

# On Guard!

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The vast number of Catholics who are following blindly along the path leading to confusion and chaos. As yet we have not seen the Papal doctrine which lights the road to world peace. We Catholics, as a group, still sleep in the dark shadows while Pius XII still holds forth the doctrine of social justice and wonders when we don't wake up and follow the light. Even in the case of world peace and in the case of world justice, Catholics have not followed the leadership of the Pope who have lighted the way. We have been given the light but we have not found our way.

We find it very difficult to be patient with those people who are always asking the wrong questions. We mean those who ask in times of occasion what the Church did to prevent war, and what has the Church done for the world since those people never heard of Leo XIII and Pius XII? Have they ever heard of Benedict XV and Pius XII? These are those kind of people who would spend five minutes trying to read any of the encyclical Papal programs for world peace or reconstruction of the social order. How painful it is to meet Catholics who can denounce in detail all the evil doctrines of Hitler but can't explain a single point in the social doctrine of Pius XII. There is reason to worry when we meet Catholics engaged in the labor movement who are totally ignorant of the social teachings of Leo XIII when the world has announced as "The Pope of the Workmen." Now in the United States we are beginning to talk about a million jobs for our fellow Americans but it is well to remember that over fifty years ago Leo XIII was championing the right of men everywhere to a job and living wage. Now after they have fought a global war modern businessmen are planning a stable world peace but over twenty-five years ago Benedict XV gave us a peace plan which if it had been followed would have prevented the present disaster. "Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way." We wonder about this? We have been given the light but still we stumble in the darkness.

Last Sunday in Rome Pius XII addressed 1,000 Italian Christian Workers and he outlined for them the way to social and economic reconstruction. The Pontiff was speaking only to Italian workers


but his message has a worldwide application. Substantially the Holy Father restated with fresh vigor the social blue-print which the late Pius XI gave on May 16, 1931 when he issued his encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno." In his address on last Sunday Pius XII called upon all those engaged in production to rise above the class distinctions of employer and worker. He called upon employers and workers to join together in a "higher unity" and to work for the common welfare of all the people. It is "the duty" of all both in the ranks of Capital and Labor to establish a new "solidarity" and to work in order to obtain the best for all. When homes draw the cart in different directions you have disaster, and this figuratively speaking, is the world economic picture as the Pope sees it today. As long as the social ranks stand apart, and as long as there is group conflict within both ranks, the social order will remain chaotic. The cause of the commonweal calls for a new unity of all social and economic groups sincerely devoted not to their own group interests but to the common welfare and the needs of all. This is the doctrine of social unity. It is also the doctrine of social and economic commonness. The juster destiny of world economy is presently a big question mark. The goal of 50 million jobs in America is a noble aspiration. The realization of such an ideal demands a sincerity of action unprecedented on the part of both Labor and Capital. The present spectacle, which sees the productive forces of America and also the world divided by class conflict, group conflict, personal ambition and political intrigue, must change. The commonweal of this nation and every nation can achieve the conquest of prosperity only when employers and workers join in that higher unity which is devoted to the betterment of all.

Last Sunday Pius XII urged his hearers to follow the social teachings which Pius XI gave in his encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno." This is the light that Catholics at least must follow if they are earnestly concerned with building a better world. . . . We recall the parable of the man who closed all the shutters on his windows and turned his house into a world of darkness. After he sat there for awhile he began to complain that God no longer made the sunlight to shine. The fact was that outside God's daylight was peering down. The man himself with barriers of his own making had blocked out God's light. . . . It is time for Catholics to knock down the self-barriers of blindness and indifference in order to see the Papal light which illuminates the way into a new and better world.

## FR. LYONS DIES

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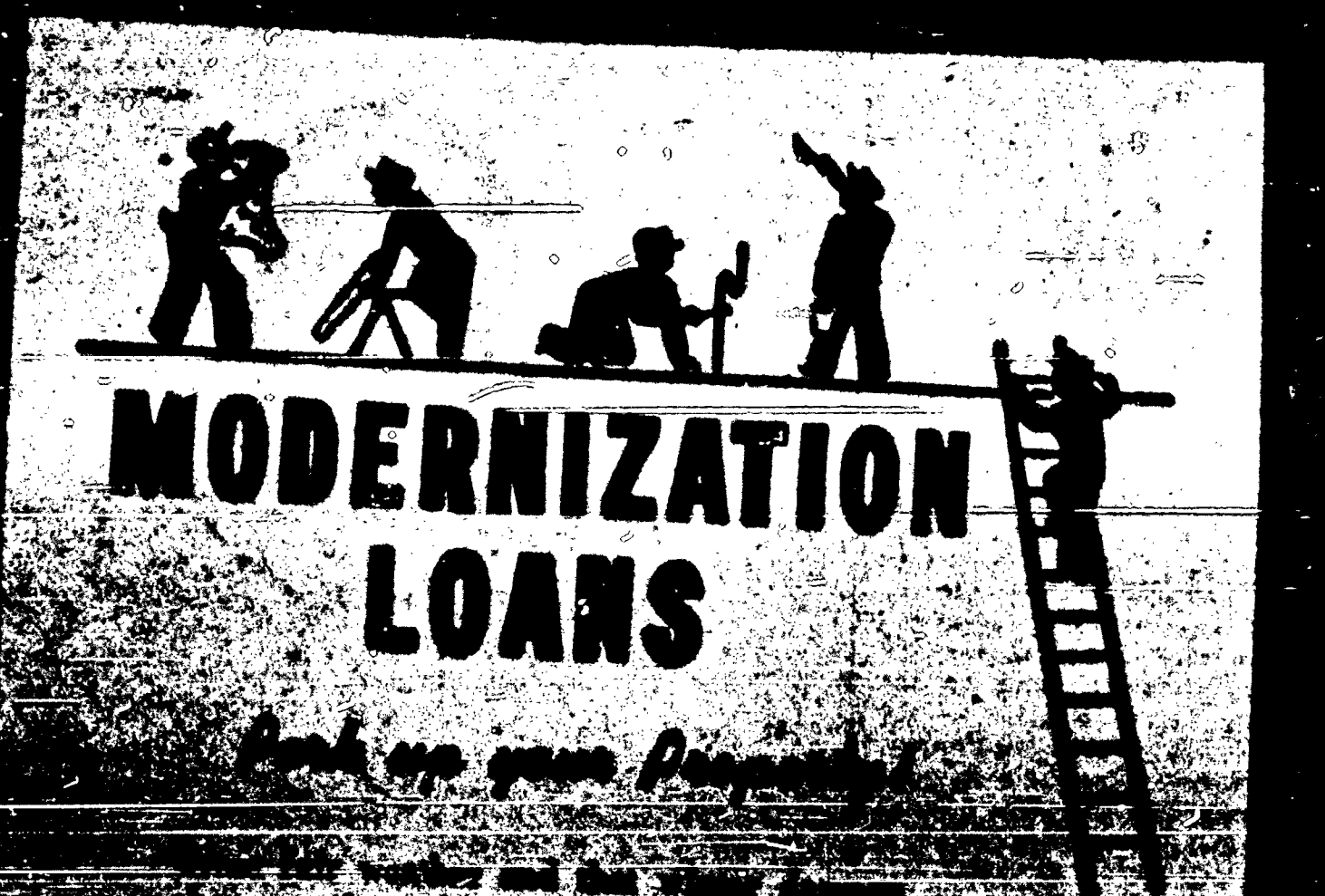
Book bearer, the Rev. Francis Turner; Candel-bearer, the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan; Thurifer, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien; Mitre bearer, the Rev. Bernard C. Hickey; Gremial bearer, the Rev. John D. Hurley. The Rev. Joseph V. Curtin delivered the eulogy at the Mass. Priest-bearers were the Reverend Fathers Joseph F. Hogan, Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Bernard C. Hickey, John D. Hurley, Thomas J. Toole, Peter T. Jankowski, Michael V. Hynes and John M. Duffy. Dr. Paul Zakowski, Dr. John Schmal, Earl Fygn, George Falley, Thomas Sheahan and George Sutherland were honorary bearers. Other clergy attending were the Rt. Rev. Magr. J. J. Griffin and the Reverend Fathers John A. Smith, William J. Brian, William M. Cannon, Stanley Mink, Edward McKay, Joseph E. Guilford, C. F. Mulrooney, Hugh, Pa., John J. Sough, Jay, Pa., Earl M. Tobin, Leo E. Lynch, Francis J. Kelly, John F. Neary, Thomas K. Cleary, James C. Sheridan, Dummore, Pa., John J. Gaffney, Athens, Pa., Stephen Sweeney C.P., Scranton, Pa., Gerald C. Lambert, John J. Walsh, John A. Murphy, John E. Crowley, J. Edmund O'Brien and Leo E. McManus. The body was transported from the rectory, 208 Clark St., Waverly, to the church at 4 p. m. Sunday escorted by members of the Knights of Columbus, the St. James Society and the Catholic Daughters of America. Assisting in the ceremony were the Rt. Rev. Magr. John J. Lee, Dean of Elmira Diocese, who said the mass in the church, and the Reverend Fathers Arthur Smith, Patrick Connell, Joseph F. Hogan, Philip H. McManus, Jerome O'Brien, John D. Hurley and Bartholomew O'Brien. Offer of the dead was chanted Sunday evening by the Reverend Fathers, Lawrence E. Chey, William Hyman, John Hodges, Bartholomew O'Brien, Arthur Smith, Joseph F. Hogan, Bernard Hickey, Patrick Connell, Philip H. McManus, John D. Hurley, Alexander Stac, Francis Turner, Edward Dempsey and Francis Donoghue. Father Lyons was born in Avon Feb. 27, 1895, the son of the late Frank and Ellen Halligan Lyons. Following graduation from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, he was ordained to the priesthood June 7, 1922. He was assigned as assistant pastor to St. Peter and Paul church, Elmira, where he served for 22 years. Before coming to Waverly, Jan. 24, 1944, he served at St. Bernard's church, Elmira and St. Mary's church, Cayuga. Surviving Father Lyons are a wife, Mrs. John J. Chey of Avon, a nephew, Lt. John Chey, U. S. A., and three nieces, Margaret, Jeanne and Carol, all of Avon.



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