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Dr. Higgins Says:

Security vs Responsibility ... White Collar—Noose?

This runs the provocative title of a new book on the unionization of white-collar workers in the United States. The author, Leo P. Boileau, president of the National Federation of Salaried Employees, implies in his title that white-collar workers are paying a heavy price indeed for the respectability traditionally associated with the various types of so-called clerical work in which they are engaged.

THE BANK TELLER or the department store clerk wears a white collar and a business suit; the machinist or the steelworker wears overalls and work shoes. But the bank teller or the department store clerk earns appreciably less than the machinist or the steelworker—sometimes even less than the so-called common laborer.

Financial employees—and drug store clerks, department store employees, stenographers, etc.—need unionization just as much, if not more, than do autoworkers and printers.

ANOTHER ENCOURAGING aspect of the current campaign in Wall Street is the fact that the leadership of the union seems to be wholesome and constructive in its outlook. Thanks to the alertness of the Rev. John La Farge, S.J., editor of America, we learn that the union sent an invitation a few weeks ago to 20 prominent citizens asking them to ascertain the facts in the strike against the Stock and Curb Exchanges and report to the public.

WE CANNOT BUT agree with Father La Farge that the union's letter, "if not unprecedented in union history, is surely out of the ordinary." It augurs well for the future of labor-management relations in Wall Street and in other financial exchanges. If only the employers will adopt the same sort of public interest attitude—and if only the public will accept its responsibility to encourage white-collar workers to substitute a little more cash and a little more security for a little less respectability.

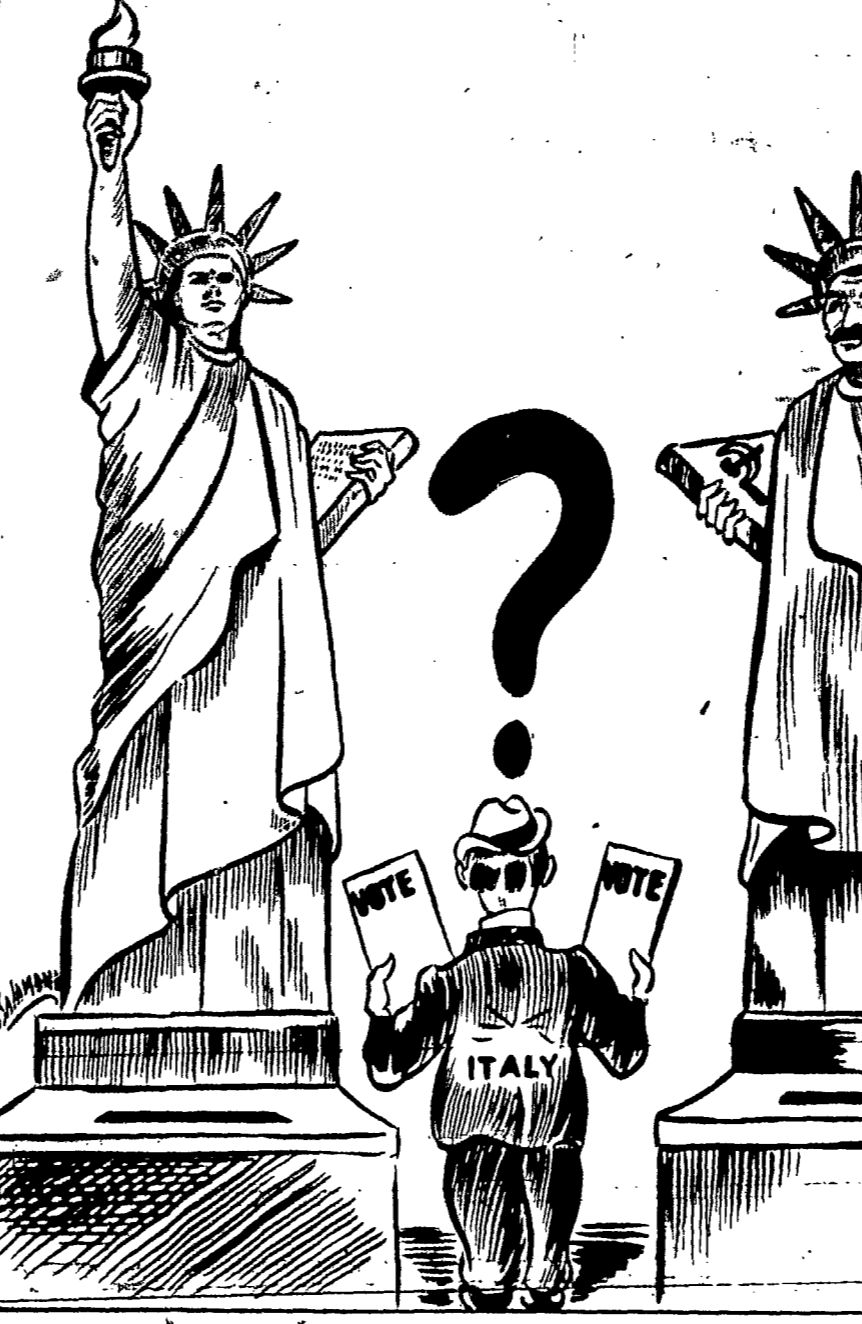
You can't eat responsibility. And you can't have a decent economic system without widespread unionization as the first step towards organized labor-management cooperation for the common good.

Calendar of Saints

SUNDAY, APR. 14.—St. Apollonia, martyr. He was beheaded for the faith in 138. ... MONDAY, APR. 15.—St. Leo IX, Pope. A cousin of Emperor Conrad of Salze, he was born in Alsace and reared by Bishop Berthold of Toul. ... TUESDAY, APR. 16.—St. Victor and Companions, martyrs. They died in the 4th century and tradition has it that they were converted by witnessing the tortures in the martyrdom of St. George.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17.—St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop-Confessor-Doctor. He was born of noble parents in Aosta, Italy, and joined the Benedictines. He was named Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093 but was twice banished from his See because of his resistance to Kings William Rufus and Henry I over the question of investitures of Bishops. THURSDAY, APR. 18.—St. SS. Soter and Companions, Popes-Martyrs. St. Soter, an Italian, succeeded Pope St. Anicetus in 138. ... FRIDAY, APR. 19.—St. George, Martyr. The patron of England is revered highly in the East and West. He was an officer under the Christian Emperor Diocletian. ... SATURDAY, APR. 20.—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr. In 1612 he joined the Capuchins and was noted for his preachings against the Calvinists in Switzerland.

The Great Imposter



As We See It By Don Patrich

WHAT TO DO with the self-avowed Communists in the United States is fast becoming an engrossing problem. It has even reached into the presidential campaign with one Republican candidate favoring outlawing of the party and another opposing such a move.

ALL THE FOREGOING doesn't mean that we should let the American Communist run rampant with his false doctrines. It does mean, however, that we should look to a constructive and positive rather than a destructive and negative program to meet the challenge which lies at our doorstep. That great British prelate Bernard Griffin, who speaks the mind of the Church so clearly on current issues, delivered a sermon last week on the altar of civil liberties—of which he most certainly is not unworthy—in such a way as to give the Communist his due.

HERE IN AMERICA we pride ourselves on our common concern that the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution be extended to all classes of people. The Communists have played on that pride and stretched those guarantees to the very breaking point at times. Yet the total results of the use of these guarantees by our American Communists fall to justify the concern of some people who would deny them these rights.

JUST BETWEEN US The Pope Is No Upstart ... HIS HOLINESS Pope Pius XII is not a religious fanatic. He is not an upstart, a mere flash in the pan. The fact is that well over half the followers of Jesus Christ honor his claim and revere him as the head of the Church on earth.

SAVING SOLES Eskimo Task ... NEW YORK (NC)—Sewing shoes for Eskimos—mukluks, they call them—is a job that would drive most anyone else crazy, but not an Eskimo, according to Father Paul O'Connor, S.J., missionary at Hooper Bay, Alaska.

THERE IS only one organization in the world today that can substantiate its claim to be the guardian and teacher of God's truth through nineteen centuries. In our beliefs, we are a close-knit unit, and we are the secret of our unity, and we point to our Holy Father Pius XII.

Dr. Gillis Says:

The Stone Rejected by the Builders ... When Eugene Pacelli was recognized as perhaps the most likely choice of his confreres in the College of Cardinals for promotion to the papacy, a cry went up from anti-clerical and theist.

AS USED by Justman, St. Thomas Aquinas, Suarez, Bellarmine, Grotius, Thomas Jefferson, the "Federalist," William Ewart Gladstone and others who did not forget the philosophical and ethical element in politics, it was not only a respectable word, but highly honorable. Even today you may find in Webster's Dictionary the definitions of "politics." (1) "the art and science of government." (2) "that branch of ethics which deals with the relationship of nation with nation."

TAKE POLITICS to be the science of statesmanship, it may be remarked that the highest statesmanship is that of the Pope. See the samples of papal statesmanship in John Eppstein's "The Catholic Tradition of the Law of Nations." If the heads and rulers of nations of the world have followed the principles expounded in the documents contained in that book and in other papal pronouncements on the proper conduct of national and international affairs, the world would not now be in such a sorry mess.

UNDISCOURAGED, the Pope continues to make suggestions to rulers and peoples. The latest suggestion is that the Italian people should not reject the stone — foundation stone or corner stone or both — of civilization. That stone is Christ and God. Our own nation was built upon that foundation. We can hardly complain of the Pope or hurl at him the epithet "politiician" if now when civilization is to be rebuilt, he reminds the people in the words of St. Paul who surely was no "politiician" of no other foundation can any man lay except that which is laid which is Christ Jesus.

DO YOU REMEMBER? 25 Years Ago—April 20, 1923 ... Word from Moscow that the trial of the Most Rev. Dr. Tikhon, former Patriarch of all Russia and Metropolitan of Moscow, had been postponed was interpreted in Washington as another move in the Soviet campaign to wipe out all religion.

5 Years Ago—April 15, 1938 ... Faithful of Rochester Diocese were called upon by His Excellency Bishop Kearney to lend full support in the Second War Loan campaign "to effect a speedy victory for our cause."

NATIONAL STUDENT GROUP Rejects Tie With Leftists ... Madison, Wis.—(NC)—The United States National Student Association, in the formation and operation of which Catholic college students have played an active role, has suspended negotiations for affiliation with the International Union of Students, it has been announced here.

Bearing 817 stars, a service flag, and also a plaque were blessed in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, by the Bishop. The parish was leading all others in the diocese in the number of youths serving in the armed forces.

REASON for the action, taken after a meeting of the NSA executive committee at the University of Chicago, was the "increasingly partisan" leftwing activities of the international union. The IUS has its headquarters in Prague. In the recent Czech coup, it supported the new Communist government against the protesting students of Charles University.

Communist Tactics

Russia and its satellites, Russia and its subject and semi-subject enslaved countries, have no trouble with any enlightened opposition. Opponents of the regime have no voice in the press—controlled by the Communists; no voice in public assembly—controlled by the Communists; no voice in public discussion—controlled by the Communists.

HOW THEY HOWL when individual Americans oppose their doctrines, later with their propaganda, give physical opposition to their meetings! Thinking Americans will have no time for such unwholesome and unwarranted activities; their good sense will tell them that the best opposition to the spread of Communism is to let its orators orate, its proponents propose, its advocates advocate—within the protection of American law, they will offer our people the best refutation of their doctrines by what they say.

LET US KEEP Communist tactics for Communists! We can have no part of them. Catholic Veterans and others do great harm to the cause of freedom when they commit individually unlawful acts, not sanctioned or approved by their organizations or by the Catholic Church. Communist practices for Communists; American practices for Americans.

The Italian Elections

APRIL 18 will mark the day of the Italian elections. Throughout Italy voters will go to the polls to elect their choice of public office. Every man will be free to choose among a large number of candidates.

COMMUNISTS have been making great efforts to win the vote by hook or by crook. They are hampered in Italy by the fact that more than one political party is given a place on the ballot.

WHEN COMMUNISTS rule, only one choice is put up to the voters, and that choice is the one designated by the Communists. Should they win on Sunday in Italy, we may be sure they will soon introduce their system in that country to rule any future election.

Bishops' Fund for Victims of War

THIS DISCREET makes its annual appeal for the Bishops' Relief Fund on April 15, taking up the collection on the following Sunday. \$5,000,000 is being sought from 15,000 parishes in the United States. It is a fund administered by the Bishops of the United States and by the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Your Heart Shall Rejoice

CHRIST comforted His followers with a promise of joy that no man shall take from them. It is to be a lasting, an eternal joy. It is to be a joy based on the greater faith of the disciples which will have in Christ after His resurrection from the dead. It will be based on the perfected love they shall have for Him after their souls have been blessed by the coming of the Holy Ghost.

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