

Courier Journal

Dr. Gillis Says:

Russia Speaking

An example of Soviet journalism, consider the following article on Brooks Atkinson, editor of the New York Times by Frayde, official organ of the Communist party in Russia. No doubt you have seen it, or some of it, in your local newspaper. But consider it once again and see if you do not find it funny. It reminds me of a ham actor I saw years ago, doing or rather overdoing, a scene in a play. He mouthed and grimaced, Frayde bellowed and shrieked until he had the audience roaring with laughter. I shall not say that Frayde's vituperation of Atkinson is quite as good as that actor's tragedy, but as the saying is, it will send you a laugh.

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Behind Iron Curtain

The following are excerpts from the column of Victor Sirov in the New York Times. It is a Russian zone of the other day. One, a German, was last seen in a Russian staff car driven by a Soviet officer. The other German was Julius Scherf. Two dead-end men, with crew-cut hair and stony faces, were seen in a typical Soviet Secret Police (NKVD) car, had knocked on his door. He went quietly and never was seen again.

The two missing Germans were anti-Communist leaders of important unions. They had opposed Soviet labor and political activities in Berlin. They disappeared. That's one way of eliminating opposition — and capturing German labor organizations, control of which means eventual control of Germany.

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As We See It By Dan Patrick

The "spare-the-rod-and-spoil-the-child" school got a boost the other day. It came from a priest who publicly stated that all schools — including our own — are having an impossible time trying to mould the characters of children.

The priest said that one of the chief obstacles to character development was the attitude of modern parents toward the infliction of corporal punishment on their children in the schools.

It is a fixed policy in all schools nowadays to prohibit the teachers from striking children. This policy has been the result of protests by parents who assure the teachers that if there is any corporal punishment to be inflicted on the children, they will do it at home.

Generally the fast-talking child manager to ease his way out of the proposed punishment. In many cases, however, the parents take the stand that Mary or Johnny can do no wrong — and the youngsters are spared even a verbal reprimand.

There is a school of thought today which insists that if we used the rod a bit more liberally in the school and the home, we would be spared the use of guns, hand cuffs and reform schools in later years.

The adherents to this school may not be child psychologists in the strict sense of the word, but they certainly have a case when we look back at the records of past generations. When we spare the rod as far as the modern youngster is concerned, there is a serious question as to whether we are straining the quality of mercy.

Yardstick Mistake Teaching

By Rev. Geo. Higgins

The Catholic Church has been called a fascist institution before, and it will be called a fascist institution again. As a matter of fact, before this column appears in print, these probably will have been a huge and cry in sections of the press, both liberal and conservative, about the "fascist" tendencies in Pope Pius XII's recent letter to Cardinal Charles Flory, president of the Semaine Sociale de France.

The Holy Father declared in his letter that he favored the formation of "cooperative associations" rather than nationalization as a means of carrying out "just social reforms."

It is well to recall at the outset that His Holiness isn't advocating anything new. He is merely restating his immediate predecessor's emphasis on the so-called vocational group system. Pope Pius XI, in the encyclical QUADRAGESIMO ANNO as well as in other encyclicals and allocutions, recommended a system of economic planning in which the major decisions in industry would be made democratically by the joint cooperation of organized labor and organized management, with the government "directing, watching, urging, restraining, as occasion requires and necessarily demands."

The Pontiff left it to the political prudence of the people in each nation to decide which of their industries fall within this special category. But, even while admitting that the nationalization of certain types of property is legitimate and necessary, he placed his major emphasis on the so-called vocational group, or Industries and Professions, system.

European Study Trip—III

By TOM ROGERS

Washington — The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has heard from the subcommittee on the political and economic conditions in the remaining countries visited. It must be remembered that this report was delayed in transit and delayed in final delivery.

There are a few additional facts that have since come to light but they merely confirm or enlarge on the findings of the subcommittee. I am adding them when simplification or development is necessary.

The Committee then proceeded from Iraq to Egypt. They were told that the "Arab" world would definitely resent the return of Italy's colonies to the new prostrate country as Italy would constitute a threat to Egypt. An indication of the using nationalism in Egypt, Wokrabi Pasha, head of the WAFF party spoke in glowing terms of mass movements. (Recent mass riots might have had something to do with this—T.R.)

Egypt definitely wants the British out of her land. (The report failed to mention — but through no fault — that Egypt has since received England's pledge to leave. BUT England now controls Trans-Jordan on the other side of the Suez Canal, T.R.) This feeling is not based, incidentally, on an ill will for the British, but rather an intense desire for independence.

Religion in Red China

While Chinese communist leaders proclaim the principle of "complete religious freedom," their assertions are merely an empty phrase because, in a large number of places there is a "systematic sabotage of missionary educational institutions" by communist executives.

The "gap" between principle and practice is pointed out by two French Jesuit missionaries in China. Fathers Bonniqne and E. Patten, in an article, published by America, Catholic weekly, in which they report impressions gained during a visit to Yen-An, Shensi, headquarters of the Chinese Communist party.

The two priests summarize their conclusions as follows: "However well-meaning some or many of the Communist leaders may be, there is a certain class of influential Communist agents whose work openly contradicts the professed intentions of these leaders; for them religious freedom means but an empty phrase and their conduct, in religious matters as well as in all their dealings with the common people, cannot but produce the two following results:

"First, to arouse anti-communist feeling even in the minds of the most liberal and the most unprejudiced observers; and, second, to deter even would-be sympathizers from contemplating any kind of that most-needed and desired cooperation."

Tablet Unveiled

By Jackie Shea

Quincy, Mass. — (NC) — Jackie Shea, nine-year-old son of the late Commander John J. Shea, naval hero of World War II, unveiled the bronze tablet naming the naval air base after his father at dedication exercises here.

The late Commander who lost his life aboard the aircraft carrier Wasp and was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, is famous for the last letter which he wrote to his son in which he urged the boy to be a good Catholic and to help his father's people.

Lebanon, long a scene spot in world politics, was the next port of call. Beirut University graduates and American educated youth have had a great influence here as well as have some whom the French permitted an education. Lebanon now freed of the French has great possibilities for a small republic. Also emphasized was the fact that this was one of the few countries in the Middle East where the American Minister from the State Department is fluent in the native tongue. It has made no end of friends in a peculiarly sensitive area.

Passing Syria in this column, we now approach the vital and significant country of Turkey. Russia has had her eyes on Turkey since Peter the Great skirted the foul tortures and indignities that distinguish Joe Stalin. Turkey, once largely under Russian world affairs still unites those eyes. President Deen has followed doggedly in the steps of the tough Kemal Pasha. Turkey is yielding no territory and no concessions. It is obviously just too bad if the Dardanelles happen to run through Turkish territory.

100 Years After

It is just 100 years since the Redemptorist Fathers dedicated the Holy Trinity Church, Catholic history has centered around that building and the buildings that have been erected in its place. These edifices have come and gone in all of these years, but the spirit of the people who erected them remains in the parish.

Memories of the early days of the church, memories of the old time German tradition of religion and culture, memories of the devotion that made St. Joseph's a true home for the devout, it shines to all the faithful.

Memories of the untimely death of a great servant of God who had led the souls of many a sinner to St. Joseph's Church and St. Joseph's School, will move to mark this centenary in a remarkable way. Father Thomas Woodworth, C.S.R., was an ideal man of the old parish, a priest whose career has been a tribute to St. Joseph's, an honor to his Congregation. May he be given an opportunity to appear in the great number of places where he has been so loved and missed.

Rev. John C. Killoran

Death seems to be our ally in this away from us the Rev. John Killoran, pastor of St. Michael's Parish of Penn Yan, N.Y. He has passed the closing years of a career singularly blessed, gloriously fulfilled in service. His soul and his services will be missed by those who have known and loved him.

200 Years After

It is 200 years since the first Mass was celebrated in the parish of St. Joseph's. The first Mass was celebrated in the parish of St. Joseph's. The first Mass was celebrated in the parish of St. Joseph's.

Make Friends For Yourself

How to make friends and influence people, is the goal of every man's ambition. One must win a portion of a man's interest, a man's friendship, in order to influence him. And what would you want to influence another man to do? To follow his own self-interest? Today's materialistic Christ calling the attention of his disciples to the way of worldly men, to the pursuit of the child's selfish interests. He recommends that his followers should be like the children of men.

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