

Father Gillis Says

While the war was on nobody seemed to have a good word for Japan or the Japanese.

We also rather like in making the discovery that the Japanese have great virtues.

That was written in 1860. Ninety years later there were approximately 3 million Japanese Catholics.

The persecutions in Japan increased in violence and lasted for 20 years. The heathen rulers derived not without such cruelty against Christians as were never surpassed if they were ever equalled in the long story of man's inhumanity to man.

AS WE SEE IT

Precedents for Protest

By DAN PATRICK

If President Truman and his State Department are sought in a diplomatic version in the Archbishop's message, they don't have to look for precedents.

The line of our State Department contains a number of precedents where the United States Government has made formal protests or requests for religious freedom throughout the world.

There is no doubt in the minds of competent observers that the curricula and contents of the Yugoslavian schools is an outstanding example of the type of education which the United States Government is opposed to.

The collaboration charges in which Archbishop Stepinac was convicted obviously were likely-forgotten. Archbishop Stepinac's war record of national activities is the best possible refutation to such charges.

There were when protests were in the White House from all sections of the country, the trial and conviction of Archbishop Stepinac seems to be an infrequent matter but not a precedent.

It is in direct violation of the principles of the Atlantic Charter. It attacks our concept of justice. It calls for an actual protest by the government in the name of the people.

Hope for Japan in Her People

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But the courage and endurance of the Japanese is not all. They have not only, as St. Francis Xavier said, remarkable natural qualities.

As for the present day Japanese Catholics, Bishop John O'Mara, who had recently been in Japan on an important mission, explained to the delegates at the convention of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The hierarchy and the missionary societies here were urged to act quickly and vigorously to bring the true faith to Japan.

The Yardstick

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Mr. Ballinger seems exactly what he says when he speaks of a defense of free competition. He doesn't mean monopoly or monopolistic competition.

It is neither the time nor the place to argue with Mr. Ballinger about his analysis of our troubles or about his suggested prescription for their remedy.

If his argument is valid, heaven help the Continent of Europe at the present time. There isn't a single nation on the Continent which has any intention of returning to free competition.

Their task is to find a workable democratic compromise between free competition on the one hand and totalitarian socialism or communism on the other.

The present writer recently talked to a dozen or more representatives of the Christian Democracy Party.

Free Competition: A Vain Hope

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THE MARCH TREE CONVERSIONS

That Bus Issue

Whether or not children attending parochial schools or other private institutions should be accommodated in public school buses has been a very sharp issue in several States.

In Wisconsin a constitutional amendment to permit this practice will be voted upon next month. The proposed amendment is being strongly opposed by the Milwaukee Ministerial Association.

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Stalin's Tune

By REV. RAYMOND S. CLANCY, Chaplain, Association of Catholic Trades Unions, Detroit

While I have no desire to appear overly pessimistic or unduly skeptical, I cannot share in the enthusiasm or optimism expressed by Henry Wallace.

I can still remember when Adolph Hitler was declaring to the world that he had no designs for war. Each time that the Nazi leader would appear in another country in the Third Reich, he would proudly avow that he had no intention to seek any more territory and would pose as a peace-loving individual who wanted to live in concord with the other nations of the globe.

Dictators have the happy faculty of considering themselves above all laws including the obligations of truth and honesty. They can be judged more accurately by what they do rather than by what they say.

There are certain commentators who insist that although Stalin is as much a dictator as Hitler was, he is not to be feared as a threat to the peace of the world. They base their argument on the grounds that evidence produced during the Nuremberg trials shows that not only was the Fuhrer himself insane, but that he was surrounded by Nazi leaders who were equally psychopathic.

Frankly, I find it difficult to trust the sincerity of a man who will insist as Stalin did in his recent statement that the speedy withdrawal of U. S. troops from China is vitally necessary for the maintenance of peace.

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Sub-Grid Hero Joins Jesuits

Pittsburgh — Jack Laboon, who was named hero of the United States Naval Academy and as a submarine officer during the war, has joined the Navy's blue and gold for the black of the Society of Jesus.

He will enter the Jesuit Novitiate at Westerville, Pa., on November 1. Tall, trim and handsome, Mr. Laboon is the eldest in a family of nine children. Three of his sisters are nuns. His father, Col. John F. Laboon, an aviator, also is a veteran of World War I, having served with the U. S. Military Government in Italy.

During his Naval Academy days, young Laboon earned the children as an end on Navy's football teams of 1938-41-42. His ability earned him an American Legion award during his last year at the Annapolis, Md., institution.

Laying aside the mole skin and cleared ahead, he went off to war and attached the rank of Lieutenant. He served aboard a submarine in the Pacific and was decorated with the Silver Star for bravery in action.