

### Music for the Navy



Believe it or not, but he really is an organist in the United States Navy. John Harvey is Station Organist at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago. He is pictured playing the Bernardian Chimes attachment on the console of the organ located in the drill hall. Vin Agar photo. (N.C.W.C.)

### Labor's Problems, Dangers In War Time, Discussed

Roscoe C. Abel, Labor College held its regular session of lecture and discussions last Friday evening at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Avenue. The lectures and discussions centered around the problems and dangers that confront Labor as a result of our entry into the war.

Dr. Aaron I. Abel, Ph.D., head of the history department at Nazareth College discussed the new problems in industrial relations that have been created by the war. He stated Philip Murray's Industrial Council Plan is the best solution to our present problem as well as the best solution generally to the problems of industrial relations.

Briefly Murray's plan is that industry and labor confer as equal partners with the government as the umpire. This plan is an approach to the Pope's plan as outlined in *Returum Novarum* and *Quadragesimo Anno*. Doctor Abel said that he hoped labor would waive its right to strike for the duration, that labor's right to organize freely would not be restricted, and that definite provision would be made to assure the working man adequate wages.

The chairman for the discussion was Thomas Cameron, Secretary of Painters and Decorators Local Union Arthur P. Farron of the Catholic Workers has been named to preside at this Friday's session which will mark the last session before the holidays. The second semester will begin on Friday evening, January 4, at 8 o'clock. Doctor Abel will continue his course in American Labor History and Father Vogt will continue his course in Labor Ethics. Information concerning the course will be had after each lecture.

The Reverend George C. Vogt, M.A., diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Workers and director of the Catholic Workers and of the Labor College made a general summary of human rights and duties. He announced that he will discuss the final chapter of Don Luigi Murri's booklet on Human Rights at the Friday meeting. The final chapter is entitled *The Duty and the Right to Work*.

Father Vogt also read for discussion the Rev. John F. Cronin's article entitled *Strife and the Worker*. The thesis of Father Cronin's article is "There is no serious labor trouble in the United States today. He contends that the public has been stirred up to a state of almost hysterical condemnation of labor activity in general and strikes in particular. Such a situation is serious when national unity is so badly needed. So much depends upon the good will and cooperation of labor that sheer expediency, apart from justice, demands that workers be not embittered by slander and calumny." He declares that this condition exists because the press is partial to industry. "This condemnation," he says, "is

written advisedly and with full deliberation. From the average newspaper today one cannot obtain a correct picture of the labor scene. In general, it portrays the faults of labor and the virtues of capital. It is definitely class conscious, probably not through any overt pressure of advertisers, but rather as a result of the superior power of one group to present its side of the case.

One of the arresting statements in his article is this: "Unquestionably labor strikes hold up the defense program, but not half so much as they did in 1917 nor any more than they do in England, which is actually at war." Another statement pertinent to the extent to which labor can justly be asked to sacrifice for the common good is "It would be possible to ask labor to bear with injustice for the sake of the general welfare but such a request should not be made lightly. It is easy to sacrifice for what is right, but difficult to bear burdens simply because the nation is too fearful and too supine to enforce standards of decency against the rich and the powerful."

Congressmen of opinion in the discussion was that labor was in grave danger of losing all the gains that it had made. The war may become an excuse for covering a multitude of sins. William Scheidt of Holy Apostles Parish, who is a veteran trade unionist, declared that labor should be very cautious in making concessions.

### CATHOLIC LEADERS GREET NEW CHICAGO PAPER

CHICAGO In its initial issue the Chicago Sun, new Sunday daily newspaper publisher, a two-column photograph of the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago and a two-column box containing a message of good wishes from the Archbishop to the publishers.

On the same page are printed letters of greeting from other Catholic leaders, the first of which is signed by the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

### Prison Chaplains' Institute Proceedings Published

WASHINGTON -- The National Conference of Catholic Charities has published the 1941 "Proceedings of the Institute for Catholic Chaplains in Penal and Correctional Institutions." The Institute was held last June under the auspices of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the National Conference of Catholic Charities in cooperation with the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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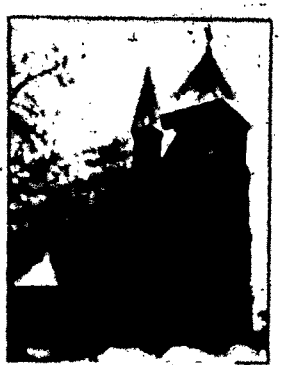
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