

Goal of Columbus

Columbus set out to discover America, principally to preach the Gospel to the Indians. It was his Catholic faith that urged him to unlock the greatest secret of the ages. His three greatest friends were a Catholic priest, Father Perez; a Catholic Queen, Isabella, and the Catholic Church, which furnished him the money. His flagship was called Holy Mary "Santa Maria."

Pope Sees 'Threat of Sword' As Safeguard to Peace

(Continued from Page 1) systematically menaced, and on the other the heritage of that civilization is ever more diffused among the peoples, the Holy Father appealed to all, including those who have only a heritage of Christianity.

"Fidelity to the heritage of Christian civilization, and its strenuous defense against atheism and anti-Christian tendencies, is ever the keystone which can be sacrificed for any transitory advantage or for any shifting combination," he declared.

Moral Obligation

Referring vigorously to the "formidable problems of setting up an economic and social order more in keeping with the eternal laws of God and with the dignity of man," he asserted:

"Christian thought insists, as a substantial element, on the raising of the proletariat, the achievement of this in a resolute and generous manner appears to every true follower of Christ not only as a step forward along the path of earthly progress, but also as the fulfillment of a moral obligation."

Grave warning was given by the Holy Father that even those who had encountered bitter years of want and restriction would be disappointed if they lodged their hopes in a complete re-birth of the world and a "millennium of universal happiness." A danger, he said, was of an unjustified impatience that might put all its hopes "in upheavals and violence."

Staunchly, His Holiness upheld the right to private property. He said:

"The Christian conscience cannot admit as just a social order which either denies in principle or renders impossible or negatory in practice, the natural right to property whether over consumptive goods or the means of production."

Rights of Workers

Immediately, however, he admonished that neither could there be accepted a system recognizing the right to property according to a false concept. "Capitalism" based on a concept that arrogates to itself unlimited right over property, without subordination to the common good, is to be condemned, he said. Workers must not be put in position where it is impossible for them to acquire private property of their own. Small and medium holdings were staunchly defended

and His Holiness affirmed that these should be "guaranteed and promoted."

Cooperative unions were advocated and the possibility of "tempering the labor contract with a contract of co-ownership." Technical progress is not opposed to such a scheme, it was affirmed, and in any case technical progress should not prevail over the general good.

"The social and economic policy of the future," the Holy Father said, "the controlling power of the State, of local bodies, of professional institutions cannot permanently secure their end, which is the genuine productivity of social life and the normal returns on national economy, except by respecting and safeguarding the vital function of private property in his (the worker's) personal and social values."

The vast destruction of war must be recognized, said His Holiness, and there must be cooperation with peoples discouraged by the physical and moral disaster they have encountered in the war. This counsel had to do with Italy. The Holy Father, appealing for solidarity of the Italian people, gratefully acknowledged the relief given by the Allied Powers.

Protestants in Heaven — Catholics in Hell

By REV. RICHARD GINGNER

Of course there are Protestants in heaven, dear neighbor; and there are Catholics in hell, too. The Catholic Church knows well that there are many bad Protestants and many good Catholics. And still she there are man bud Protestants and many good Catholics. And still she has never said that all Catholics go to heaven and all Protestants go to hell. Never that! She has always taught, simply, that the good see God and the wicked perish.

Of course, that doesn't mean that all Churches are alike, or that one is no better than the other. We could never hold that any more than you could. We presume that you are what you are because you think yours is the best way and we tip our hats to you.

As long as you love God and sincerely follow your conscience, doing good to all men, you will save your soul, regardless of whether you are Methodist, Lutheran, or just unattached. It is conscience which is our supreme guide in all things; so that when conscience becomes unsettled, when our convictions are disturbed, when we are in doubt about how to act or what to believe—then and only then are we bound before God to search again for that former peace of mind, to restore that spiritual tranquility we once enjoyed. We must settle our conscience, regain clear convictions, resolve all doubts, and clear up all questions of belief so that we may ride once more through life with common sense and right reason at the wheel.

Naturally, many people are born into the Catholic Church who refuse her help and guidance. They are like sick people who pour their physician's medicine down the sink. Their death is no reflection on his skill or honesty. Even so, bad Catholics are not the fault of their Church; and, knowing that, we would be the last to say, for instance, that a wicked Lutheran is an argument against Lutheranism. We are quick to admit, too, that many a Protestant leads a life more pleasing to God than that of his Catholic neighbor.

Everyone, then, Protestant or Catholic, who is true to himself can save his soul. And, in view of that, may we pray that we shall all be together one day, good neighbors, in heaven as well as on earth?

SERVICEMEN WANT BIBLES, CRUCIFIXES FOR CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Crucifixes and Bibles are among Christmas gifts requested by servicemen overseas, according to the Office of War Information.

The requests were reported by the OWI on the basis of data provided by overseas correspondents of "Yank," from service men and women who have returned from overseas, and from the Army Post Office and Naval Postal Affairs Section. The list is compiled by combat areas.

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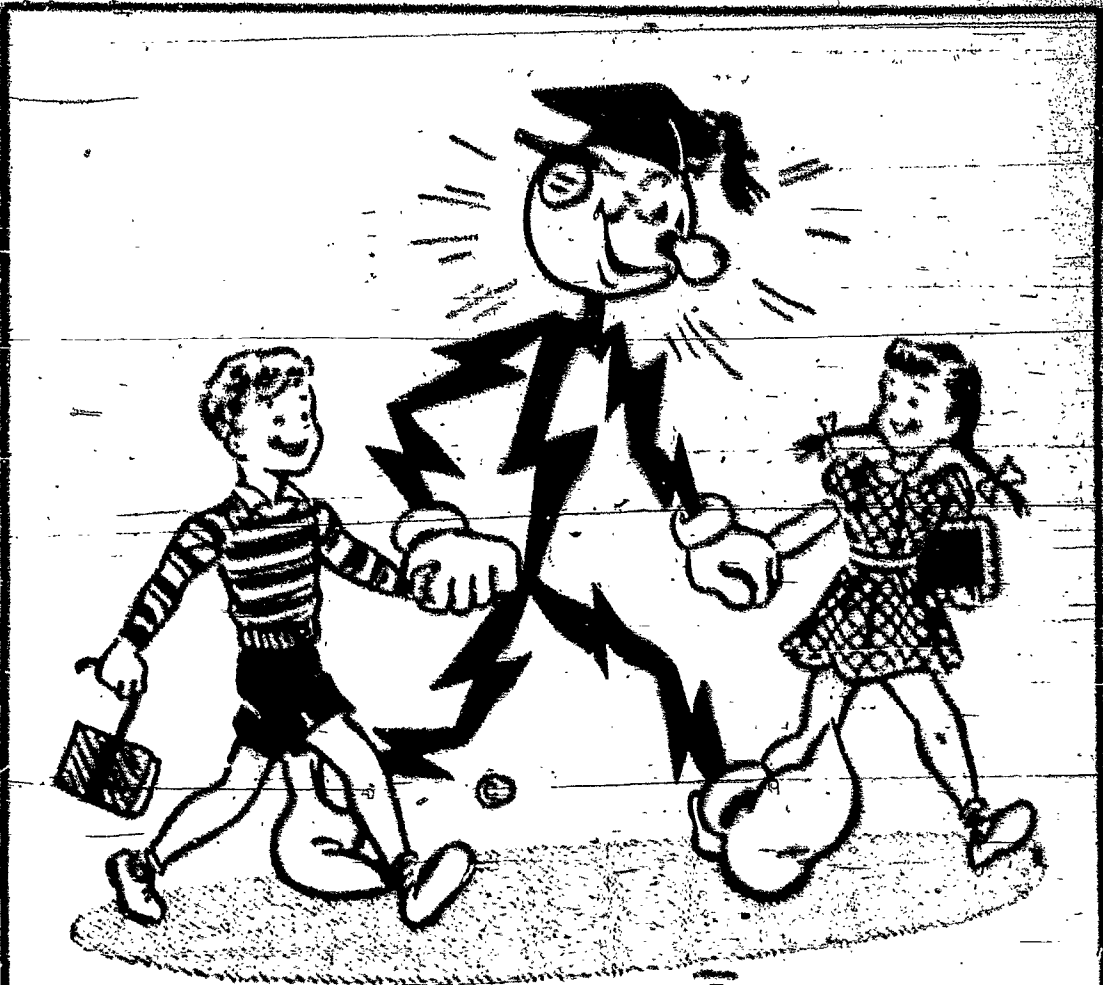
Use of Papal Flag On Non-Vatican Vehicles Forbidden

ROME (NC) — Observator Romano has issued the following notice:

"It has been noted that not a few vehicles listed in the registry

as Italian motor vehicles or in the registries of other States exhibit flags with the colors of the Pontifical Flag, which is also the flag of the State of Vatican City.

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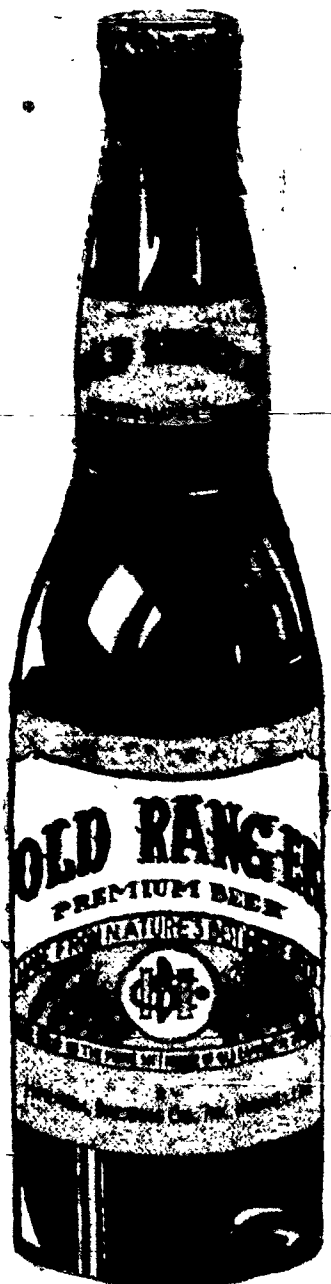
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