

The Literary Cavalade Breathes There A Man?

By John O'Connor

There is some Catholic with capital, courage and a concern for culture and Christ going to come along with a program that will increase the appreciation of good writing in this country and make it available to all. Who is there among us who will step into the shoes of publishing and make good books available to all? Where is the leader who will put labor books and fine literary biographies into quarter editions within the reach of any one who seeks the ancient pamphlet racks which are sometimes to be found in the rear of churches or on school corridors?

If alert publishers from midtown Manhattan can put both the classics and modern fifth on the stands and counters of America for twenty-five cents, a quarter of a dollar, why can't we? This virtue becomes so abhorrent, sound prose so objectionable, thinking so taboo, and challenges so exhausting that we must seek solace in radio programs, crossword puzzles or comic books?

For instance, if I could afford it, I would see to it that every one I knew had Christianity in the Marketplace in their homes. Michael Eds in Bedevils has written one of the greatest challenges to modern Catholics and it has not received attention in any degree.

Yet why shouldn't thousands of thinking people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, know this short, powerful work? Why not stimulate people into action, rout the forces of lethargy and reveal those who hide behind the cloak of Christianity? Nor does "Count Mike" spare the professionally pious or the Tim broad-minded type. A plague on both their houses!

Another example: We live in a period of time that will probably see the end of the British Empire as we have known it. It is an age that has concentrated on social problems rather than the problem of the individual. It is an age that is turning more and more towards the affairs of the Pacific.

In these three counts every intelligent American would do well to know more about the friendly and progressive lands down under. New Zealand and Australia. They lead the world in some forms of social reform. They are integral parts of the

A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuckey

COMMUNISTS work very hard when they try to take over a union, or a strike. They know all the tricks and they are always waiting for the glory of the Communist cause. The Telephone Union are made up largely of Catholic members. Their leaders are also Catholics who know the real danger of Communist help. Yet if it were not for the vigor of these Catholic workers, and the assistance of a few members, the present telephone strike might be directed from the office of the Daily Worker.

ONE STORY to come out of the strike illustrates the thoroughness of Communist methods. More than a week ago, a large group of pickets were doing their daily round outside of the Telephone Company in Fordham. It was a cold day and a rainy one. The pickets were cold, tired, and hungry. A kindly old lady approached the leader of the pickets and told him that she felt sorry for these young men and women who were parading so long on this chilly day. She informed them that she lived nearby and invited the pickets to her house for some coffee and food after their work was done.

THE PICKETS were delighted at the charity of this old lady. They accepted her offer. After they warmed themselves in her home and renewed their strength with her food, they protested that they did not even know her name. They wanted to thank her. To this generous offer of thanks, she responded: "There is no need to know who I am, or even to thank me. Just give your thanks to the Communist Party."

THE COMMIES left no stone unturned to impress the telephone workers that they were on the side of the unions. Months before, they had placed key members in the telephone company, whose job was to work themselves into strategic positions on strike committees.

ONCE THE STRIKE BEGUN the Communists offered the telephone unions all sorts of money and assistance. They were ready to throw thousands of pickets around the main telephone buildings. They offered the strikers halls to store their signs. They offered to set up soup kitchens. They offered to make the strike committees of the unions real fighting machines.

HAD THEY SUCCEEDED in attaching themselves to these real American unions, the chances are that the thousands of Catholic strikers would have gone back to work immediately. Once the rumor got around that the Communists were on the strike, the chances are that public opposition would have grown and the workers themselves would have been disgusted. The strike would have been broken.

Information Desk

What About Babies Who Die Without Baptism?
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St. Bernard's Commentary

Q. What does the Church teach regarding babies who die without baptism? Are they condemned to Hell forever? It does not seem right that they should be punished.

A. The words of Christ are very plain when He tells us that Baptism is absolutely necessary for salvation. "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." The sacrament of Baptism is necessary to remove the stain of Original Sin from the soul by the infusion of sanctifying grace.

Babies who die without having Original Sin removed from their souls are indeed excluded eternally from the supernatural bliss of Heaven, but they do not incur the punishment of Hell. The penalties of Hell are due only to those who have committed personal mortal sins and die unrepentant. What, then, of the souls of these children? If they are neither in Heaven, nor in Hell, where are they?

The Church teaches that such souls go to Limbo, which is the state of natural happiness of those who are not capable of the supernatural joys of Heaven. They are free from pain and sorrow, and hence are in no way punished by Almighty God. He has, it is true, deprived them of Heaven, but this is no injustice for the glory of Heaven is a free gift, in no way due to human nature.

Christian parents, however, should take great care in seeing that their children are baptized promptly. From the time they learn that God has given them a child, they should commend that child to God, and beg him not to allow that child to die without the grace of the Redeemer.

Q. What is the difference, if any, between the fasts of the Church and the fasts of the world? The Communists know that. They hoped that the strike would be smashed. If the unions were left weak, they would have moved in and taken them over.

COMMUNIST TACTICS almost succeeded in the telephone industry, as they succeeded by force on the city highways, on the ships, and in Western Union. That they failed was no credit to those Catholics who denounce the Communists in their speeches and their articles. The Communists were not defeated on platforms. They were defeated on the streets, in the union halls, in smoke-filled rooms, and in factories. A few Catholic labor leaders and a few priests took up the cause of the telephone workers as the cause of Christ and the Church. They gave the striking workers money, food, advice, literature, time, etc. It was this constructive help which made Communist assistance unnecessary.

Minnesota Gets Plan for FEPC

By Paul J. O'Connor

ONE of the Fair Employment Practices Commission's plans in Minnesota are being prepared by the State Department of Labor. The plan is to set up a system of public employment which will be subject to the control of the Commission. The plan is to set up a system of public employment which will be subject to the control of the Commission.

The bill for the establishment of a FEPC is pending in the Minnesota Legislature and is expected to pass in the near future. The bill is to set up a system of public employment which will be subject to the control of the Commission.

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5-Year Prayer To Convert Russia

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A five-year plan of prayer and penance for the conversion of Russia and for world peace, based upon the requests of Our Lady of Fatima, will be launched by the Reparation Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the conclusion of the May Day encyclical prayer observance for the conversion of Russia.

The Society was founded a year ago by a group of lay people at St. Ignace Church here. It now has members in 11 States and the District of Columbia. The five-year plan will involve daily recitation of the Rosary and the making of at least one daily act of self-sacrifice in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Do You Want \$15,000?

By Rev. Benedict Bonaventura

Or \$10,000? Or would you even settle for \$5,000? Here's the story. The Christophs in Columbia, Md., have a plan to raise \$15,000 in the next few months. The plan is to set up a system of public employment which will be subject to the control of the Commission.

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