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The Holy Father Speaks

From his Bishops throughout the world the Holy Father... prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother of God...

The Holy Father asks especially that peace may come to Palestine... strife is the order of the day in that unhappy region...

The First Novena

The first Novena in the Church of Jesus Christ was an official one. It was not merely a plan for private devotion...

So with one mind, over nine full days, they prayed and meditated in the Novena that prepared them for the coming of the Paraclete.

America Plans Her Defense

No country can afford to overlook the warlike preparations and plans of its enemies. Foolhardy, indeed, would it be for us to slumber...

Military service in accordance with our needs will be given by the young men of America. Universal military training is proposed by some...

You May Remember

Christ did not permit His Apostles to go forth to preach the Gospel in ignorance of the trials that awaited them. He gave them full warning...

You may remember... Surely in the days just before Pentecost, awaiting the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Apostles had ample opportunity to review much of what Jesus had revealed to them.

Devotions During May

April 29, 1948

My dear People: The history of the Church bears eloquent witness to the power of the intercession of Our Lady whenever the reign of her Divine Son upon earth has been seriously threatened...

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

Fr. Higgins Says:

Yes, or No?

Just a few days ago I received a long letter from an irate reader of this column charging that certain Catholic writers... are preaching socialism in these United States.

EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE opinion was expressed almost simultaneously in The Nation by the irrefragable Paul Blanchard. I say 'irrefragable' because, in spite of the fact that Father George Dunne in a recent article in The Commonweal makes mince meat of Blanchard's first series of articles on the Church...

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Today—And Forever!



As We See It By Dan Patrick

ONE OF THE FEW bright lights that gleam from the calendar each year is Mother's Day. Coming as it does, in the month of the greatest Mother of all, the second Sunday in May gives rise to an expression of gratitude which wells in the hearts of all real men and women who love and respect their mother.

THE CYCLE of a child's appreciation for mother is most interesting. At the very outset of life, that child is so utterly dependent on mother that his very existence rests on how well she does her job.

Through those early years she fans the spark of life entrusted to her care, nurses her baby through a succession of crises and finally watches anxiously as he takes his first step. It is mother who first manages to translate the gurgling sounds of a baby into coherent words and sentences. It is mother who washes the fevered brow and keeps the weary night watch so that all may be well.

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Then there is the final stage when the youngster grows up and assumes the blessings and burdens of parenthood. With it comes a real awakening and a greater appreciation than ever of mother's role in this drama we call life.

Her children still come to her with their problems, the grandchildren. These children grope along the road rather unsteadily in utter wonderment as to how in the world mother ever managed to get things done and do them so well.

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Fr. Gillis Says:

Unfortunate Comparison

Gerald W. Johnson, who reviews books for The New York Herald Tribune, is 'all hot up' about 'Hollywood on Trial', a new book by Gordon Kahn. Mr. Kahn, he says, 'is a crusader, who fights a holy war; but his carefully documented account of the treatment accorded ten Hollywood writers when they appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities last fall leaves no doubt at all as to what happened. That was, to put it bluntly, that Chairman J. Parnell-Thomas and his colleagues made monkey out of you and me.'

The comparison is unfortunate. The Anabaptists—not to be confused with the Baptists of England and America—were a fanatical sect that created civil disturbances, terrorism, vandalism, practiced polygamy and other excuses and by a coincidence of which Mr. Johnson seems unaware, advocated a form of communism. In England and Germany they were suppressed by the civil authorities and, in view of their immoralism they are opposed by religious people. Just as present day communists are opposed by religious people. The chief antagonists of that peculiar and dangerous sixteenth century sect were Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli, together with such Protestant rulers as the Elector of Saxony, the Landgrave of Hesse (Luther's particular friend) and the Duke of Brunswick.

I HOLD NO BRIEF for Luther or his friends, but it must be confessed that in the Anabaptists they were dealing with some pretty tough customers. Father N. A. Weber of the Marists, an excellent historian, says, in the Catholic Encyclopedia...

Munster, instead of Strasbourg, was to become the center of the projected conquest of the world. The New Jerusalem, the founding of which was signalled by a reign of terror and indescribable orgies. Treasures of literature and art were destroyed; communism, polygamy, all community of women were introduced. Rühmann took unto himself four wives and John of Leyden, sixteen. The latter was proclaimed King of the 'New Zion'...

So there was a similarity between the Anabaptists of Luther's time and the communists of our day. If the civil and ecclesiastical authorities harked back and doing nothing about that earlier menace to civilization, I dare say that Mr. Johnson would complain that they had neglected their duty. So would the American Congress if it looked with a cold eye upon communism in Hollywood or anywhere else in America.

I WONDER HOW much evidence these non-chalant observers of the world scene would desire before they became convinced that communism is not a political party on a par with the Democratic or the Republican party, but a conspiracy against civilization. This is not the place to go into that matter in detail. Nor is there need of doing so. The fact is written large on all the maps of the world.

Calendar of Saints

SUNDAY, MAY 9—St. Gregory of Nazianzen, Bishop-Confessor, Doctor, was the son of St. Gregory the Elder. He achieved an outstanding record as a student and was a schoolmate of Basil the Great. He became Patriarch of Constantinople in 379, expelled the Arian ruler and spent his time working for peaceful sound doctrine. MONDAY, MAY 10—St. Antoninus, Bishop-Confessor. He was born in Florence in 1389, joined the Dominicans and governed a number of convents until elevated to Archbishop of Florence in 1446. TUESDAY, MAY 11—St. Francis of Jerome. Regarded as one of the most eloquent preachers of his time, he expended most of his efforts in Naples. He had great devotion to St. Catherine Martyr, with whose relic he is said to have performed many miracles. WEDNESDAY, MAY 12—St. Nereus, Aulus, Domitilla and Pancras, Martyrs. St. Nereus and Achilles were two famous Roman martyrs who were baptized by St. Peter. They were banished to the Isle of Ponza and were martyred under St. Pancras' martyrdom. THURSDAY, MAY 13—St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop-Confessor, Doctor. He first achieved his reputation as a defender of the Faith in Louvain and from then on busied himself against attacks by non-Catholics through his writings and speeches. He was created a Cardinal in 1588, was named Archbishop of Cambray in 1602. FRIDAY, MAY 14—St. Boniface, Martyr. He is venerated as a Christian in Tarsus. He had gone to Tarsus from Rome to see the bodies of certain martyrs. His remains repose in a church dedicated to him in Rome. SATURDAY, MAY 15—St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor. A French priest, he founded Christian Brothers and became an Apostle of Christian education of youth. He was born in Reims of noble parents, but gave all his wealth to the poor upon his ordination.