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Liquor producer or distributor as a bad actor. It is unfair to impute sinister motives, hints of bribery, of compulsion, to every witness who dares to state that he approves the present hours of sale prescribed by the local board.

Congratulations To Bishop-Elect Hurlay

Another son of St. Bernard's Seminary has been honored by the Holy Father by a call to the episcopate. The Rt. Rev. Joseph Hurlay has been appointed Bishop of St. Augustine, Florida.

Bishop-elect Hurlay has been an official in the Secretariate of State at Vatican City since 1934. Before that he was Secretary to Archbishop Mooney at the Apostolic Delegation in Japan. Bishop Hurlay was a student at St. Bernard's Seminary for the Diocese of Cleveland during the two years of the course in Philosophy.

They Were Watching Him

Christ was not deceived in the Pharisees. He looked beneath the external trappings of courtesy and sanctity, and saw the inward rottenness of uncharity and wickedness. He was their guest at dinner; yet they watched Him! Not that they might be edified at His words or deeds, but that they might find fault with Him, that they might envenom Him.

Their attitude did not deter the Lord from what He intended to do. It was the Sabbath Day. A man with the dropsy waited the action of Christ to heal him. Christ put the question direct to the lawyers and Pharisees: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath Day?" And when they would not answer Him, He took the man and healed him.

Selected

SMALLER CITIES (Catholic Chronicle, Toledo) At the result of the last census are made known we find that many of the larger cities have lost population. At the same time smaller communities in suburban areas have increased in the number of inhabitants. This is a healthy sign. It is to be hoped that this trend away from crowded sections will continue.

Quote--End Quote

Charity for the millions surpasses every other work of charity even as the love of God surpasses the love of man. It is the love of God that makes us love our neighbor as ourselves. — Pope Pius XI

Five Years Ago--

From Aug. 29, 1935, Edition That China was enjoying peace and that progress of the Church in the mission fields was being greatly encouraged by a general movement towards Christianity was the message brought here by the Rev. Charles P. Hilbert, M.M., on a leave of absence after nine years in Maryknoll's China mission near Swatow.

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Appreciation of our Catholic lay organizations is deepened when a comprehensive survey is made of what they are doing, locally and nationally. They are participating under the guidance of the Hierarchy in the apostolic work of the Church. They would need no membership campaign if their sound programs were fully known and appreciated.

Last Refuge of Civilization

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

James Hilton in Lost Horizon presents his vision, or dream, or fantasy, of a monastery for perhaps we should say, speaking more strictly, a lunacy, since the occupants were Tibetan lamas rather than Christian monks in which the remnants of civilization were collected and cherished against the day when we had done our utmost to obliterate learning and art and music and religion and culture.

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Diocesan Recordings

Biasts of politicians over here, this fall will be any to take when confronted with biasts of dictators over there. For the laymen there is much to ponder in reports coming back from the national convention of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Central Verein of America, two of our outstanding lay organizations.

The Knights met in Indianapolis last week. It was the first convention since the election last year of Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews of Omaha and Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb of New York. This department was particularly interested in progress made under these forceful lay leaders and the veterans who worked with them.

Our friends of the Catholic Central Verein of America huddled this week in New Ulm, Minn. From this will come many a guidance for the laity especially in the field of Catholic social action.

As would be expected the Knights of Columbus pledged support to the Archbishop and Bishop of the United States in the Hierarchy stand of exemption from combat training conscription.

Recommendations for local council activity came in abundance from this year's Supreme K. of C. convention.

The spiritual phase in local K. of C. work was urged. Numerous among recommendations for K. of C. Councils were: Religious talks at meetings and quarterly corporate Communion. Armistice Day activity as sponsored by the Supreme Council in the form of "Prayer for Peace" as an annual event.

Greater attention to Columbus Day. Stimulating "the old-time custom of visiting the sick and comforting the bereaved." Looking into the feasibility of establishing credit unions in councils wherever possible as hundreds of Catholic parishes are successfully doing throughout the country. (The latter have had impetus furnished in large part by the Catholic Central Verein.)

Taking an active part in all works of parish societies. Considering the feasibility of sponsoring at one of the Councils' activities, a House of Hospitality, "where the needy might find food and rest."

Co-operation with the Legion of Decency as C or condemned motion pictures increase in number. Those are a few of the things members of the Knights of Columbus are called upon to do to strengthen their own faith and to be an influence for good in their communities. It is a program calling for work, prayer and sacrifice needed today if the true order is to remain.

Catholic Central Verein members also have heard call from their national president, William H. Steffen of New Haven, Conn. to intensify interest in the establishment of parish credit unions. These "people's banks" the Central Verein leader declared are valuable assets to a parish as they tend to unite the members into a closer bond of fellowship.

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Inspired Reporting

By REV. DANIEL A. LORD, S.J.

One look at the young reporter who came out to cover my talk, and I know that anything Catholic was wholly mysterious to him. So to make things easier, I gave him a copy of the notes I meant to use during my talk. In the course of conversation I mentioned the obvious fact that Englishmen consist in having enough of the things that heart craves, if one has too little, one is starved, if one has too much, one is glutted and soggy.

Imagine my amazement when the young reporter turned out this bit which this paper solemnly printed: "The Rev. Mr. Lord today lectured on the subject 'Sufficiency Equals Enthusiasm.' He said: 'Give it time to sink in. The more you try to father it the funnier it gets.'"

The young woman who sat behind Martha Wendergast, my secretary's sister, in the bus wanted the whole world to know she was getting married. Shortly before she was asked of her wedding of the young man, of her dress in a loud and femininely boastful voice. Then she went on:

"You know, this is the first time I wish I were a Catholic. Oh, not really. I'm not really Catholic, but just so that I could use a Catholic church for my wedding. Do you know they are the only churches that have a middle aisle, and I'm just crazy to walk down a middle aisle when I'm married."

My mother wants me to be married in the Baptist church out our way, and my dad thinks I ought to be married in the Presbyterian church where they have so many fashionable weddings. But I'm shopping around for a church with a broad middle aisle. And when I find it, believe me, that's where I'm going to be married."

We are certainly well geared to war these days, aren't we? For instance, the hat I know we had all been using more than our share of water. And when we came back from class on almost the last day, the water supply had run out. There was no water for the showers and tubs, no water for drinking or in the fountains, no water to use for hot hands and sweaty brows. And we were at in a literal and figurative stew.

Somewhat later I walked across the campus and high in the water tower two men were making the necessary repairs. And instinctively and without intent, I thought of war. I thought of enemy bombers lying on the campus and away from the water supply. Not for a few minutes but beyond repair. Bombers destroying the highly centralized water supply of my own St. Louis, as a few well placed bombs might easily do. Or the water supply of New York which travels hundreds of miles to thrusting millions through highly vulnerable aqueducts.

And I couldn't help thinking of the swift panic, the hideous suffering and perhaps the rapid surrender of cities thus attacked. And I hated the science that had made men so destructively powerful and, in senseless savage fashion, had made war on the religion and philosophy that would have kept them safe.

And I think I prayed swiftly that that kind of war, that that sort of bomb dropped upon our essential water supplies, might never come to America.

Father Dowling tells the story of the lady who dropped into the town's most fashionable hat shop. "I'd like a hat for about \$198," she said. And the sales lady regarded her like a newboy in a picture gallery. "We have nothing remotely in the range you suggest," she replied haughtily, "but here is a little hat that was originally priced at \$30. You can have it for \$15."

The lady thought it was her turn to be haughty. "I'll wait," she said. And when the hat is down to \$5 you can send it out to me." And the next morning the delivery wagon drew up to the door with the hat. "Only," said the lady, "I didn't even have the \$5."

Will Whites Awake?

By The Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven

Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South

The new novel, "Native Son" by Richard Wright, is a Negro story. He paints the leading character as black and so degraded that it makes one shudder at the thought of a human being falling so low. Here is a Negro character, painted by a Negro. Why should he lower his race so shamefully? To bring out the lesson that, if the colored people are really to degenerate it was the white man who degraded them.

Here is a question that—the whites should stay awake on and study, if there is anything to the fear of a few-and God forbid us for the small number—who maintain that, unless we become more interested in the welfare of the colored race, the whites in America will face a greater tragedy than the Negroes did during the slave days. A few weeks ago we had in New Orleans an all-Southern Negro Youth Congress. About two thousand delegates attended. What was discussed? Of course, the betterment of the Negro race, the world progresses in the hearts and minds of its youth. A race climbs likewise. The Negro youth are the hope of their race, as youth are the hope of every race. The Negro youth grow up understanding life will be better for them and for all of us here in the South and elsewhere.

This quotation from the Birmingham News of April 23, 1938, was the slogan. "What was discussed? The subject of matter was less significant than the manner or rather the attitude of some of the leaders. To be sure, many just claimed and propositions were aired; but, amazingly, a degree of un-Americanism was certainly intimated. The well-known Communistic purpose of using the Negro as an opening wedge in the attack on our institutions was in play. Two resolutions were presented by a local group of conservative young Negroes, but were not even brought to a vote. One was that no member of a non-American organization should be permitted to hold office. The second that all affiliation with Communism be discontinued. Do you hear, these two resolutions were not even considered. In other words, the Congress was controlled by whom?

Although prominent local white persons, supposed to be integrated in the community and country's welfare were invited, no one was present except a handful of teachers and one priest. And this is the saddest part of it all. In fact, it is an enigma. Here we have white professors who are supposed to be quite community-minded, and white ministers of religion who have consecrated their lives to saving the souls of the colored and only a smattering of white trouble of attending a Congress where lessons may have filtered through that will eventually destroy both body and soul.

Higher education, and religious instruction will do the Negroes little good today when the apostles advocating violence and destruction are ever on hand, sully sowing the seeds of rebellion in the interest of their own particular aim. The Negro's argument is understandable. Why should we have faith in what people tell us, people who are prone to be interested in our welfare, people who pronouncementally teach and preach social justice and who, notwithstanding, do not go a step out of their way actually to help us solve the unfairness of our forced existence? Why should we not use those who try to get us our rights, even if they in turn are trying to use us?

The Negro is innately docile and easily led, but first his confidence has to be painstakingly cultivated. There is no human being more loyal and self-forgetting, once you have gained his respect. But, on the other hand, when he reasons, and when he thinks and when he realizes the little he can get out of life because of unreasonable social and economic conditions, he will brood. When once his dissatisfaction mind is encouraged by white people, irrespective of what they represent, he is liable to become savage, vicious and dangerous, like a cornered animal.

That, and to say, is what we are coming to in this country unless the whites realize, as a race, that on the welfare and satisfaction of the Negro will greatly depend the weal or woe of the whites themselves. We may not continue to ignore the Negro's plight; we must cease treating them with unfairness; an end must come, not drastically and at once, but gradually and sanely, to an attitude which was never intended by God. Some fire-eaters in the Negro's behalf will claim immediate social equality. We are not ready for that as yet. But we should be alert and anxious to consider the problem at once, and to take steps immediately to better their material, social and cultural conditions. This cannot be done by merely teaching them higher mathematics and giving them eloquent sermons on Sunday. They would rather follow the leaders who promise them realities in the near future, however deep those leaders would lead them and all America into an eventual "dis line."

THIS IS IMPORTANT TOO!

HOW ABOUT SPENDING SOME OF YOUR NERVOUS ENERGY ON THIS PROBLEM?



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Now, in view of the possibility of a general destruction of art and culture and civilization by the Nazi-Communist assault, it may be that to the Church once more will fall the duty of saving whatever is worth saving in our present world. It happened once, ended with the destruction of the city of Nineveh, and again it happened in the story of Shengri-La. It may come to pass once again in our world.

For although it is the primary purpose of the Christian religion to save men's souls, it is its secondary purpose to save civilization. (Copyright, 1940 N.C.W.C.)

Why Should I Get Down On My Knees And Confess My Sins To A Priest? Sin is an act of pride. It is a defiance of the Creator by the creature. It is an answering the precept of God as given in the Lord's prayer. Thy will be done, by saying to God in deed and effect, Not Thy will but mine be done.

Since sin is an act of pride by which man refuses to submit to God, it would seem only right and proper that in order to obtain forgiveness an act of humility should be required. And that is just what confession is an act of humility. By sin, man in a sense puts himself above God, refusing to take orders from Him; by Confession, the penitent humbles himself before God a priest, and his knees seeks restoration to Grace.

There can be no forgiveness without humility and contrition. Confession brings about this disposition of soul is nothing else as Humility, but it is a word that has all but lost its meaning to the mind of man today, and that would seem to be the reason why the modern mind so hates the idea of Confession. Humility they say is outdated. And our Bishop has said that it is time to say "Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart."

I Prize Freedom Too Much To Join Any Church, Lest Of All The Catholic. You love of freedom is the very reason why you should be a church member, especially a member of the Catholic Church. Look at Germany today. When the revolution came to Germany, many would have thought that the universities would have been the first to stand up for freedom, knowing that they had always prided themselves on their devotion to the cause of truth. But no, the universities were silenced at once. Then one might have looked to the editors of the newspapers whose boasting editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love for freedom. But no, they like the universities, were blanketed in silence within a few weeks. Then one might have thought of the many individual authors who as the literary guides of Germany, had written often and at great length of the place of freedom in modern life. But they too were mute.

Only the Church had the courage and conviction to oppose Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. Only men like Cardinal Faulhaber dared to champion the rights of truth and freedom. If you admire freedom you must admire the one and only institution that fails not when put to the test.

Clips

The hard part of solving the world's problems is to get self-interest, justice and decency on the same side.—Mobile "Register."

It's easy to chump your friends' opinion of you, but lend them money and then demand you be paid back.—Rockford "Star."

A person should always listen to both sides in an argument. That's why nature has given us two ears.—Terre Haute "Star."

There is a simple way to keep up with the Joneses. Just slow down and in a few years you meet them coming back.—Council Bluffs "Nonpari."

Feast Days

Sunday, Sept. 1.—ST. GILES. Monday, Sept. 2.—ST. STEPHEN, EN. KING. Tuesday, Sept. 3.—ST. SERAPHIA. Wednesday, Sept. 4.—ST. ROSALIE. Thursday, Sept. 5.—ST. LAURENCE JOSTIAN. Friday, Sept. 6.—ST. ELEFTERIUS. Saturday, Sept. 7.—ST. CLOUD.