

St. Joseph's Monastery Picked
 (NC) — A biography of St. Joseph entitled "The Man nearest to Christ" by the Rev. Francis L. Filas, S.J., has been chosen as the March selection by the Spiritual Book Association of New York.

French Erect Monument In Honor of Yank Flier

Steubenville — (NC) — "Here while participating in aerial combat on the fourth of July, 1944, Lt. J/Av. Bernert, U. S. Army Air Force, of Steubenville, O., died so that men might remain free." These words, written in English and French on a monument set up in a field near the village of Forcheux, Oise, France, are the community's tribute of gratitude for the supreme sacrifice made by the son of Raymond H. Bernert, secretary of the Catholic Community center here. The wife and mother of Mayor Lucien Ravel of Forcheux had

rushed to the aid of Lt. Bernert when his bullet-ridden Mustang crashed in a field near the village, a spot then occupied by the Germans. When they reached the plane, they found him already dead in the cockpit.

The two women immediately took all personal belongings from the flyer's clothing in order to hide them from the Nazi authorities. They found a scapular medal attached to the American's clothing, so they surmised that he was a Catholic and planned a church burial for him.

The pastor of the village, Abbe Mazza, directed that the body be brought to church for the funeral services, and nearly every inhabitant of Forcheux took part in the ceremonies. During the services a group of Nazi officers entered the church, removed the body, and had it interred in the military cemetery at Beauvais, reserved for Allied soldiers.

After liberation, the townspeople decided to erect a memorial to Lt. Bernert. Mayor Ravel, who came to America and turned over the flyer's keepsakes personally to his parents, has now written, Mr. and Mrs. Bernert that the monument was placed on the spot where their son's plane landed, and dedicated in an impressive service led by the village pastor.

Parish Sets Record As 24 Embrace Faith

Milawaka, Ind. — (NC) — Twenty-four converts made their profession of faith and were received into the Church at a ceremony conducted in St. Joseph's Church, here, by the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, professor of the Philosophy of religion at the University of Notre Dame. An overflow congregation witnessed the reception of the largest class of converts received at the same time in the history of the parish.

3 Papal Envoys to Leave For Latin-America Posts

Vatican City — (NC) — Three diplomatic representatives of the Holy See are preparing to leave in the near future for their posts in Latin American countries. They are: Archbishop Emilio Castellani, Papal Nuncio to Guatemala, Archbishop Luigi Cuntos, Papal Nuncio to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and Mgr. Luigi Puzoso, charge d'affaires of the Papal Nunciature in Haiti.

AFL Spain Protest Hit

Cincinnati — (RNS) — Catholics in the American Federation of Labor cannot subscribe "in principle" to the recent A. F. of L. executive council resolution recommending U. S. recognition of Spain, according to Msgr. Edward A. Freking, editor of the Catholic Telegraph-Register here.

In a telegram to AF of L President William Green and other council members, Msgr. Freking said, "It is shocking that the AF of L should support a government which violated, when it was in power, the most sacred rights and liberties of the individual and of labor."

"As a friend of labor," Msgr. Freking continued, "I wish to present my strong protest against the AF of L resolution . . . which would have the U. S. Department of State give recognition to a government controlled by Communists."

man regime our free market was not really free. The weakness of the so-called free market was stored long ago by no less a personage than the late Pope Pius XI when he said: "not only is wealth concentrated in our times but an immense power and despotic economic dictatorship is consolidated in the hands of a few, who often are not owners but only the trustees and managing directors of invested funds which they administer according to their own arbitrary will and pleasure."

If Mr. Gannett thinks Mr. Truman is Marxist-minded what does he think of Pope Pius XII?

What would Mr. Gannett think of the social philosophy contained in this statement: "Large-scale industrial peace depends upon industry acknowledging, in theory and in practice, that labor is entitled to partnership in profits, ownership and management; and on its acknowledging that some sort of democratic economic planning must be substituted for the irrational planlessness of monopolistic competition."

This is not a quotation from Karl Marx. It is a statement made by the Rev. George G. Higgins, assistant director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Father Higgins is only presenting the social justice principles of popes like Leo XII, Pius XI and Pius XII.

All Americans can share Mr. Gannett's zeal for free enterprise but if the market place is to be truly free then it should be free for everybody, the poor as well as the wealthy.

The free market place of tomorrow has been sketched best by Pope Pius XII as a place where all the forces of industry—capital and labor—join together in a new unity dedicated to the advancement and preservation of prosperity for all the people.

Catholic Home Week

Observance Scheduled

St. Louis — (NC) — With the objective that a well-bolstered home life affords the best hope for enduring peace, the observance of Catholic Home Week, sponsored for the second year by The Queen's Work, national Sodality central office, here, will begin on February 11.

In an outline prepared for high school and college participation in the observance, the Rev. J. Roger Lyons, S.J., stressed five objectives: Consciousness for the importance of the Catholic home; Appreciation of the home; Duty toward the home and family; Study to provide instruction and guidance in the ideals of the home; and Joint Meetings to encourage Socialists and their parents to work together for the welfare of the home.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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tion of the rights of others or to the detriment of the national welfare.

Profits and prices are basic to the problem of public prosperity. Mass-production industries like General Motors and United States Steel involve the lives of millions of Americans, either directly or indirectly. When the economic prosperity of millions, and even the whole nation, depends upon wage, price and profit policies,

a sense of moral responsibility to his cherished freedom of enterprise.

To teach that all decisions on profits and prices are the exclusive business of management or capital is to argue for economic absolutism or dictatorship.

Private ownership is one thing, but use or misuse of that ownership is something else. There is no sin in a man owning a bigger checkbook or a larger factory than his friends. The sin comes if he uses his advantages to the detriment of the common welfare.

Mr. Gannett blames Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Truman for destroying the free market and even seeking to rebuild American economy according to a blueprint drafted in Moscow.

The truth of the matter is that long before the Roosevelt-Tru-

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