

An Errand of War Mercy



In the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States Army a check for \$4,235 for the purchase of two ambulances for overseas service is presented by the First Catholic Slovak Union of America (Jednota). Pictured are, left to right: Congressman Samuel A. Weiss, of Pennsylvania; Michael J. Wargovich, president of the Union; Brigadier General L. B. McAfee of the Surgeon General's Office. (N.C.W.C.)

Vatican Denies German Bishops Sent Peace Plan

VATICAN CITY -- Reports that the German Catholic Bishops had forwarded to the Holy Father a plan for world peace are fully denied here.

Secular newspaper reports stated that it was understood the Catholic Bishops of Germany sent a letter to His Holiness Pope Pius XII which contained a plan for world peace described as "fair for both camps." It also was held the plan called for the evacuation by Germany of all Western Europe, except Alsace and Lorraine, the granting of autonomy to Austria within the Reich, and the reconstitution of the nations of Eastern Europe within new ethnic frontiers.

Some of these reports carried the implication that by means of the letter the German Bishops were furthering a Nazi "peace offensive."

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If you faithfully observe the commandments of God; if you love everything that God loves; if you love the works of virtue; if you detest everything that He detests, you are surely united to Him.

FOR VICTORY



BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

KEEP PLUMBING IN GOOD REPAIR

Because so many of the metals used in the manufacture of plumbing fixtures and fittings are vital to national defense, home owners as well as renters can help in this national emergency period by better care and maintenance of plumbing systems, the Federal Housing Administration points out.

All faucet leaks should be fixed promptly. A neglected leak may cause permanent damage to the seat of the faucet, so that replacement of the entire unit may be necessary. The same prompt attention should be given to closet-tank leaks.

Sink drains should be kept clean by pouring scalding water down the drain at least once a day. Lye

should not be used, as it may take the finish off the fixture and clog the trap.

When painting or decorating, all plumbing fixtures should be carefully covered to prevent spotting with paint and scratches by workmen.

Pipes in exposed positions should be insulated to prevent freezing. A burst pipe means a major replacement involving critical materials.

The temperature in domestic hot-water heating tanks should be kept as low as practical to check corrosion, as the possibility of corrosion increases with the rise in temperature.

INVEST IN WAR BONDS

THE CHILD WHO BARGAINS

By EMMA GARY WALLACE

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When a child is always ready to bargain in order to get what he wants, it is almost certain to be the parents or other older members of the family who are to blame. Sometime they have yielded to what seemed to them to be the easiest way -- to offer a bribe so as to have no argument about what they wished to have done.

When Gertrude was asked to wash and dry the cups and saucers which her mother had used for an afternoon tea, the little girl looked shrewdly at her parent and came back instantly with the proposition, "I'll wash the cups and saucers, Mommie, if you'll give me money to buy a red belt for my white dress."

Gertrude was granted the money and she collected it before she washed the few cups and saucers. She even went and bought her belt first, at a near-by store.

Can you wonder that she has grown-up demanding payment for almost everything she does?

Jackie's older sister, who was away from home most of the time, said to him one day, "If you will go out and pick a quart of those nice, big strawberries for me, I'll buy you a pair of sneakers."

"Okay," responded Jackie, whereupon he walked out into the kitchen where his mother was filling baskets of berries and packing them in a crate. She had gone to the telephone for a moment, and when she returned, she looked surprised.

"Why," she said to her husband who came in for the crate of berries to take to his customer, "I thought I had the right number here, but I see I am one box short. Perhaps I made a mistake."

But she hadn't made a mistake, for Jackie had taken that box and given the berries to his sister who was going to call on a friend.

"I'll bring you the sneakers when I come back," she promised. In this case the bargaining instinct had led to direct dishonesty. Moreover, Jackie had discovered

that by a little shady practice he could get something for nothing. Such experiences lead straight along the pathway to trouble.

It is far better for children to discover early for themselves, that a price of some kind has to be paid by somebody for whatever we have. They should learn that members of the same family should expect to render reasonable service to each other and should share with each other without thought of pay or reward, and also that good neighbors and friends enjoy doing kind and helpful things for each other. It should be understood that what may be given by way of small allowance, is not pay for services, but a suitable division of the income for those in the home, in order that each one may have something he can call his own and do with as he pleases.

It is well to call the attention of even the smaller children, to the fact that Daddy and Mother must have most of the money because they have to buy the food, the clothes and the means of keeping warm and provide a place in which to live.

Oftentimes the bargaining spirit shows itself because the child does not understand. No one has ever explained matters of this kind to him.

Even children of preschool age will bargain if they find that they can. Then as time goes on, they come to think of their small services as increasingly valuable from a money standpoint and here again, we have the beginnings of greed.

It is a good idea to help children to know and really understand from experience that we owe it to ourselves and to each other to do our part, though it may not be a very big part, and that to try to take advantage, and drive a shrewd bargain, does not show a praiseworthy spirit and does not bring happiness.

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