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Essays in Impolence

That revealed religion should have its enemies in our age even as in ages gone by gives us no surprise. That every man is entitled to a hearing even when his ideas are not ours, is freely conceded. But there should be norms of propriety observed in stating one's case against the Church and its teachers. Above all, there should be some dignity shown by our daily newspaper in what it admits into its columns: if there must be religious controversy, let it be on a high-plane.

It is no ad for a newspaper's value, no contribution to the educational and cultural service it gives our homes, our families, and our children, to permit in its pages untrue, unfounded, attacks on the intelligence of believers in God. Extreme statements, violent assertions, repetitions of stale charges long since refuted, should not be dignified by acceptance for publication in a reputable paper. Such charges are easily answered, but why should it be necessary to answer them time and again—every time some alleged thinker sees fit to ask the paper to print them. Surely a worth while paper should reserve the right to reject intemperate and untrue manuscripts such as have been appearing over the signatures of correspondents during the past soveral months in our Rochester dailies.

We who believe in God do not feel flattered that any paper should deem worthy of our attention such letters. lines, the paper disclaims responsibility for the thoughts expressed; it can not disclaim responsibility for placing them before its readers, young and old.

Rochester has had appreciated service from the Rochester Times-Union. May it have needed protection from the unfounded and unsupported attacks on the mentality of believers that have appeared recently in its correspondents' columns! Let the writers of these Essays of Insolence seek their proper audience in a publication of their own, and not call upon our esteemed Times-Union to furnish them with one they do not deserve!

Rochester Community Chest

All our community is busy this week in securing the funds needed to care for all our needy ones during the coming year. Men and women from every walk of life go into the offices and shops and stores, into the homes, of all our people to seek help for their brethren in need. The poor, the sick, the aged, the orphan, the younger genera-tion, all call for help; and all of them receive what they need from the Community Chest. Our workers are our representatives in securing the amount needed to care for all of these. They call for a larger total than ever set in any Tormer peacetime campaign. Our own experience with rising costs for all foods and other home needs, makes us fully aware of why more money is needed to care for all partidinating agencies. Therefore, we are ready to greet our workers with a cheerful response, with a generous response, with all we can afford for a most worthy cause.

Rochester has reason to be proud of its Community Chest. It is one of the oldest institutions of its kind, has been serving our district for over thirty years. Sister communities have their chests, founded and operated to give help to all in need. We are grateful to the Rochester Community Chest for the efficient and effective service it gives to our agencies and their clients, for the economical and faithful assistance it gives every contributor in placing his annual donation for our brethren in need.

Abiding With the Church

Pentecost Sunday witnessed the coming of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles. It saw the fulfilment of the promise of Christ that He would send the Paraclete: it gave the church its insting equipment for itself and its officials to enable them to do their work effectively even to the end of time. For the Holy Chost came to the Church on Pentecost not as a temporary visitor, but as One who would remain with the Church always. Holiness and truth Were to be the objects of the Church'e teaching: the Holy Ghost was to be Her guide in the teaching of truth to men, in the sending of holiness into their souls. The Holy Ghost was day after day to abide with the Church to maintain her authority, to preserve her infallible teaching, to keep hatin all perfection even as Christ founded her.

Abiding with the Church! Here we have the fife of the Holy Ghost among men. At every moment of every day the Holy Ghost is active with the teaching body of the Church, with Pope and Bishops and Priests. At every moment of every day He is active with the body of those who are being taught.

The Peace of Pentecost

The world came from God, can prosper only when it tollows the will of God. Peace for the world and for the people of the world depends always on the will of God. Men may strive to turn us from God, to make us believe that they can secure peace for all men by their own plans. Such men can never bring peace to the world or to the

men of the world. Men need the Advocate Whom Christ sends from the Pather. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit Who is our Protector, our Light, our Paraclete. His coming was to thing peace to all mankind. Christ was willing to leave His followers because He knew that the Holy Ghost would come to them soon, would come to enable them to remember clearly all that He had taught them.

Our heace comes from our closeness to God. Obedito the will of God brings us close to Him. Christ that His disciples that if they loved Him, they would do will My Pallier will love him, and we will come to and make our abode with him." Peace must dwell the heart of him who dwells with Christ and the

Access to bring us the Peace of Pente-Mr. It a tooler's asting peace a peace that shall not worldly goods, must end with the world. The peace rentecest depends on the truths of Christ; they never aver and the peace they bring will never end.

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(This is the text of His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney's address, Saturday, May 1, at the "Keep May Day Mary's Day" services in

We are here to pray. We have come together to implore the intercession of the Mother of Christ - whom Christ on the Cross gave to us as our spiritual mother too for the mem and women and children in whom Christ is

being crucified anew today by the enemies of God and of all that is godlike in man. We are here to recapture May day for Many and for her di-

vinely-commissioned mothering of the spirit of men - to recap ture it from those who would rob men of their spiritual heritage of falth and freedom, and make them soulless pawns in a make them sources your vast, world-wide political game Card, Mosney and soulless cogs in a vast, worldwide economic machine.

The brief word I speak to you today is deaigned merely to clarify the purpose of our prayer, and thereby inspire greater fervor and and perseverance in our supplication to God through Christ and His Mother, Mary.

OUR PRAYER is for the men and women and pitiful little children, our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have been robbed of their freedom by Communist tyranny and who live under its oppression and terror - in Russia and in the nations of Europe which, in the wake of war, have been brought under its ruthless domination, We pray, too, for the adherents of Communism - whose minds have been blinded by lies and whose allegiance has been won by false promises.

To be consistent in our prayer we must set ourselves resolutely and intelligently to work against the spread of Communism in our own land and in every country within the range of our influence.

We can work against Communism by throwing the light of exposure on its dark deeds. Communism expands through violence - moral if possible, physical if necessary, it has never prevailed in any country through a free election. It has never conducted a free election in any country where it has prevailed.

It is easy to show what Communism has done to economic life-which it sets up as the essential basis of social organization and culture. Wherever the Communist party has taken over government, the rich have become poor and the poor even poorer than before, while all are held in the thralldom of utter economic dependence on the state. It has improved the economic conditions of one class only-the new class of party functionaries who have sold themselves body and soul to the perpetuation of its bureaucratic tyranny.

IT IS JUST as easy and even more important to show what Communism has done to man. It not only robs him of his heritage as a child of God; it literally dehumanizes him. Personal freedom, personal dignity, personal rights are swept away. It rules by terror. It uses the terror that creeps in the night and drags the suspect away to the dungeon where torture awaits. or to the labor camp where under-nourishment and overwork drain his vitality. It uses the terror that stalks abroad in the day and sets every man against his neighbor in the dread atmosphere of the police state.

Talk to anyone who has lived in a Communist country, and you will find that one impres sion stands out in his memory the tyranny of

But exposure of the evils of Communism is not enough. We must also squarely face the evils of our own industrial and secularized eivilization on which Communism fattens and work constructively to remedy them. The prayerful and informed Catholic cantot conplacently accept the status quo in economic life. which for at least a century and a half has been governed largely by postulates that run counter to fundamental Christian principles on social

The Catholic Church has a consistent body of doctrine directed to the establishment of or ganized co-operation between the groups that play a part in the world of work. That doctrine sums up and applies the social implications of the gospel of Christ. It has been clearly formulated by the Popes of our generation It charts the course for constructive change in our social order by evolution that will safeguard human rights and achieve wider distribution of private ownership, as against the Communistic appeal for destructive change which will wipe out private ownership and utterly abrogate human rights.

IF OUR OWN minds and hearts are not to be at odds with the prayers we say today, we must set ourselves to study the social doctrines of the Church and to work peacefully, patiently and perseveringly to apply them to our own relationships with others in business, in the pro-

fessions, in industry and agriculture. We can pray with confidence only when we ask God, either directly or through His Blessed Mother, to bless our own efforts to do the truth in charity and to keep Christ close to us, not only in the temple, but in the market-place, at the bargaining table and in the factory.

The Mother of Christ in heaven whose intercession we invoke today is the same mother who, when asked to intercede with her Divine Son on earth, turned to those who sought her favor and said' "Whatsoever He shall say to you do ye" Let that be our disposition as we ask Our Heavenly Mother to pray with us for the renewal of Christian life in our own country, for the conversion of Russia and the liberation of the nations she holds in thralldom.

Urges Protestant Rosary

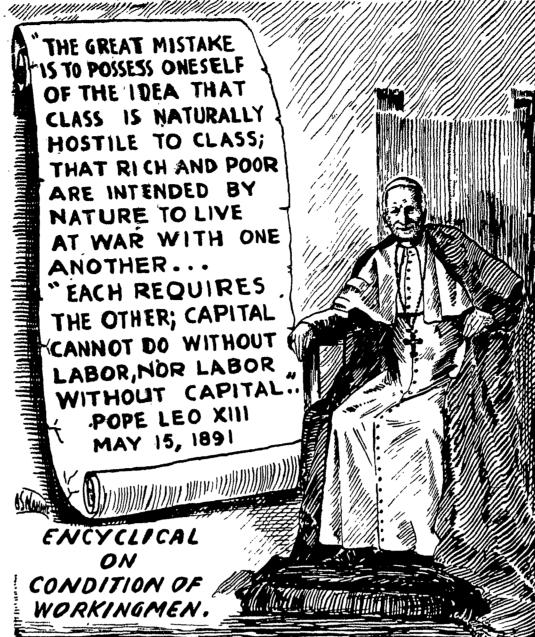
In speaking before the students of Alleghony College, Dr. James A. Beebe, President of the College, and formerly Dean of the School of Theology at Boston University, made the unheard of proposal that the Rosary be adopted by Protestant churches for use in prayer. According to Dr. Beebe. Protestant prayer has suffered in that it lacks a system to permit

controlled meditation. He declared that the Catholic Rosary pro-

vides definite symbols which hold the mind to the meditation at hand and he suggested that the Rosary might be utilized to advantage by other churches. "Protestants are continually being urged, but

seldom told, how to pray," Dr. Beebe said, "with the result that the mind is permitted to wander, resulting in reverie rather than in meditation. "By using the Rosary, we would have delinite symbols from which visual pictures could be taken, holding the mind to the meditation at hand."

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



PEACE OR PROPAGANDA?

That's the question which the world is try ing to answer in the wake of Moscow's curious reaction to a restatement of American aims by General Walter Bedeil Smith, our ambassador to the Kremlin.

According to press dispatches, the Smith statement centered around two salient pivots of American policy. The first concerned the determination of this country to continue its policy of aiding Western Europe through the medium of the Marshall Plan and the second covered a declaration that we have no hostile or aggressive aims toward the Soviet Union

The Soviet Government, through Foreign Minister Molotov, has seized upon this restatement of policy as an American invitation to a conference which has been accepted. As a maj ter of fact, no such invitation was implied in the Smith statement and the diplomatic confusion which has resulted is considerable to say the least.

THE KREMIAN reaction to the American statement has stirred up hopes for peace throughout the world.

In Russia itself the news created a mild sensation and the same reaction was evidenced throughout the rest of Europe, particularly in those countries behind the iron curtain. That, in itself, is very significant. It is proof

that the peoples of the Soviet Union and her satellite nations, desperately hope for peace and are not in accord with the war-like sounds which have been emanating from the Kremlin. These people, after all, are human beings They have had their baptism of blood and want no more of it. Evidently the Communist rulers have reached the sober realization that they are getting only lip service from their constituents in the pursuit of a foreign policy so charged with dangers of an armed conflict

MOLOTOV'S REPLY to the American state ment is extremely interesting, not only in what it says but, more specifically, in what it does

First of all the Soviets looked upon the

American note as an invitation to a conference and, according to the statement in the Russian press. "the Soviet government agrees to the proposal to proceed. to the discussion and settlement of differences existing between us That was the meat of the reply But per haps, just as important was a redeclaration by Molotov that Russia opposes the Marshall Plan.

The Kremlin Talks Back that it will continue control over countries of

ion are responsible for the present tension in

Eastern Europe, that there is warmongering in

the United States and that the actions of the

United States and not those of the Soviet Un-

NOWHERE IN THE Soviet statement was there even a hint of conciliation. Nowhere in the statement did Molotov mention such sore points as the necessity of concluding a peace treaty with Germany lifting the iron curtain and curbing the expansionist policy of his government.

The history of U. S. Soviet conferences has been most unhappy. The success of such conferences in the past has been predicted on the willingness of participants to give and take to stand firm here and make concessions there in order to achieve some modicum of overall

which the Soviets have followed. They never have made a major concession to reach an agreement and the conference tables at Moscow. Paris. London, New York and Lake Success are strewn with the carnage caused orlmarily by the obstructionist tactics of the Soviet Union And when some form of an agreement is reached, as was the case in Potsdam, the Russians in practice interpret such agreements to suit their own lancy.

It is high time that our erstwhile ailies of World War II struck a note of real sincerity in their dealings with us. There is no evidence of such sincerity in the Molotov note

UNDERLYING ALL the speculation which this move has aroused is just one thought-why dld the Russians do it?

We think, perhaps, that the real answer can be found in a Berlin dispatch sent the New York Times by Drew Middleton, former Moscow correspondent of that newspaper.

Middleton says that a reliable source told him that weaknesses in the Soviet Union's economy and the necessity of consolidating newly-won territory and integrating its industry in the Russian economic structure lie behind the Soviet willingness to talk to the United States.

And then this source adds the significant statement

The Soviet Union appears to be playing for time There perhaps is the real answer to the

diplomatic bombshell which shook this world of ours this week

-Just Between Us-It Does Make a Difference

The most important thing about a church is not the magnificence of its buildings.

the size of its congre gations, or the eloquence of TAM its clergy, The hig thing is its history, itsau-

other words.

thority - iss charter, in Can this church trace its way back

Fr. Ginder to Jesus? Does it have His authority? Did He issue the original charter?

The rest -- flowers, candles, beautiful hymns all those are like the accessories of a car. The buyer takes a good look at the whole car, it's true. but he knows it's what's under the hood that matters. If it has a good motor, it will get him where he wants to go, ever though a cigar-lighter and a defroster might make things more comfortable along the

BUT HERE'S A question that turns up again and again:

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"Isn t it true that one church is as good as another? After

all, were all serving the same God but in different ways. were all going to the same place but by different roads." Let's put it this way. It doesn't much matter whether we shine our shoes with black or brown polish; the important thing is to get them shined Or, it doesn't make any difference

whether we give the baby a teaspoonful of mashed spinach or a teaspoonful of paragoric. What's the difference, as long as we love the baby?

PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Thursday, May 20, 1948 to be conducted at

Our Lady of the lake Retreat House, Geneva, N. Y.

Reservations must be made with the Res. Elmer McAmara, dioce-an director. Filest: Euchartric Lengue, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

By Father Ginder

Try it another way: Three men set out for Atlantic City one walking, one on a bicycle, and one on the train is one way as good as another?

Perhaps the three of them have the problem of getting to Atlantic City from Pittsburgh. They all start by train, but one goes via Quebec, the other via San Diego, and the third via Philadelphia. Any differ-

YOU SEE. THE idea is nonsensical. It just doesn't add up There's one way of getting to heaven the road rnapped out for us by Jesus Christ We must do and believe as He told us to

Those of us who deliberate ly take the wrong road will end up in a blind alley, while those who do their best and serve Him faithfully according to their conscierace, will be brought to heavers by His grace, even though by accident they have been traveling along

some by path That's Catholic thinking on the point, at least and we're going to call a common ordinary horse-sense.

4r. Gillis Says:

Neither War Was Necessary

The first installments of Winston Churchill's Memoirs provide an amazing commentary upon a text I have often quoted from Oxenstiern, a

Scandinavian diplomat of the 17th century: "See, my son, with how little wisdom this great world is governed." How many times it has been apropos to repeat that sentence in the last 20 years I would not dare say. But in The Catholic World, if not in this paper, I have quoted it so often that I fear my regular readers say when they see it, "Well, here it is



Not always, however, have I had such compelling firsthand corroboration of the wisdom of old Oxenstiern. Mr. Churchill is more unsparing of the folly of statesmen than was his Scandinavian predecessor in the diplomatic world. The former Prime Minister uses such terms, for example, as "complicated idiocy," "ceaseless chatter of well-meaning platitudes," "follies of the victors." And after giving many examples of what he has in mind, he says, "history will characterize all these transactions as insane." I could instance a dozen more such examples of smashing invective were it not that the editors give warning, "World Rights Reserved" and "Reproduction in full or in part in any language strictly prohibited." So we shall have to paraphrase Mr. Churchill's language and thereby deprive it of much of its force.

He declares time and again that England's becoming involved in the second World War was due to unbelievable and unpardonable stupidity. In other words he is providing proof, three centuries late, of what old Oxenstiern told

THE FIRST STUPENDOUS blunder says Churchill after World War I, was to bleed Germany white, or as he quotes a phrase that was familiar at the time, "squeeze Germany till the pipes squeaked". No one with power and authority in Britain or the United States seemed to realize that Germany was the heart of Europe and that to destroy the heart was to kill the body. That might seem to be elementary, but it escaped the Big Four at Versailles.

Speaking of Versailles, I should like to borrow Mr. Churchill's own words in support of what some of us insignificant observers have always called, "The Crime of Versailles." But again the strict copyright frightens me off. Suffice it to say that Churchili could have applied to the calamitous treaty of 1918 what Tallyrand is alleged to have said "it was worse

than a crime; it was a blunder." "The second cardinal tragedy," Mr. Churchill says, was the deliberate disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It required no superlative talent in the fine art of diplomacy to see that Austria and Hungary should have been preserved intact. Anybody could see that simple fact. Thousands of amateurs did see it I saw it myself and said it, and I make no claim to political wisdom. But the Big Four didn't see it. Their eyes were blinded by hatred and the desire for vengeance. So the Austrian Empire, broken into pieces by the treaties of St Germain and Trianon, was a "pushover," or should we say a "walk into" for the one whom Churchill calls "a maniac of ferocious genius Corporal Hitler"

AS AN APPENDIM to what the former prime minister of Britain says about the stupidity of breaking up the Empire that Francis Joseph had so long held together, we may quote from the "Letters of Franklin K Lane." Secretaiv of the Interior in Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet "theoretically, the President said, 'German Austria should go to Germany, as all were of one language and one race but this would mean the establishment of a great central Roman Catholic nation which would be under the control of the papacy'"! (Bold type and excla-

mation point added There you have one example an American Protestant superstition a prejudice proper only to the ignorant but believed by the top man of the world at the time - occasioned the blunder that opened the way to two great tyrannies, Nadsm and Communism If the Austro Hungarian Empire had been kept intact, or if the contemplated Austria Bavaria-Westphalia nation had been created, or to speak more correctly. not created but re-established. Hitler could not have made his Anschluss. Hitlerism could not

have happened. And neither could Stalinism. These rudimentary facts seem to have been known only by Catholics. It is a kind of bitter satisfaction to see now stated with shattering force by the former head of Great Britain what we ordinary folk have known since 1918.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago-Friday, May 18

Denied a final opportunity to go to confession and refused the right to make his last will and testament. Monsignor Budkiewicz was executed by shooting in a Bolshevist prison, according to a dispatch sent from Paris

Affecting the Ku Klux Klan the Michigan State Senate passed a bill prohibiting the wearing of masks in any parade march or assembly on the streets highways or public places of the state

10 Years Ago-May 12, 1938

In administering to those ill and hurt, the priests are closely allied with the doctors, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney told St. Mary's Hospital staff at a dinner in his honor at Oak Hill Country Club. The Bishop was presented to the doctors by Dr. Leo F. Simpson.

A fight on indecent literature and for retention of the Neutrality Act was launched by Cenrral New York Province of Newman Clubs convening in Ithaca

5 Years Ago-May 13, 1943

A service flag bearing 1.518 stars representing that many Alumni in the armed forces was blessed by His Excellency. Bishop Kearney at Aquinas Institute on the day dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title "Queen of Aquinas."

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus effort in the state-wide Chaplains Aid Association for funds was spurred by Navy Chaplain John V. Loughlin, former council chaplain, on a visit