

Cooperation Held Bar to Industry War

New York — (NC) — Two paths are open today to the American people, one leading to domestic peace and cooperation among the economic groups of our society and the other to industrial warfare and civil strife, the Rev. Benjamin L. Masse, S. J., associate editor of *American*, declared in a sermon delivered here.

Father Masse spoke at a Labor Day Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral sponsored by the New York Chapter of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists.

"Let us call these two paths the way of affirmation and the way of denial," Father Masse said in his sermon, in which he urged labor unions to preserve "their thirst for justice and their sense of brotherhood" lest they lose their souls, "wither and die."

"The way of denial is based on the belief that the gains which organized labor has made for itself, and for all workers, during the past decade must be checked, and even whittled down."

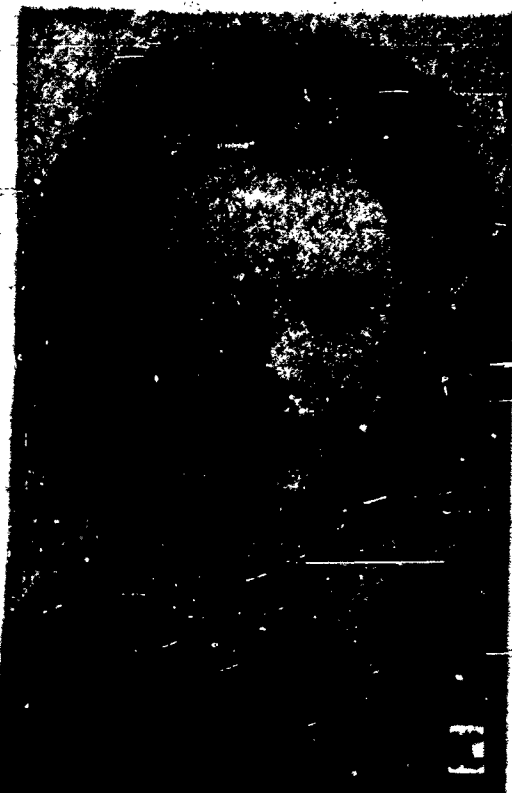
There are even a few who, in order to accomplish this objective, would be willing to set the returning veterans against the unions, and thus raise a barrier of enmity and distrust between soldiers and civilians. Obviously this is not the path to a sound and prosperous social order. It is a formula for class hatred and warfare.

"The way of affirmation, on the other hand, is grounded on the conviction that the gains of labor must be consolidated and expanded in the post-war era. It believes that the workers of America, through their trade unions, must be given a new and creative role in trade and industry."

It looks forward to the time when the wage contract will be perfected by some form of partnership, when workers will be given a share in profits, in management and in ownership, when, in a word, workers will have the same incentive to produce and the same sense of their dignity and importance in the economic system which management now enjoys and which we like to believe are a part of our American heritage."

"This new condition of work, Father Masse said, will not be an overnight development, but it should be the goal toward which we constantly strive. It is a goal that commands itself to our Christian and democratic consciences, and to the common good sense. It is a goal which will help us to solve the problems that this war, unlike the last one, has not been taught to solve."

Prize Poster



Cecilia De Dender, of Topeka, Kans., who received the first prize of a \$75 war bond in the National Catholic Book Week poster contest. She is 21 years old and an art major at St. Mary's College, Xavier, Kans. Her entry was a water color design in blue, black and white presenting a group of books supported by keys, above which rises a boy-hole disclosing a silhouette of the Western Hemisphere. It will be the official poster for Catholic Book Week, Nov. 4 to 18. (NC Photos)

St. Stephen's Hand Returned

U. S. Chaplain Brings Relic Back to Budapest

Sainsburg — (NC) — The right hand of St. Stephen of Hungary, one of the most precious relics of Christianity, reached Budapest in time for the annual St. Stephen's Day celebration, the Rev. Ralph Diefenbach, Army chaplain, has reported after returning here from Budapest where he delivered the relic into the hands of ecclesiastical authorities.

The relic, it is reported, was removed from Budapest shortly before Hungary's capital became the scene of battle, for fear that it might fall into sacrilegious hands. It was discovered by units of the American 42nd Division, in a barn near here.

Father Diefenbach, who was entrusted by U. S. Army authorities with the mission of returning the relic, received an enthusiastic welcome upon entering Budapest. News of his arrival was proclaimed over the Budapest radio and all the church bells in the city rang to announce the event.

A popular belief makes the Hungarian people confident that as long as the venerated hand of their canonized monarch is with them, the country will be protected from national tragedy.

Religious Classes Again Compulsory In Austria Schools

Vienna — (RNS) — Religious instruction will again be compulsory in the grammar schools, high schools, and special trade and occupational schools of Austria under the country's new government. It was reported here by Father Friedrich Mittelstedt, Cardinal Innitzer's secretary for religious instruction. He said that Austria is a

"Catholic state," with religious instruction in the schools as one of its fundamental principles, and that religion had been an obligatory subject since 1774 until the Nazis began in 1938 to eliminate it.

One important change from the former system, according to Father Mittelstedt, will be that payment of salaries to religious

instructors will be made by the Church instead of by the State, thus giving the Church more influence in the choice of teachers and the methods of teaching.

The Nazis abolished religious instruction in teachers' schools and from the upper classes of the high schools. Catholic kindergartens and schools were closed.

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Federal School Aid Bills Draw Holy Name Protest

Washington — (NC) — The House of Representatives today passed a bill providing for the continuation of federal aid to the Holy Name School in New York City. The bill, which was introduced by Representative Charles McNary, of Oregon, provides for the continuation of federal aid to the Holy Name School for the year 1946-47.

The bill provides that the public funds intended to be made available to the Holy Name School in New York City be expended by the Holy Name School under public control. Whether intended or not, the proposed legislation thereby withdraws aid from, and effectively discriminates against, all other Catholic schools as to the receipt of public assistance of this kind.

Confederate Coins Discarded by States

Washington — (NC) — Certain Confederate coins, including the one-cent piece, have been discarded by the states.

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