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and their vineyards are among

New Year's Thoughts

The clother of the old year and the opening of the new is alway at important event. It means more at this time become the closing and opening of a decade. The little divine to the forties.

The clother that makered it in, and the World War II that the conting months. It has been a decade of the closing months. It has been a decade of the closing months. It has been a decade of the continue is not confined to the United States it would vide. Religious persecutions, bank failures, and it is in not confined to the United States it is confirmed business, dust bowls, profiles agriculties the afforts of government to find a lasting cure that he lost his first patient as a young doctor, and never again practiced medians. But he built upon the all call the fact has a poung doctor, and never again practiced medians. But he built upon the all call the fact has a poung doctor, and never again practiced medians. But he built upon the all call the fact has a poung doctor. And not he sent a poung doctor and never again practiced medians. But he built upon the all call for the sent will have a poung doctor. And t is a set almost impossible... under the refusal of some to admit that the proposition of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of having it pass into the hands of the middle-aged having it pass bought it and sent out in five years so that has reported for duty in industry and business. Loyola of Los Andrews the high sabad and sent out in five years so that have been ordered the latter of the middle-aged having the age of the middle-aged having it pass into the hands of having it pass i the close of high school and college sach year only to find that there was no place for them.

The last ten years have been hard years, years of enforced idleness, of dependence, of hopelessness. May we hope that the improved conditions of the last two years are beginning of better things May an early and just peace enable all the countries of the world to concentrate on a prothat will restore to men the right and opportunity of chapel (they have built another sharing in the rults of preduction even as it shall restore library for their own), swim in them to places in industry and farming and commerce that his Roman plance, and study in what was once his ballroom. shall utilize their productive powers!

The New Year reminds us of the highlights in the year that is gone. The death of Pope Pius XI at the age of SI, and the election of Cardinal Pacelli as Pope Pius XII, the rising of Tom Modney, the World's Fair at New York and the rugged surroundings: recently the Fair at San Francisco, the visit of the King and Queen of the Close of the Spanish Civil War with France of the Reds, the death of Cardinal Mundelein, the rugged surroundings: recently independent about a property of the covered with asbestos shingles. And all about are 'negards, or relative with the President's sending of a personal representative with spricots, olives, socialities, and colorities. e standing of an Ambassador to the Vatical, 1989 was a And the

year of many important events.

May the New Year, 1940, include in its happonings an Carly pace among nations, a restoration of normal business sonditions, a revival of religious faith, renewed prosperity in things spiritual and material!

patriot is a lover of his country, a servant of his fatherad. He is loyal in promoting all that is done by enlightened ders for his country. He will suffer no personal projudice religious bias to hamstring that loyalty.

When the President of the United States calls on the for peace, every true patriot is with him. The head of the Holy City, where "Father" Riker ran for gaverner of California on the Jawish Construction of churches, the head of the Association of California on the Lawish Constructions associated to the Association of California on the Lawish Construction of the Association of the Construction of the C on of Jewish Congregations, are called in by the President. The Hely Father is invited to deal with our President, and is the personal presentative of the President with the special purpose of matering help to suffering refuges and speeding movements chative of the President with the special purpose of ty, no moral code; his was listed

OC all the letters received at the White House on the The Family Communion Breakfast The Holy Family will be honored throughout the diocese on the coming Sunday through the receiving of Holy Com-

due to inject a note of opposition to an act of hundred and appears arounds, not from patriotic fewors, and american grounds, not from patriotic fewors, and the union of church and State? they fear they prove the interest they conjure up out of thin and the religious forces of the three great faths.

In cooperation between the President and the protest has been only against the Holy family!

It is inspiring to behold the corporate Communion of Holy Name men, of Nocturnal Adoration Societies, of policeman and fireman and men and women of other groups are of human origin, this is directly from God! The family holds for men and for society a place that no other group can fill.

Where the family is wrong, there its members are wrong. This Feast of the Holy Family because of the intension by thousands of Catholic families in a body. What a fitting way to keep the Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in their home life at Nazareth are the model for those who make up the Christian family today.

How pleasing to the Holy Family to have all the members of a Catholic home kneel side by side, mother and father, sons and daughters, the elders with those who are union! And the intention! To ask the return to grace of the Holy Family !!

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Alma and Los Gatos

'ALONG THE WAY' NUMBER I By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

> As's general tule and by virtue of their history. Jesuits are priests of the city. Their colleges and universities usually stand in the crowded piaces. But when they build a house for their young men, they usually go far from the muddling crowd.

It have heen spending leisurely and pleasant days at Alms and loss Galfornia. The first is the Pacific Jesuit House of Theology; the second the Novillate and House of Classic Studies. In sec. 2016 [Procedure 1917] In case you don't know it (I didn't), Los Gator is Spanish for The Cats. Now historic as cats are, and noble as well as sinister their connotation from the Cats of the Pherosha to the Cats immortalized in Agnes Reppliers essays, the dwellers in Los Gatos (the town) tried to pretend that Los Gatos meant The Gates. So when an important citizen put up two enormous marble cats at his gateway, the town was in a furand their vineyards are among the finest in the States. There, the altar wine used by thousands

and sent out in five years 90 pricats, who work in schools like Santa Clara, Loyola of Los Angeles, Gonzaga U., University of San Francisco, Seattle College, in the Jesuit mission in China, and in Alaska, called by experts the most difficult mission in the world. And the 120 resident Jesuits roam the woods and primitive estate of the late doc-

Because Alma and Los Onton straddle the earthquake belt all the houses are of wood, in a single simple pattern that fits into the rugged aurroundings; recently

small ones. John Steinbeck is one of the Jesuit's nearest neighbors: Jack London wrote "The Call of the Wild" in a little hunting lodge less than 2 miles away. Kathleen Norris has a summer writing home in nearby Saratoga. R. W. Tully on the ridge across from Alma bred his Arabian horses and wrote his famous play, "Bird of Paradise." Yehudi Menuhin is the novices' nearest neighbor, and lives next door to Paul Carson, NBC's well known organist. And not far away Elysia nudist camp, led a sporadic

existence. who can keep California from going plum to Hell." He promises his followers no death, no pover-

The Demon War

Conceived of the lust for dominion And spawned from the foul womb of hell. War, breathing death and destruction, Weaveilt his cancerous spell O'er the ruthless 'mossg rulers of nations. Who preach his fell grospel of hates Who lust after power and possessions: Who worship not God but the State.

Prepare they War's food for his leastings From corses gorged vultures have left. Seasoned with sale from the tear-drops Of widows and orphans bereft. O Lord, in Thine infinite mercy. Let not war's minions prevails Drive back to hell the war demon. Let peace come to all who travail.

And grant, Lord, that we, yet unlettered By men to whom might maketh right, Humbly regret our transgressions And be worthy of pecace, in Thy sight.

Sursum Corda summenum

WALTER LIPPMAN GETS IT

By REV. JAMES M. GELLIS, C.S.P., Editor, The Cethelic World

On the anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, a good number of daily papersand I suppose also many monthly mayazines-carried columns or articles on the nature and the history of those first ten amendments to the Constitution.
One writer, Walter Lippman,

did much more. He managed in the brief space of his syndicated column to explain and to justify the philosophy, or to speak more precisely, the theology upon which the Bill of Rights has its

foundation, Yes, theology. Proudhon, much more of a radical than Jean more of a radical than Jean Jacques Rousseau, and perhaps quite as much so as Voltaire, said, "It is surprising that at the basis of our politics we find always a-theology." As a matter of fact, it would be still more surprising, and quite disconcerting, if we did not find a theology at I once found it necessary to ex-

plain to an organization that whited an address on Ethics without God, that I couldn't do it, and didn't believe that anyone by Life among California's cuckoo creeds, but Riker has of-

fered \$25,000 to anyone who can find any fault with his city government. The city's industry is beer and pop.

By there in those mountains, one of the beauty spots of the nation, the young Jesuits are trained for their life's work. I doubt if you'd willingly make the steep climb either to the Noviti-ate or the house of Theology I can however, promise you grand companionship, peace, and an ar-dent desire to serve God and

souls among the young men you'll find there. Impatient But Why

The waiter, I confess, was neither too skiliful nor too prompt. So the young man at the more impatient. He was beating the table quietly and nervously with a spoon and ignoring the grapefruit installed before him. For the waiter had failed to bring his coffee, and you could tell he was one of those men who can't start their breakfast until they have poured their coffee. waiter arrived with the

bacon and eggs but still no coffee, and the young man glared at him with such irritation that I almost felt the lightning dark from his eyes.

Then the waiter caught on, rushed about, produced the coffee, and the young man with a

sigh of contentment, poured out his cupful, creamed and sugared it—and left it there untouched until he had finished his entire I know: it doesn't make sense

else could, unless he took care not to go beneath the surface of things. When you dig down you find God, just as you find God when you look up. In fact, though this will sound too "mys-tical" for a slight piece of journalistic writing, if you reach out your hand you touch God. For that matter, you touch God whether you reach out your hand

SEES A THEOLOGY So it is quite impossible to disment at mil deeply without find-

ing, as Proudhon says, a theology, Naturally, therefore, Mr. Lippmann, who is something more than a skimmer of surfaces, sees a theology when he takes up the Bill of Rights and takes a good look at it.

First, he says, "The Bill of Rights rests upon self-evident, inallenable, eternal, and universal principles which no government, and no majority of people, may violate." When you say "universal eternal principles," you really say God. There isn't any other Universal or Eternal but God and the principles that have their origin in the essence of

Yet "in the course of the nineteenth century" as Mr Lippmann says, "it ceased to be intellectual-ly respectable to Affirm that any principle is . . . eternal and universal." In other words, atheism became intellectually respectable. In certain quarters, it still is in-tellectually respectable But it will coase to be so when the intelleruals become more deeply inteltectual. That will happen almost any day now, for Nazism and Bolshevism are making it necessary for the intellectuals to ask themselves. "Why do I believe what I believe?" The answer to that question is impossible under the hypothesis of atheism

TIME TO THINK principles were not called in question or summarily rejected. Atheism was, so to speak, a fairmake people think. When people think, atheism vanishes.

almost in those same words. He insists that the founding fathers were not including in rhetoric in the preamble to the Declaration. "They really believed," he says, "that the rights of man came from his Creator." If the rights of man came from man, man could take them away. But the rights of man may not be taken away. They are inallenable. An individual, or political party, or atate that denies or destroys the rights of man is an oppressor.
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I hope Mr. Lippmann will excuse this exemplification of his views. I think I have him right, but you mustn't hold him re for any sentence in this article that isn't within quotation

marks. The best and strongest statement he makes is too good to be tampered with, even though the tamperer is sympathetic. He apeaks of the "progressive revela-tion which began in the Mediter-ranean world. I dare say that designation is sufficient. Any Bible reader will know what he means. And he goes on to say:
"This revelation is the central belief of the enduring religion; it is the argument of the perennial it is the major princeopny it is the major premise of the laws and institu-tions of the civilized world."

Now, the enduring religion and that "perennial philosophy" are ours. Under any political theory you find a theology. Under the Bill of Rights you find our religion and our philosophy.

Thanks to Mr. Lingmann for to Mr. Lippmann for saying in the secular papers and to scores of millions what we have been for a long time trying to say in the Catholic papers to Sewer militons (Copyright, 1840, N.C.W.C.)

May your charity induce you to go to Holy Communion for the suffering souls for there is no means more efficacious for their eternal repose. St. Benavealure.

binger for the New Year. into prominent light how wide-The showdown on Communism was precipitated by the sur-render of Madrid, and by the pact between Stalin and Hitler pivotal events, certainly, in the

spread and powerful is the pres-ent influence of the Papacy We cannot regard the cordial treatment which tize radio and the press gave to both these events any other light than as indicaling a respectful and sympa-thetic attitude among many thoughtful people outside the Church, Its influence upon the conversion of Mr. Heywood conversion of Mr. Heywood Broug may be safely taken as a visible gauge of the kind of thoughts that men of his type were thinking on those momen-tous occasions. 1940 enters in full of promise

against Hiller?

to harvest the fruits so carefully lown during the 17 years of the late Pope's portificate-fruits of peace, of unity of missionary seal, of moral authority. The new Pope has set himself the same high tasks as his great predecessor. His matto is dedicated to peace His personal life is sac-rificial in noble and hidden ways. He keeps in close contact with the trend of the times. He has so far shown himself as a Pope

A few weeks ago, the Holy Father consecrated a cosmopolitan group of twelve newly chosen bishops. In their promise of the future they might be called the Twelve Apostles of Today, bocause all of them are destined for the missions Two Americans. a Beigian, a Hollander a German, a Frenchman, an Australian, an Italian, a Chinaman, an Indian, and two Negroes, one

Diocesan Recordings

No Communion Breakfast of any of our Catholic lay organizations deserves more excellent sup-port given such events in the past than does the Family Communion and Breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 7. Every lay organization in the dio-cese has been stimulated by the enthusiasm and interest of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney Now the organizations, of men and women, young girls and young boys, whether they be knights, or auxiliary members, alumni or alumnae, or active in parish work can lend their efforts in turning out a large crowd on Sunday. The unity of the family blessed by the Holy Family will

have its effect on increasing the

activities of the lay groups

The Christmas season may be over for most of us but the disabled men at the U S. Facility at Bath are awaiting cagerly the visit of Rochester Knights of Cohimbus on Saturday afternoon with a large supply of creature comforts for these men taken out of circulation because of their love for their country The Atheism might have been knights always bring along a pro-thinkable so long as fundamental gram of estertairment that is remembered from year to year by the disabled veterans. Donations of neckties magazines, cigarettes weather religion. It won't work and other articles that these boys in troubled times. Troubled times of the last world war can use as and other articles that these boys them from the K. of C. in the last Mr. Lippmain says all this, and war will be welcomed at the Imost in those same words. He Knights of Columbus rooms, 50

> The discussion study club season is just around the corner. The program will be announced shortly.

Five Years

-in the files of the CATHOLIC COURIER

From Jan. 3, 1833, Edition With the approach of the second Sunday in January, the Rev. F. William Stauder, director of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, called upon all Holy Name men to join in a nation-wide Crusade of Prayer for the ending of the persecution of the Church in Mexico. The appeal that all Holy Name men in the country offer their Communions for that intention came from the tional director of Holy Name So-

Sister Theophane of the Servformerly Miss Incz Maier of 870 Clinton Avenue North sailed for Alexis-basen, New Guinea, to take up duties in the hospital there conducted by the Holy Ghost Sisters

Mrs. Mary Kinsella Bergan, 83, mother of the Rev. William F. Bergan, Catholic Chaptain at Auburn State Prison, died in Au-

Michael Williams, editor of the Commonweal, was chosen as re-cipient of the Catholic Action Medal for 1934 awarded by St. Bonaventure College.

An unofficial record was made by St. Alphonsus Circle, Columhus Squires basketball team, in winning three out of four games

Library Retrospect and Prospect Signpost

ion, may I submit that the three Madagascar they all representmost important events of 1939 were the election of Pope Pius ed the essential unity of the Church, Her universality, Her XII, the showdown on Commun-ism, and the declaration of war security for peace. The Pope surely meant this to be a challenging answer to the bitter rivalries that are now tearing the world apart. It is a hopeful har-The death of Plus XI and the election of his successor brought

> year just past. One noticed, in the last few months, how the idealogical air was clearing of the misty uncertainties were sufficating more and more people. Up until just recently we were subjected to a gaseous bar-rage of lies and half-truths more dangerous than lies many of the elect, even, were being deceived. But the outcome in Spain, and the right-about-face of Stalin and Hitler, have acted like a chemi-cal precipitant to accumulate and dissipate the nauseous deception. Now with the dank fog lifted. the truth about the business may at any time since Communism began. No one could have pre-dicted such a hopeful outcome in such quick time a year ago. It is one of the great gifts of Di-vine Providence in 1939 We must be deeply grateful for it because if means more than we can ever know to our progress and ultimate peace

One might wonder how the declaration of war against Hitler bore anything which might be taken as a compensation and a basis of hope for 1940 I do not intend any comment on the war as just or unjust justifiable or unjustifiable list I do think it is not fantastic to say even in the face of the great and monstrous

A fast day is one on which we

are allowed to take but one full meal a day in the early days of the Church the rules and regulations regarding days of fast were adhered to rigidly, but in more recent times, liberal provision has been made for those who are em-ployed at hard work Days of fast also find ample justification in the Scriptures. St Paul speaks often of his fastings, and our practice on more than one occaaion. (eg Mark 2, 18, Matt 6, 16).

Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Vo.

Feast Days

Sunday, Jan. 7.—ST. LA CIAN, Monday, Jan. 8.—ST APOLLI-NARIS.

AND BASILISSA.
Wednesday, Jan. 10.—ST. WIL-LIAM, ARCHBISHOP. Thursday, Jan. 11.—ST. THEO-DOSIUS, THE CENOBRIARCH. Friday, Jan. 12.—ST. AELRED, ABBOT. RONICA OF MILAN.

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University of Iowa now teaches students via radio. When Munked, an undergraduate can now blame it on the static .- Lorain Journal

Fat folks are always jolly - says a psychologist. Not just after they've stepped on the scales -Manchester Union.

Courage does not consist in calculation, but in fighting against tragedies to which it is daily li-able, that the war, now that it is in actual progress, has brought about a sense of relief. Suspense is sometimes worse than the actuality. That is how we feel be-fore a thunderstorm. And so it seemed to be in the Europe of 1938-1939. Though she was in a state of technical neace, the situ-

nerves. Workers for peace at that time feit that they were rowing against a cataract. But with the against a catagract. But with the war now on, and with only two possible outcomes, chaos or a lasting peace, and with the major part of the world determined to preserve its heritage, the workers for peace find that the tide is favorably turning in the direcis favorably turning in the direc-

On the level of the soul a Divine Grace, 1940 has inherited a promising growth from its re-cent predecessors. Of course, the Body of Christ, which is the Church, is always building up to that fulness which is destined for sands of fonts each year, new members are incorporated into Christ in Baptism and infused with His Life. In thousands of confessionals, the work of reconciliation is accomplished in the souls of prodigal children who are returning to their Father's house On thousands of altars, the Redeeming Sacrifice of Calvage is deliced. vary is daily continued to incorand death of all Christians, and from them the faithful, in their multitude, are fed on the Flesh and Blood of the Divine Victim. Each year hundreds of new bishops are consecrated, and thoudained, to perpetuate visibly the Priesthood of Christ, and thou-sands of young couples piedge their marriage vows before the sitar of Christ's Sacrifice, to perpetuate the Kingdom of Christ, Each year thousands are anointed to make the Great Passage out of life with heart and senses purified of the contamination of

no world. Let us not fail to be grateful for what 1939 accomplished in this world of God's Grace, nor to be anything but optimistic when we recall that 1940 will continue the same Divine Work.

Then, too, we must remember that God has a way of confuting and bringing to nought the most sanguine plans of His enemies. Here is the Achilles' beel, the chink in the armor, of a Stalin or a Hitler. They go along making their muscle-bound, ironclad, simonpu. of foolproof world, by means of purges, concentration camps, OGPU and Gestapo. And along comes some saint like a veritable Jack climbing a foolish beanstalk of simple humility, or only a sling and a few pebbles of the brook, but he is a Giant-killer and a Maker of Destiny, conquering the enemy and shap-ing the future not with sword or gun, but with prayer and love. Catherine of Siena, Bernadette of Lourdes and Therese of Lisieux. They are outside the closed arithmetic and economy of ty-rants 1940 may bear another such Saint in its womb Are we be when he or she will be re-REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

(Note The AMERICA reviewer's report on George Shuster's at times on the side of coarseness a surprise to me who had taken the author's reputation and the Catholic Book Club's recommendation as a sufficient guarantee of its acceptability. I print this as a corrective to my inclusion of the book on a recent recommended list. It is being with-drawn from the Catholic Evidence Library, temporarily at least, until a fuller checkup can

STUDYING THE PROBLEM

