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Columbus Day

A holiday that means much to every American is Columbus Day. In three years when people's hearts and minds were turned to the world, it is well to go back to 1492 when Columbus discovered the New World. It was on this day that the first voyage of Christopher Columbus across the Atlantic Ocean was made. He sailed from Palos de la Fronteira, Spain, on August 3, 1492, with three ships, the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Niña. After a voyage of 66 days, he landed in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. This day is celebrated in many parts of the world as a day of discovery and exploration.

The Rosary

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Why Harbor Evil Thoughts?

Why harbor evil thoughts? This is a question that many people ask themselves. The answer lies in the power of the mind. When we harbor evil thoughts, we are essentially inviting evil into our lives. We are creating a negative environment that can lead to physical and mental illness. On the other hand, when we harbor good thoughts, we are creating a positive environment that can lead to health and happiness. It is up to us to choose which thoughts we want to harbor.

Father Gillis Says:

One result of the war—the most important result as far as religion is concerned—is that the Church finds herself confronted with the most stupendous task she has ever been called upon to perform.

Not all the damage to the world was done by bombing. If it were, the world could be built again by architects, carpenters, stone-masons, bricklayers, engineers. But the world which is to be constructed is moral, spiritual, religious. Three thousand years ago King David under divine inspiration said "Unless the Lord build the city they labor in vain that build it." He says "the city," he means the state, the nation, the world. He means civilization.

Now there you have the job (if we may call so colossal a task a job) with which the Church now finds herself confronted. As a preliminary to the commencement of that enormous enterprise, the Holy Father, upon whom rests the chief responsibility, calls upon all Catholics for help.

Such is the purport of the appeal in all the churches of the world next Sunday. It is called and it is a cry for help for the foreign missions. Such is its prime purpose. But since the non-Christian world comprises at least a billion and a half of the two billions of people on earth, what the mission appeal amounts to is a cry for help in no less a project than the salvation of two-thirds of the human race.

AS WE SEE IT

The Meat Shortage

By DAN PATRICK

Counting its harvest this year, America has every reason to be thankful to God. The greatest crop year in history has produced a record 1,167,519,000 bushels of wheat, a record 3,571,707,000 bushels of corn, all-time record crops of peaches, plums, pears, almonds, figs, and tobacco and near-record crops of oats, rice, potatoes, peanuts, walnuts, cherries, and sugar cane.

Yet, despite this bounteous harvest, some staple foods are in short supply. It is next to impossible to get meat in the corner market. Why? After a few months' weeks these groups changed their tune. The practical John L. Lewis was the first to admit it. He told the nation he, his miners had to have meat to do the work and, for once, everybody said "amen" to Mr. Lewis as he called for the end of price ceilings on meat.

This week President William L. Green of the American Federation of Labor, asked that price ceilings be removed. Even some of the more vocal Congressmen who sang a song of price control a few short weeks ago are humming a different tune as November approaches with no meat in sight.

It is high time that some positive action is taken to unshackle our chaotic economy. How Russia must smile to see us hopelessly tangled in the governmental and tapestry of government interference.

Record Crowds Visit St. Anne's

St. Anne de Beaupre, Que.—(N.C.)—A total of 738,448 persons from all parts of the world visited the historic shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre this season, the greatest number of pilgrims in any single year in the 288-year-old history of the shrine. It has been a record for the shrine.

Real Meaning of Mission Sunday

The new task before the Church. Her big job is no less than that of rebuilding a shattered world.

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WASHINGTON

Eyes on Alaska

By TOM ROGERS

Washington—The widely advertised but little explained "Operations Musk-Ox" in Canada this time last year has a big brother. The top of the world, once a remote and fabled land of silence and snow, ice and eskimos, may soon be the news center of the world.

Alaska, long an ignored territory, may soon be admitted to the Union. More and more oil prospectors are surveying the terrain. New air lines are making their way North. Silent experts with their professorial look are working towards the lands of the aurora borealis—and silently disappearing behind a curtain of mystery, fringed with silence.

The news that the King and Queen of England are going to visit South Africa is not too good a sign that all things are harmonious in the once Orange Free States.

Profits have never been so high in gold or in diamonds. The natives are still getting the same meager benefits that are over and above their abysmally small budgets. The asbestos, the copper and the wool markets of the world are calling for more and more material.

Aware of the anti-white sentiment on the one hand and the smouldering Dutch opposition to British rule, the Communists recently sent one of their crack organizers and agitators down to do his bit for the party. His name: Duplessis.

The Yardstick

By Rev. Geo. Higgins

The Yardstick has refrained thus far from commenting at length on the communist problem in the CIO. Not that the problem is a trivial one or one that can be brushed aside lightly by the friends of organized labor. Far from it. The problem is admittedly serious. It has been felt, nevertheless, that those of us who are outside the movement ought to approach the subject with a certain amount of humility—which means that we ought to admit quite frankly that there are several alternative solutions to the problem and that our own isn't necessarily the best.

Perhaps there is something to be said for this point of view. And, in any event, Mr. Murray must expect to be criticized in public by his friends and enemies alike. That's part of the price of trade union leadership. At the same time, however, it's obvious that some of Mr. Murray's most persistent critics are not always as well informed as they ought to be either about the difficulties involved in his position or about the effective efforts which he has already made to eliminate the influence of the communists.

The important thing to bear in mind is this, that Mr. Murray didn't arrest the communist

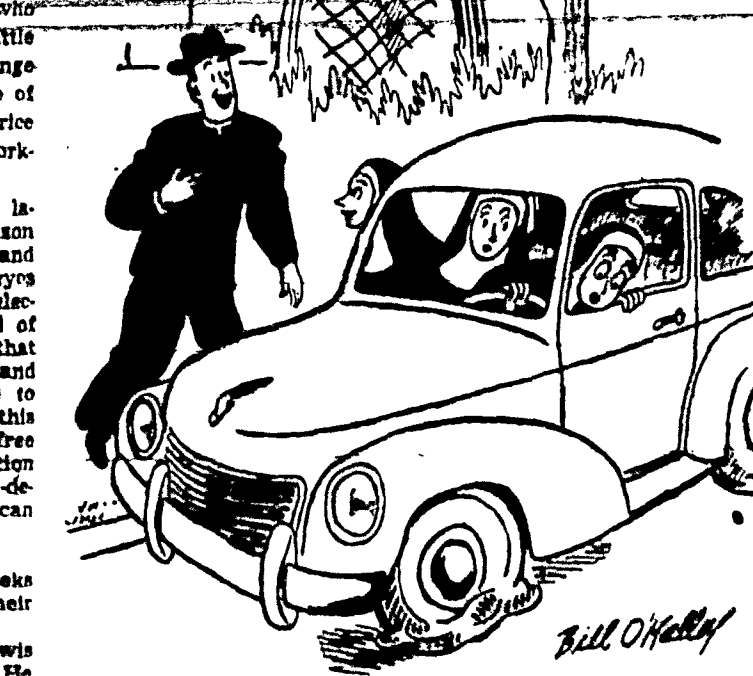
CIO Problem

On Communists

problem and that, by the same token, Mr. Murray as an individual isn't going to eliminate it. He can assist in the process, if you will, but one has the feeling that some of Mr. Murray's critics are asking him to accomplish his executive fiat from Washington what the rank-and-file are either unable or unwilling to do for themselves at the local level.

Again, this isn't an apology for Mr. Murray. It may or may not be true that he has done certain things and left certain other things undone which have unwittingly helped to color the position of the communists. It's up to him to answer for his own stewardship. But the larger issue will not down. Even if Mr. Murray were to follow the advice of his numerous critics down to the last detail (which obviously would be very foolish), the communist problem would not thereby automatically be solved.

It will be argued in reply that on two or three occasions Mr. Murray, in effect, has deliberately discouraged the rank-and-file from bringing the issue out into the open. If the indictment is valid, this strategy, of course, is open to serious question—his strategy, not his intentions.



"Nice of you sisters to offer me a lift!"

'Merciful Murder'

By THE REV. DR. EDWARD F. SCHMEIDLER, O.S.B.

The Euthanasia Society of America is at it again. This is obvious from the story recently carried by the Associated Press to the effect that fifty-three prominent Protestant clergymen had signed a statement upholding so-called "mercy killing."

Apparently, according to some people, it does not take very much to set at rest doubts of conscience even regarding most fundamental and serious moral matters. "Mercy killing" is certainly a most fundamental and serious moral matter. And it is contrary to the plain command of God, "Thou shalt not kill."

Among the "prominent Protestant clergymen" signing the statement one finds, for instance, Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, Editor of The Churchman, the Rev. L. M. Birkenhead, national head of the Friends of Democracy, and Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, of the Riverside Church, New York. There was an immediate rejoinder to the pronouncement by other Protestants, The American Council of Christian Churches declaring in a resolution that "mercy killing" is contrary to the command of God.

Marshal Foch's Daily Rosary

The Generalissimo of the Allies in World War I, Marshal Ferdinand Foch, once told a French Army chaplain: "I have said my rosary every day of my life. I acquired the practice from my mother, who recited this rosary more than once at the grove of Lourdes by the side of Bernadette herself."

The priest to whom France's famous marshal confided this information was General Benney, writes in La Croix here of meeting the military leader at Lourdes shortly after the end of World War I and of listening to him reminisce about the shrine city and its effect upon his life.

Marshal Foch told the chaplain that his mother, who lived for a long time in Lourdes, knew St. Bernadette Soubirous quite well. She was living in Lourdes in 1858 and was actually kneeling near Bernadette at the grotto of Massabielle when the miracle of the fountain took place. Madame Foch told her family of the miracle in a tone of great excitement and the story made a lasting impression upon her 7-year-old son.

The marshal said that he always had great faith in Our Lady of Lourdes. Despite the desperate anxiety which filled him at times during the war, the famous man related he never lost hope, never doubted his guiding star, the worth of my generals, the courage of my poilus. At the same time I also had in my Lady of Lourdes the invincible trust a child has in his mother.