouraging and place in bold relief the zeal of our twentieth century apostles who, despite the many obstacles that beset their path, continue in advance of mission-

aid. How difficult it is for us to be unable to meet the many worthy appeals of our missionaries who from far off and lonely regions come like children to their father begging for the bare necessities to continue their work. We need therefore a wider interest of the faithful in the Commission given to the Apostles and their successors by the great Missionary Himself to preach the gospel to every creature.

"This National Convention affords you a rare opportunity to exchange ideas and discovering the best ways and means of furthering a knowledge of the missions and their need. May its discussions bring you closer together and enable you by united effort to enroll everyone of the Faithful in the United States in the Propagation of the Faith. For this Society, more than any other single factor, constitutes the main basis of the missions and missionaries everywhere.

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