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The CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic approval. A diocesan newspaper has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in every diocese. The CATHOLIC COURIER should be found in every Catholic home in this diocese. I find it hard to understand how any Catholic can be so indifferent as to what is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to rely upon unreliable sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

M. JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

FAILED TO CREDIT THE CHURCH

High school teachers of California gathered last week at an American History Teachers Conference at Stanford University. The need for a proper course in American History was emphasized by Professor Edwin E. Robinson, Conference chairman, by Professors Maxwell H. Saville and Thomas A. Bailey. One third of the delegates testified that the history courses used in their schools were padded with much material having no relation to history. This dilution was deplored by all present.

"High school teachers are giving the last preparation for full fledged citizenship in our democracy," said Professor Saville.

A large number of American colleges and universities do not require courses in American History for graduation, as shown by a survey conducted last summer by the New York Times. This conference together with one for grammar schools and one for colleges, was undertaken to ascertain the status of American history teaching in all our schools.

The Institute of American History at Stanford will put out a questionnaire to find out if it is a general practice to dilute the history course with civics and other extraneous matter; whether present textbooks are adequate and how they may be improved; and how a detailed picture of the American History courses in the secondary schools may be obtained.

Most important for our consideration is the statement made by several of the teachers that textbooks written since the nineteenth century almost invariably failed to credit the church with a place in the founding and early development of the republic; that this absence of any mention of religion in history courses had led many students to the conclusion that religion was of no importance.

Secular schools are greatly against their students in omitting God from their studies, in opposing facts with their materialistic a priori dogmas; but what ground they can find for violating the ordinary laws of honesty in deleting from the record the fundamental and essential part the church and religion have played in the conversation, the settlement, the discovery, the development, of all parts of our commonwealth, is beyond the guess of any reasonable man. Is this teaching? Is this education? Is history a record of what happened, or just the report of a prejudiced mind of that part of the record he feels should be revealed to his pupils? Catholics and their friends outside the Church should be in the interest of truth seek out and use schools and teachers and text books that are honest, that state the facts, that publish the truth. Read the accounts of the Jesuits and Franciscans, know the part religion had in every phase of our country's history.

READ YOUR COURIER

Many new subscribers will be added to the COURIER'S list during these days. Many new readers of our diocesan newspaper will begin to appreciate the instruction and information and entertainment brought to them each week by the approved and official Catholic paper of the diocese. We urge all patrons, old and new, to form the habit of reading the COURIER through and through each Friday as it comes into their homes.

You are a better Catholic when you patronize and use the CATHOLIC COURIER. You will learn more of your faith, of its teachings, of the news of Catholic groups in every part of the world. You will be better informed on things that should interest every true child of the Church.

Let the COURIER be a blessing in your home, to parents and to children. Make it a weekly messenger of truth to all the family. Feel that it is YOUR Catholic newspaper, prepared under the direction of Bishop Kearney for the training and education of every member of the diocese. Help us by your suggestions to improve the COURIER, to make it even more valuable in the future than it has been in its past of 53 years.

TIME FOR ACTION

Almost with prophetic vision does the Holy Father point out the social essentials for a true peace. Thinkers in Congress, social workers, great national leaders, including our own President, are looking to the future, are trying to prepare us for that future.

It is interesting to see how the constructive portion of their plans coincide in principle with much that the Holy Father has said.

It is likewise interesting to note how so many reactionary critics of all this planning for the future, are not merely planning for their place in the post-war world, but are even now striving to make those plans begin to be effective. Abolition of labor's gains in wage and hour laws, in collective bargaining legislation, is so much the goal of these labor hating plotters, that they refuse to listen to the definite statements of those concerned that war conditions in no way call for such abolition.

The Holy Father insists on planning now for the peace of the post-war world. The call of the moment is not for lamentation over past evils, but for action now to prevent such evils in the future; not lamentation for what has been, but reconstruction of what is to arise and must arise for the good of society.

The Holy Father speaks in general about the means needed for continued national peace, before delving into particulars. He speaks of a new crusade to liberate the Holy Land of the Spirit, even as the crusade of early years sought to liberate the land hallowed by the life of the incarnate Word of God. He calls on all decent thinking

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Along The Way

Verdict Turned In

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

When I'm feeling really knocked out, I like to go to St. John's Hospital and in its charming, homey atmosphere build back the slightly vitiated strength.

But hospitals can be amazing places.

Recently a young married man was feeling something radically wrong. He had no localized pain. He had no fever. But twice as he worked, he simply keeled over in a dead faint. And sometimes he found it almost impossible to breathe. So his worried little wife insisted that he go to a hospital for a complete checkup.

For two days he was tested, prodded, weighed, X-rayed, and overhauled by a wide series of doctors. At the end, he was presented his bill, an encouraging slap on the back and a cheerful, "There's not a thing in the world wrong with you."

His wife dashed from the office and encountered one of the important staff physicians.

"My husband's a sick man. I know he is. I've watched him. I've seen him almost choke to death. And young men don't keel over in a dead faint unless there's something wrong."

"My dear," said the physician, "don't worry. We have the best doctor in the city. If they say your husband isn't sick, he isn't sick."

So they went home, rather dazed by it all.

The next day he passed out completely as he went about his work, and it took the industrial nurse half an hour to revive him.

But he's wrong. He isn't a bit sick. The experts have said so.

Description

The very young religious priest had been helping out in a parish church. It was still in the ancient days when meat was a thing you ate, not rationed. He was pleased but not overwhelmed when the housekeeper brought him in a beautifully cooked breakfast steak. He disposed of it, as he did the following Sunday, and the following. The fourth week, a young associate of his was assigned to this parish and he went elsewhere. When his friend came to ask if there was anything special that would help him in his assignment, he grinned and said: "Nothing special. But I can promise you a wonderful steak for breakfast."

When the two of them later compared notes, the new appointee looked his disgust. "A steak, indeed! I got the good old standard bacon and eggs."

The next week the first young priest was reassigned to the same parish, and as he sat down for breakfast the housekeeper appeared bearing steak. She set the dish in front of him and then said: "I always take a look at the new priests when they come. So last week I pecked through the door

and though I had a steak all ready for the par, I put it back in the box. One look at the young man that came in your place and I sized him up for a bacon-and-eggs man."

The two of them are still puzzled over what made one priest look like a steak and another like bacon-and-eggs.

These Are Our Boys

The young fellow got into the waiting bus and picked a seat near the window. He opened it with ease—some strength, and then leaned out to the little group that waited. First he scrawled something on a paper and passed it out.

"That's for me," he said. "Give it to her, will ya?"

There was a pause.

"Go up and see the folks sometime. They'll be lonesome. Nice if you'd keep 'em company."

Another pause, and then to a young fellow about his age.

"Keep my rabbit and take care of it. And don't give it away to nobody."

The bus rolled on. Said his seat companion: "Where you going, buddy?"

"Me," said the lad, proudly. "I'm going to join up with the Marines."

The Rebuke Polit

The scene was a crowded New York subway in which the Catholic young lady sat between a man and the car's only vacant seat. Into the car struggled two nuns burdened with heavy suitcases. They looked around for two seats, and their tired faces grew wearier still. Beside the Catholic girl, the man, well-dressed and young and prosperous murmured audibly: "Those two blankety blank nuns can stand up with any complete compli-

ments."

The Catholic girl shot him a none too friendly look, rose, took the suitcases from the nuns and installed them on her seat and the vacant one next to the man. The fellow looked as shame-faced as the proverbial chap who comments on some ugly woman—to find out that he has made the comment to the woman's husband. He got up, and with an embarrassed grin said to the girl, "May I offer you my seat?"

And he vanished into the far end of the car.

Exists For Common Good

"The Christian concept of politics is that government exists for the common good of all. If democracy is to be made effective the holders of economic power, whomsoever they be whether Capital or Labor—must be made responsible to the community. They are its servants, not its masters."—Magr. Shea

Diocesan Recordings

Our Catholic people have been in the forefront in this war effort. They have given willingly of sons and daughters of a high percentage in all branches of the service. They are working in war plants and are cooperating in the best of their abilities in the great push for victory.

They have done their share in purchase of War Bonds and Stamps, in salvage drives, in everything that will bring nearer the time of lasting and just peace. Their efforts have not been particularly singled out excepting those of the school children who have performed yeoman service.

Now the Knights of Columbus are coming along with an opportunity for the Catholic people to stand out in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps in a special manner.

The Knights, through their supreme office, have set the goal of \$25,000,000 in the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps during Founders' Month ending on April 29. This organization of laymen which made such a creditable record in World War One is throwing its complete resources and manpower into the campaign. Their success will reflect upon all the Catholic people in war effort. Cooperation will aid their success.

Reading the N.C.W.C. News Service each week brings to the conductor of this department a deluge of news which, of course, does not always get in the paper. Datelines from all over the world show up in the News Service and we get to read the events of importance without much excitement. This week came a story which stood out from the rest because of a personal memory. The story told of the death of Lieut. Commander Thomas J. Knox, Assistant Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Navy. It recalled to us a student at St. Bernard's Seminary who had come into the Rochester Echo office in 1925 and asked the writer to carry an account of the Catholic Laymen's League of Georgia which was doing such great work in making Catholicity understandable in that state. We had the privilege of reading the article to the Catholic Central Verein. After his ordination the young priest gave us his first blessing in the newspaper office. That young man became Lieut. Commander Knox and news of his death was sad news. He showed his capabilities which brought him so high in the Navy service. May his soul rest in peace!

QUERIES and REPLIES

How Do You Catholics Look Upon The Bible?

The Bible is the life history of Jesus Christ. From Genesis to Kings, from Job to Ecclesiastes, from Luke to Malachi, from Matthew to the Apocalypse, it is Jesus Christ—the same yesterday, today and forever. Written in the deserts of Arabia, in the land of Canaan, in the exile of Babylon, in blessed Jerusalem, in pagan Rome, in the cities of Asia Minor, and the solitude of Patmos; diversified as is no other book in its writers, its scenes, and its language; yet it is one in Christ Jesus. He is the central theme of every chapter, the Messiah of the Jews and the High Priest of the whole world.

The sacred story is recorded in seventy-two separate books which make up Holy Scripture. These books were written over a period of sixteen hundred years, beginning with Moses and closing with St. John. Yet they compose but one book because in it many books become one: all have one common theme, Jesus Christ, the Savior of Mankind.

From start to finish, then, the Bible is the Biography of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Christ in vision and in prophecy in the Old Testament; in flesh and blood in the New; the brightening dawn, the brilliant sunrise, the clouded noon-day, the glorious sunset of the Son of God; the complete history of the Savior of the human race. Such is the Book of Books; such is the Bible. From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.M., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.

No matter how expensive living becomes it's always worth more.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.