



# As We See It

By DAN PATRICK

It is, perhaps, quite coincidental that the impressive ceremonies of the Vatican Consistory should take place during the period which Americans observe each year as Brotherhood Week.

The purpose of Brotherhood Week which covers the interim between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington is to demonstrate to the world that Protestant, Catholic and Jew, despite the differences of their religious beliefs, are united in a common brotherhood under God.

This doesn't mean, of course, that we concede to our Protestant and Jewish friends that their religions are as good as ours, a false principle which a Catholic writer, who should know better, propounded in his secular newspaper column the other day.

Brotherhood Week is simply a period in which tolerance is emphasized and bigotry de-emphasized. Perhaps such an observance shouldn't be necessary in a country whose constitution guarantees religious freedom to everyone and affirms that guarantee in a document which has come to be known as the Atlantic Charter.

But the very fact that Inter-Faith Committees in communities all over the country find such an observance as Brotherhood Week desirable—and even necessary—is the best evidence that the petty prejudices, hatreds and bigoted thinking still abound in this land of ours.

You don't have to look far or hard to spot these prejudices. They are in evidence everywhere. They didn't die when some of our enlightened citizens rent asunder the sheets which hooded the cowardly hordes of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan may be dead officially but the twisted principles which it espoused are still with us to a marked degree.

Several weeks ago LIFE magazine had the good taste and news judgment to run a series of articles on Cardinal Spellman. The articles were authored by a non-Catholic, Roger Butterfield, who happens to be a Rochester boy and who did a very capable job.

As expected the articles brought their reaction, pro and con. On the con side we submit this fragment of bigotry which one Elliott Fansler of Baltimore, Maryland, has in the current issue of LIFE:

"Sirs: Spellman may be priest, statesman, poet and executive—perhaps, but a great American—NEVER! Call him a great Roman Catholic and do done with it—in one issue!"

We would like to argue the issue with Mr. Fansler but why pour oil on flames of bigotry?

In connection with the elevation of Archbishop Spellman to the Sacred College, we pass on another incident of Brotherhood Week.

A newspaperman we know saw a photo taken at LaGuardia Field before the takeoff for Vatican City. It showed Cardinals Spellman, Glennon and Tien and towering in the background was ental Jim Farley, former Postmaster General and a "great American" whether Mr. Fansler nd his ilk like it or not. With one look at the photo, the reporter exclaimed: "Well, that finishes Farley politically. He'll ever get a chance to run for public office again." And so you could go on out perhaps Brotherhood Week isn't the time to do so.

If we in America are going to bury religious prejudice once and for all and erase, partially at least, the 1938 smear which blots our political story, it is not enough that we set aside ten days each year and talk brotherhood. We must live brotherhood 365 days a year. e must rout out the anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic, the anti-Negroes and so on and own the line to the very bottom of the wretched apool where such vermin breed.

The time must come when religion is no more a handicap for the kid who aspires to be president than it is to the millions of kids who are inducted into the armed forces during the at few years with no questions asked.

The battlefields of the world are soaked with merican blood. Some of it is Catholic, some Jewish, some is Negro. It is a sad commentary on a human society which must find brotherhood only in death on the battlefield.

The creation of four American boys as Cardinals—Princes of their Church should be a utter of common joy and pride for every American in this Brotherhood Week of 1946.

It should not become a topic of vilification for some so-called Americans, who, from the ysa of their colossal ignorance, turn to mock instead of praise.

No wonder we find the post-war world enlled in a wave of disillusionment. No wonder boys are trying to figure out who really won the war. For these cries of bigotry resound ough the land with a strangely familiar Hil-ian echo.

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

*This silver chalice found at Antioch in 1910 dates from the first century and bears the faint authentic contemporary portrait of Christ and his disciples.*

**BOLOGNA'S**  
ONE MAN'S VIEW CAUSED BY CREATION OF A "CARDINAL" BY AN ABORIGINAL CARDINAL TO SIX YEARS PASTING WITHOUT THE HONOR COMING TO MONTI DELLA CHIESA (APPOINTED 1907) THE CITIZENS VISITED RUSK VOICING THEIR INDIGNATION.

**NINE POPES** REIGNED LESS THAN ONE MONTH.

**CATHOLICISM** BECAME THE STATE RELIGION IN ROME BY DECREE OF THEODOSIUS I DURING THE REIGN OF ST DAMASUS I (366-384).

**WASHINGTON**  
**Converts Making News; Foreign Agents Land**  
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# Washington

## Converts Making News; Foreign Agents Land

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Washington — Sixteen weeks ago this corner heard the story that Clare Boothe Luce was taking instructions preparatory to entering the Catholic Church.

Hold to confidence, we kept our peace. Sunday morning newspapers last week confirmed it, although a few readers managed to get our hint three or four weeks ago when we stated that one (possibly two) converts would make the left-wing scream.

Last Sunday night one of the more raucous and careless of the commentators stated that James Roosevelt and Walter Lippmann were also thought to be "going our way." Lippmann has been rumored thus for a long time; as for Jimmie Roosevelt—that is news. However, the editors and the readers and the reporters may now chew on this hint: one of the most honored and esteemed older men in American political and economic life is currently examining the claims of the Church and would surprise few intimates if he eventually decided to enter the Church. So much for news "beats."

The puzzling fact behind all this is: who is the "anonymous layman" who brings such people to Monsignor Shehan?

Exclusive: In a few weeks you may see the Democratic machine suffer one of its hardest blows.

Master of machine politics and long controller of his state, Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City may resign office after over thirty years as mayor. Hague's plans are not clear. Renowned for liking to win and renowned for his ability to sense a trend, Hague may be stepping out before his house comes crashing down on his head. Make no mistake about it, Postmaster Hannegan, aware of the electoral votes of New Jersey, will have to work fast. Only the resourcefulness of a Hague kept the state in the Democratic column in many elections.

The rather sensational story of Canada being fleeced of her atomic bomb material secrets will be soon supplemented by additional stories of activities of agents south of the border. Actually, the stories are long in the files of the frequently maligned State Department and have been known for sometime.

The stories will concern activity of foreign agents south of the American border. Mexico City is one source of news—and so are some of the smaller cities to the south... along the "banana coast" and the "mon-quito coast." Landings from offshore freighters of dubious origin are easily effected. And money buys most anything in "good neighbor" country.

A haul up on Russian activities in the Middle East and in Europe:

A few months ago a seven-man committee made a trip through Europe and the Middle East. These amateurs were not infants in the field of economics; they were alert; they were thorough; they were honest.

Last Saturday they submitted their report. It was literally "sneaked out" into the press. But not all the correspondents were idle that weekend. It was released to coincide with the weekend lethargy of these United States. But—if you are interested in the economic activities of Europe and the Middle East, of the Red score on Lend Lease, and of Russian activities in the Red-dominated areas, write to your senator or Congressman for the Colmer report, House Report No. 1527, 79th Congress, 2nd Session, submitted for printing February 7th, 1946. Its dynamite!

# 'Living Wage' Defined by Priest

Decatur, Ill. — (NC) — Decent wages for employes should be the first responsibility of all employers, the Rev. John F. Brockmeier, editor of the Western Catholic, newspaper of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, told an American Federation of Labor rally here.

# INFORMATION DESK

## Why Priesthood Chooses Celibacy?

A friend told me that some Catholic priests can be married. I said I was sure this was not true and that the law of God forbade it. Was I right?

You were not right. The law of God of itself does not forbid the Catholic clergy to marry. All the Scriptures do is to recommend that Christians (and this would apply especially to the clergy) be celibates in order to be freer of earthly things and able to fulfill their duties towards God.

Christ's own life was the model in this matter, and He recommended the life of voluntary celibacy as the higher life (Matt. XIX-12).

St. Paul is even more to the point: "But I say to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they so remain, even as I. . . . He who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please God. Whereas he who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife; and he is divided." (I Cor. VII, 8, 32-33).

Yet, although celibacy is not commanded by God but merely recommended, the Church has found it practical to require it as a matter of church law. Such laws were not enacted, however, on a general scale, until about the middle of the 11th century.

Even so, the laws of celibacy were not uniform

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throughout the Church. In the Latin or western part of the Church (our part) the law was even then practically as it is today.

In the Eastern sections of the Church, which used some other language than Latin, the laws in this respect were from the start not so absolute. No priest could marry, but one married before he came a deacon (which is one grade below the priesthood) could continue to live with his wife. However, if she died he could never remarry. Bishops, on the other hand, could not be married men.

The Church has generally allowed this ancient Eastern interpretation of celibacy to continue among the Eastern and non-Latin branches of the Catholic Church. The priests of these Eastern rites though married are truly Catholic priests, truly subject to the Pope, but differing in this respect from the priests of our Latin rite in that they are bound by a law of celibacy different from that which has so long held in the west.

So your friend was right in saying: "Some Catholic priests can be married." But they are not Catholic priests of our Western rite, who say Mass in Latin, but of the various Eastern rites, who say Mass in another tongue.

# Why should Catholics groups have rallies and games of chance when gambling is a mortal sin?

Rallies and games of chance are not mortal sins. Gambling is neither sinful nor immoral in itself. It can be made the occasion for sin when such passion for gambling leads a man to spend money which is not his own, or which is necessary for the upkeep of his wife and children, or to pay his lawful debts. But if one can honestly afford it, he is free to invest in lotteries, raffles, or to indulge in the amusement of a wager.

Nowhere does the law of God forbid gambling, provided no fraud, deceit or injustice enters into it. If all is conducted fairly, and the investor keeps within his means, a man is free to participate a proportionate chance of winning a bet or raffle without offending God's laws in any way.

There is nothing wrong of itself with seeking personal gain. We are free to use our faculties and possessions in order to secure personal gain, unless justice or charity is violated. We are not free to do so by dishonest means; but gambling is not in itself dishonest. There is nothing wrong in gaining through another's loss, when that other is quite willing to endure the loss, and is in a position to meet the loss without violating his obligations to himself or to others. The actual winner offers his partner or partners in the transaction an equal chance of winning the contribution he himself invested. The losers have their proportionate opportunity and are satisfied with the pleasure risk afforded them.

This is by no means intended to be a blanket recommendation to gambling or gaming, however. In practice it all is frequently become a game, leading to waste of time, money, and the other abuses mentioned above, because it is difficult to keep under control. The raffle, however, is a game of chance, however, are easier to handle, and when they are operated under proper charitable auspices, there is usually little trouble in preventing possible abuses which might turn a harmless recreation into a bad one.

Is Pearl a Saint's name?

There is no saint who bears that name. I suppose, however, that the word for pearl in "Margarita" was translated the name Pearl as a translation of the name Margarita or Margaret. There are two Saints of this name, St. Margaret of Antioch and St. Margaret of Scotland.