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Raymond Kelly Urges Sanity Plus Defense

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Good, law-abiding American men and women who enjoy and cherish their civil liberties do not follow the policy of shouting about them. In many cases those who clamor the loudest about the dangers of losing such liberties are the most watching. All too frequently they fear the loss of their opportunity to work for the destruction of our form of government. There are no less than [illegible] organizations functioning in the United States. Many of these are Trojan Horse groups. Information about many of these subversive groups is available to Posts through Department and National Headquarters.

Our Posts and their membership should give the strongest support possible to the solving of [illegible] problems now before the Nation in providing for a [illegible] and adequate national defense.

[illegible] our national defense [illegible]. We have been a [illegible] people. Only last [illegible] United States [illegible] in 20 years was [illegible]. We must appreciate [illegible] building up of [illegible] may not make for [illegible] possible. [illegible] will be made and the ball [illegible]. But the characteristic of a great pitcher is that he pitches over his errors and goes on to win. I am confident we are a nation of thoroughbreds, not to be upset or detoured from our purpose by such mistakes.

There is no change in the official position of the American Legion in regard to the neutrality of the United States. The Legion believes in the protection of all boundaries of the free peoples of the Western Hemisphere as we are [illegible] to provide [illegible] of protection for the Monroe Doctrine. It is [illegible] the feasibility of [illegible] in the great conflict [illegible] Atlantic. With [illegible] our potential [illegible] of two or [illegible] moving, [illegible] have no intention of [illegible] to select our [illegible] place for meeting [illegible] of a returned American.

The safety of America transcends any political issue. And such safety should not be subordinated to the four developed [illegible].

At the [illegible] Chicago national convention of the American Legion we were reported as urging the Congress to remain in session during the period of emergency. I believe there is [illegible] reason for our Representatives and Senators staying on the job in the nation's capital so long as national and international problems continue on a 24-hour basis. One million Legionnaires should raise their united voice in such a demand.

In the twenty-first year of the American Legion's existence, the nation again calls. It is not a call to the armed forces of our country where once we served. Rather it is a call to develop sanity to supersede hysteria; to remove all doubt about the strength of our defenses; to have each of us individually willing to bear the heavy price of defense which must be paid to assure peace for our people. Midsummer madness, No! It's a blue chip game and we must play them close and play them to win.

For twenty years the Legion called the turn. It is confident its judgment for the future will likewise coincide with the safety and well-being for our country.

For God and Country we have associated ourselves. We pledge again our loyalty to that creed.

Our Catholic Charities As They Pass In Review

'THESE, MY LEAST BRETHREN'

No. Ten—'These Are The People'

By JOHN SPRINGER

A few weeks ago this column introduced you to some of the people that you would meet if you were to accompany the social workers of the Catholic Charities on their rounds. Here are some more — not extraordinary cases from the social worker's point of view — just people who need help, who need counsel. How would you give it to them if you were a social worker? How would you advise them? How would you help them? What would you do for them? But problems like these are everyday occurrences to the social worker. She must know life in every phase. Social work is more than just bringing clothes and food to the needy. It is also dealing with people like these.

As we mentioned in the previous article, the majority of cases are normal people living normal family lives. They need the aid of organizations like the Catholic Charities only because a greater share of bad fortune has been their lot. But there is a substantial minority —like the people we will meet in this article—whose problems are more than merely financial ones. The social workers must deal with them, too. The names of the people covered in this article are changed, of course.

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Joe and Tillie have one of the most depressing homes you have ever seen. That is, they call it a home. You would probably call it a hovel. But Joe and Tillie don't see it much. They spend most of their time walking downtown to windowshop, to the five-and-ten to buy things, or to a ten-cent theater where they can sit through two features, a newsreel, a Mickey Mouse, a comedy, and maybe sit through them all over again. Anything to keep from going home. They don't get a chance to sit through ten-cent movies very often though. Ten-cent movies cost them twenty cents and twenty cents is something that they don't often have.

Joe can't be the easiest person in the world to live with. Although he was released from an insane asylum as cured, he still flies into violent rages about nothing at all. He's shiftless, irresponsible and occasionally ugly. But Tillie doesn't mind. She's happy enough. To tell the truth, Tillie is feeble-minded. Both of them are content enough. Left to their own resources, they'll never get any farther than they are now.

A Demanding Problem

But there is the baby to consider. There isn't any baby yet but there is going to be soon. Discounting the influence of heredity, what kind of child can develop normally in this environment? What kind of training will he receive from these oddly-assorted parents of his parents who are just as apt to pack up and go off on a hitch-hiking and box-car riding trip as not. They once did that for almost a year. But what about the baby? It will be a problem for the Catholic Charities workers. It will be only one of many problems which the visitor will have to face. But it will be a demanding one.

Joe and Tillie don't worry about it. They have worries enough as it is. Joe worries because he hasn't any money for the show tonight and he's tired of walking. Tillie worries because maybe Joe will be mad if he has to stick around the house and if he gets mad he's liable to bop her one. Nobody worries about the baby who isn't born yet. Nobody except the Catholic Charities social worker.

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Minnie is happy. She's happy all the time, particularly when she's crying. Minnie cries a lot and she likes to tell everybody in great detail just what she's crying about. She is happiest when the Catholic Charities worker comes around. The worker is so sympathetic.

"So I sez to him, I sez, 'Say you big so-and-so,' I sez, 'I ain't goin' to stand for this sort of goings on.' I sez, 'Big rats running around and the sewer all stopped up, I ain't going to stand for it,' I sez. That's what I sez to him. So he sez to me, he sez—"

And Minnie is off. Minnie is comic relief among charities cases but because she is funny, it doesn't make her case any the less pathetic, nor does it make the social worker any less concerned about her welfare.

Minnie has one of the lowest I. Q.'s in the records of Charities clients. She is a small, bird-like, frowsle-headed little woman, who chatters incessantly, weeps pathetically one moment and laughs uncontrollably the next. She must remember every big word she has ever heard, but she doesn't remember their pronunciation or usage.

But she's likable, Minnie is. "Mini'd do anything for you," her friends say. "Course she ain't very bright but her heart's a lot bigger than her brain. And she's just crazy about those kids."

Her Whole Life

And you can't blame her for that. "Those kids" are two little girls — blonde, curly-haired and very pretty. They are Minnie's whole life. Let one of them get a cold. Minnie is frantic until she is constantly assured that it isn't "pewmonia." But the social worker keeps a close check on Minnie all of the time. She's a wonderful mother to them—but she's apt to feed them the wrong things, dress them the wrong way. If ever Minnie showed that she wasn't a good mother, the Catholic Charities could step in, for Minnie is committable. But they are hoping it won't be necessary. Everybody loves Minnie, she loves everybody and she lives for her children.

She has had some very unfortu- Characteristic of Minnie, she wrote a "real, grand confession story about them and sold it to a magazine." Now Minnie thinks of her early life merely as a "confession" story which brought her a check for five dollars and she is planning another. She doesn't write them. She just tells them to her friend, Ella, and Ella writes them down with "real, grand, fancy words."

Minnie has been sick a lot. So have her children. She has needed food and medicine, clothing and heat. But most of all she has needed a friendly ear and somebody to supervise her. The Catholic Charities has taken care of it.

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And these are the people with whom the Catholic Charities deal —people like Joe and Tillie and pathetic, happy Minnie. People like Tom Gannigan, who spends all of his few dollars salary on a weekend binge, comes home and beats his wife and is miserable about it all week. But he does it again the next weekend. People like Mamie Garotti and Al Cozzi who live together because they can't afford to get married. People like Janie Sudliski who hates her own mother. People like Anna and Peter Borzik who haven't spoken to each other for two years—and the children who can never remember seeing their mother and father happy together. People like Adolphe Wagner who has conceived some strange new sort of worship and hounds his wife, Clara, and their children because they will not follow it. It is people like this who you are apt to run into if you follow the Catholic Charities visitor on her rounds. Much of it is sordid, depressing work. But the visitor doesn't think of it that way. She doesn't think of them as routine cases. Each is her friend and she is theirs, her work to help them in every way she can. For "As long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."

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SPIRITUAL PERFECTION STRESSED AT RETREAT

Nearly 200 lay retreatants heard from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney the deep significance of their spiritual week-end away from the world's distractions when the Bishop addressed them, Sunday night, at St. Bernard's Seminary.

There is a decided need for "men who will be more perfect spiritually in a world which is losing sight of God," His Excellency declared.

Our Catholic people in particular "have a definite responsibility to concentrate on spiritual values which are brought out in no better way than by a closed retreat," the laymen were told.

"It would be good for more men in the world today to have the opportunity to make a retreat—a retreat which in reality is an advance in spirituality," was emphasized in the Bishop's message.

Urges Calm in Crisis

Referring to "a chaotic, hysterical world," in which they now live, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor of Holy Rosary Church and spiritual director of the Laymen's Retreat League, made a stirring appeal to the retreatants "In God's name to talk the peace of God and be calm in speech and action."

Prayers for peace and "for those millions who are suffering the ravages of war" were offered by the retreatants, led by the Rev. John J. Healey, C.SS.R., Redemptorist missionary attached to St. Joseph's Church, who was this year's retreat master.

The entire slate of officers were re-elected at the business session, Sunday afternoon. This action upset a quarter-century-old custom. Charles A. Tucker was named president of Rochester Diocese Laymen's Retreat League.

Named to a new board of auditors were William T. Nolan, Harold S. Coleman and Henry F. Schlueter. The others re-elected to serve with President Tucker, are: First Vice President, Frank E. Wolfe; Second Vice President, Walter T. Simpson; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles M. Dispenza; Retreat House Fund Treasurer, Charles J. Keller; Membership Chairman, Angelo L. DiNieri. Vice Presidents to represent the deaneries named are: Thomas Kenny, Geneva; Frank J. Lesch, Auburn; J. John Hassett, Elmira; Fred Wilcox, Ithaca, and John Mellinger, Hornell.

William J. Hauser was chairman of the nominating committee.

A spiritual bouquet was presented the Rt. Rev. Msgr James J. Hartley, P.A., rector emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary, who marked his eightieth birthday on Thursday last.

A sum of more than $2,000 was reported in the fund being accumulated for the erection of a permanent week-end retreat house, President Tucker reported.

Faith Stories For Little Ones

Two young men had agreed to go out hunting together upon a certain Holyday of Obligation, but only one of them took care to hear Mass before starting upon the expedition.

They had scarcely been out an hour, when suddenly the sky grew dark, and a fearful storm came on, accompanied by such terrible peals of thunder and such vivid flashes of lightning, that it appeared as if the end of the world was approaching.

But what alarmed them most was that, in the midst of the tumult of the elements, they heard from time to time a voice of thunder saying, "Strike, strike." At length the storm began to clear off, and they resumed their way, when suddenly the thunder pealed forth afresh with great fury, and the huntsman who had failed to hear Mass that morning was struck dead on the spot by a flash of lighting.

His companion, beside himself with terror, knew not which way to turn, and his terror was increased when he heard the same voice, repeating, "Strike! strike the other also." At these words he was ready to sink upon the ground in mortal anguish, but his courage returned when he heard another voice reply, "I cannot strike him, for he has heard this morning the 'Verbum caro factum est. The Word was made flesh.'" These words, my dear children, are, as you know, the concluding words of the Last Gospel, at which all the congregation bend their knee in honor of our Lord's Incarnation.—Rodriguez Christ. Perf.

Monographs To Mark Fordham History

NEW YORK.—As one of the events marking the turn of the century in the history of Fordham University, the Rev. Robert E. Holland, S.J., Director of the Fordham University Press, announces the first monograph of the series to be known as the Fordham University Studies. The new publication comes under the management of the Graduate School and has the Rev. Demetrius B. Zema, S.J., for General Editor.

A monograph just off the press leads the way as the first of the Historical series. It is a very scholarly contribution "The Diplomatic Relations Between the United States and Hawaii: 1885-1889," by Dr. Charles Callan Tansill of the History faculty.

Retired Vicar General Dies

New York.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Maher, retired Vicar General of the Diocese of Concordia, died here today. He was 72. Monsignor Maher retired last October after serving 19 years as Vicar General.

National Legion of Decency List

CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Abe Lincoln in Illinois	It's A Date	Suicide Legion
[illegible]	Jeepers Creepers	Swiss Family Robinson
[illegible]	Kid From Santa Fe, The	Television Spy, The
[illegible]	La Conga Nights	Texas Renegades
[illegible]	Land of Six Guns	They Asked For It
[illegible]	Life of Mother Cabrini	They Shall Have Music
[illegible]	Light of Western Stars	Three Texas Steers
[illegible]	Little Miss Molly	Timber Stampede
[illegible]	Llano Kid	Time Out For Murder
[illegible]	Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me	Titans of the Deep
[illegible]	Main Street Lawyer	Torchy Blane In Chinatown
[illegible]	Man from Tumbleweeds, The	Torchy Plays with Dynamite
[illegible]	Marines Fly High	Touchdown Army
[illegible]	Mercy Plane	Trails West, The
[illegible]	Million, the Fuss	Trapped in the Sky
[illegible]	Music In My Heart	Tribute Pioneers
[illegible]	New Frontier	Trigger Smith
[illegible]	Northwest Passage	Trip to Paris, A
[illegible]	Oh, Johnny, Oh	Trouble in Sundown
[illegible]	Oh, Johnny, How You Can Love	20,000 Men A Year
[illegible]	On the Spot	Two Fisted Rangers
[illegible]	On Their Own	Two Thoroughbreds
[illegible]	One Million B.C.	U-Boat Twenty-Nine
[illegible]	Opened By Mistake	Unexpected Father
[illegible]	Our Town	Under-Pup, The
[illegible]	Pals of the Silver Sage	Union Pacific
[illegible]	Parole Fixer	Village Barn Dance
[illegible]	Phantom Rangers, The	Wall Street Cowboy
[illegible]	Pioneer Days	Wanted by The Police
[illegible]	Pioneers of the Frontier	Water Rustlers
[illegible]	Prairie Law	Westbound Stage
[illegible]	Radio Ranch	West of Carson City
[illegible]	Riders of Pasco Basin	Western Caravans
[illegible]	Rains of Death Valley	Western Jamboree
[illegible]	Salmon's Double Trouble	What A Life
[illegible]	Sandy Is A Lady	Where the Buffalo Roams
[illegible]	Saps at Sea	While New York Sleeps
[illegible]	Seventeen	Whirlwind Horseman
[illegible]	Showdown, The	Wizard of Oz
[illegible]	Ski Patrol	Wolf Call
[illegible]	Smuggled Cargo	Wings of the Navy
[illegible]	Son of the Navy	Wyoming Outlaw
[illegible]	Sons of the Patrol	Youth At You Feel
[illegible]	Sowers of the Border	Young Buffalo Bill
[illegible]	Star Dust	Young Mr. Lincoln
		Zanzibar

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

[illegible]	Hidden Power	Safari
[illegible]	I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby	Saturday's Children
[illegible]	Invisible Stripes	Shop Around the Corner
[illegible]	Irene	Sidewalks of London
[illegible]	It's a Date	So This Is London
[illegible]	I Take This Woman	Susan and God
[illegible]	It All Came True	They All Come Out
[illegible]	I Was An Adventuress	They Came By Night
[illegible]	Ladies Out In Europe	This Man Is News
[illegible]	Lillian Russell	'Til We Meet Again
[illegible]	Lone Wolf Meets A Lady, The	Tomboy
[illegible]	Manhattan Heartbeat	Tower of London
[illegible]	Man From Montreal	Twelve Crowded Hours
[illegible]	Man Who Wouldn't Talk, The	24-Hour Town
[illegible]	Men Without Souls	21 Days Together
[illegible]	[illegible]	Two Bright Boys
[illegible]	[illegible]	Two Girls On Broadway
[illegible]	[illegible]	Two's Company
[illegible]	[illegible]	Typhoon
[illegible]	[illegible]	Undercover Agent
[illegible]	[illegible]	Undercover Doctor
[illegible]	[illegible]	Untamed
[illegible]	[illegible]	Vacation from Love
[illegible]	[illegible]	Visit To the Night
[illegible]	[illegible]	Virginia City
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wanted by Scotland Yard
[illegible]	[illegible]	Waterfront
[illegible]	[illegible]	Way Down South
[illegible]	[illegible]	Women Vanishing, The
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wolf of New York
[illegible]	[illegible]	Women Doctor
[illegible]	[illegible]	Women in the War

CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

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"AN ADVANCE IN SPIRITUALITY"—His Excellency, Bishop Kearney termed the Laymen's Retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary over the week-end which is pictured above in its many phases. "Retreat Master and League President" shows Charles A. Tucker, president, left and the Rev. John J. Healey, C. SS. R. who conducted the spiritual exercises; "Registration"—Secretary Charles M. Dispenza at desk registers the men. "Meditation in the Chapel" shows Father Healey in the sanctuary. "Outdoor Way of the Cross,"—retreatants make [illegible]; shown are: (Front Row from Left), William J. Hauser, George T. Boucher, George H. Sigriet, Walter T. Simpson; Back row, John Mellinger, James E. Cuff. "League Officers for 1940-1942"—(From Left), Charles J. Keller, Treasurer, Retreat House; Charles M. Dispenza, Secretary and Treasurer; Angelo L. DiNieri, Membership Chairman; Charles A. Tucker, President; Walter T. Simpson, Vice President; Frank Lesch — Geneva Deanery Vice President; John Mellinger, Hornell, Vice President; J. John Hassett, Elmira Deanery Vice President; "Veteran Retreatants"—(From Left)—Frederick J. Maher (23 years); Charles J. Maley (26 years); Frank J. O'Connor, George T. Boucher and James P. B. Duffy. "The New Auditing Committee"—Harold J. Coleman, William T. Nolan, Henry F. Schlueter; "Their First Retreat"—George Gerstner, Michael Petitte, Dr. James N. Eastham, Joseph Murphy, Alfred W. Schmitz, Thomas P. O'Leary; "At Bishop McQuaid's monument"—Retreatants pause to offer prayer for first Bishop of Rochester and founder of St. Bernard's Seminary; "Back in Their Rooms,"—Dewain Feller shaving; William T. Nolan reads the CATHOLIC COURIER; Frank J. Lesch, Auburn, relaxes; "The Official Bellringer, George J. Sigriet. CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo