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Mr. Higgins Says:

Labor Not Wholly To Blame

The largest labor convention in the history of the United States—the fourth biennial convention of the United Steelworkers of America...

But even if the communists were all to be brought to their senses overnight, the steelworkers and indeed the entire American labor movement would still be faced with another very serious problem...

There is no question about that, and, as Bishop Sheil remarked recently in a brilliant address to the convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America...

There is no necessity, the Bishop said, "for allowing communists to dominate even one union in this country; if they control even one union, that is one union too many..."

BISHOP SHEIL hastened to add, however—and properly so—that "even if we had no communist problem, we should still be facing a tremendous difficulty. This is the perennial conflict between labor and management..."

That the steelworkers agree with the Bishop in his analysis of present conditions was demonstrated frequently at their Boston convention. Having expressed their opposition to the communists both in word and deed, they would like to be able to settle down to a period of harmony and peace with industry...

The answer is perfectly obvious—tragically obvious. The steelworkers anticipate trouble, and they fully intend to be as well prepared for it as possible. And who can blame them?

ON THE CONTRARY or so it seems to labor, and to many of the labor reporters with whom I talked at the steelworkers' convention—the evidence points to serious trouble. The evidence at hand seems to indicate that management is perhaps a little too self-confident for its own good...

THE TRAGEDY OF the whole thing is that Philip Murray doesn't want to fight. He wants to have peace with American industry. This the present writer knows to be the truth because he knows the man and knows him to be a man of great integrity...

Will Murray be forced to fight? May the answer be in the negative. But if the answer is yes, don't put all the blame on labor. Remember that labor means millions of men, women and children whose meager wartime savings have been exhausted and who are finding it almost impossible today to make ends meet.

Do You Remember? 25 Years Ago—June 1, 1923 To crush the current Ku Klux Klan everywhere as its predecessor was crushed by the United States in 1871, was the purpose of an action begun in U. S. District Court, Chicago, by Attorney Patrick H. O'Donnell, acting for the American Unity League.

10 Years Ago—May 26, 1938 An antique statue, given to St. Michael's Church, Lyons, 12 years previously by Myron C. Taylor, former U. S. Steel Board Chairman and Lyons native, was to be blessed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in the newly refurbished Lyons Church.

Lest We Forget!



As We See It By Dan Patrick Have They Died in Vain?

THE SOUND OF TAPS will break the hallowed silence of thousands of cemeteries girdling the globe on Monday as America pays her annual Memorial Day tribute to our honored dead.

To most Americans, Memorial Day is just another holiday, marking as it does the opening of a summer season of outdoor sport and play. Here and there will be a few parades, speeches and the like. But, for the most part, the original purpose of the day has all but been forgotten.

There are, however, some who can't forget Memorial Day. To them, every day is Memorial Day as they seek to ease their aching hearts with thoughts of their dear departed who fell on the battlefields of World War II.

Although the bodies of their loved ones may long since have crumbled into dust in graves scattered near and far, memories burn brightly in their minds, memories which roll back the years and raise the curtain on the almost forgotten yesterdays.

THE MOMENTOUS YEAR of 1940 remains fresh in many memories. It was the year of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's historic decision to run for a third term. It was the year that Wendell Willkie stamped the Republican convention and tried to outvie the President on manning and arming the nation for defense.

1940 was the year of the draft when a blindfolded Secretary of War fished out those fatal capsules from a glass bowl in the full glare of a world spotlight. In November of that year, the echoes of a presidential campaign gave way to the tramp of marching feet as the first draftees were hustled off to hastily-constructed camps.

MEMORIAL DAY memories can't fail to spotlight the confusing year of 1941 when Japanese bombs, falling on Pearl Harbor, splintered the nation, waiting for the on-stage cue which would hurl it into the vortex of gunfire.

The draft calls swelled our forces to record heights in 1942 and an allied world, galled to despair by repeated defeats, took heart when a band of American Marines stormed ashore at Guadalcanal to start an offensive which three years later rolled the Japs back to the gates of Tokyo.

On the other side of the world another band of Americans invaded the North African coast line and the name of Eisenhower, dipped in the magic ink of victory, was emblazoned across the front pages for the first time. Yes, the offensive was on and with it came the mounting casualty lists as American boys paid the awful price of flesh and blood for a few feet of mud and sand.

Soon white crosses sprouted by the hundreds to cloud the horizon of victory and serve as eternal reminders of its tremendous cost.

AS 1943 CAME and ebbed away into history, the Allies jabbed at what Winston Churchill mistakenly called "the soft underbelly" of Europe. The bitter Italian campaign was on and with it came the inevitable price and the immortal story of the murderous salient on the Anzio beachhead.

Time was running out for the enemy and the hour of doom struck as far as they were concerned on June 6, 1944, when our forces landed in Normandy in one of the rare moments when this generation reached the pinnacle of history.

The headlines which heralded that mighty military operation had the gory details—the story of how the flower of American manhood was scythed away by the terrible horrors generated by a twentieth century war machine.

The Normandy assault opened up the greatest bloodletting the world has ever known. The tempo of combat rose on a hundred fronts and soon the inevitable superiority of the Allies ground the enemy into defeat.

The headlines told us of victorious armies racing across Europe and the islands of the Pacific. Names we never heard before became milestones of victory. Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Bastogne and scores of others.

Then came the end in 1945. Victory in Europe and the Pacific was total and complete. So was the death of thousands who had made that victory possible.

IN THE FULL RADIANCE of victory, Memorial Day passed in 1945 and 1946. We were the victors. We had routed the aggressive aggression from the face of the earth. We had lifted the clouds of conflict from the world for generations to come.

But had we? A certain uneasiness crept into our lives as the months of 1946 slipped into 1947 and another Memorial Day rolled around. We faced the possibility that the end, as far as this slaughter is concerned might not have come.

One of our wartime allies rose up to trace the familiar pattern which brought Hitler his greatest conquests. Our statesmen furnished away at their life's blood to win.

The lofty ideals of a nation forged in brotherhood by the fires of war, vanished in the cool realities of an uneasy peace. The President called for a new draft of American youth. The whistled cue to arms was mounting into a shout.

The Bishop's Appointments

- JUNE 1 Tuesday—St. Augustine's, St. Mary's Training School Graduation—4:00 P.M. Holy Family, Confirmation—7:45 P.M. 2 Wednesday—Marymount College, Tarrytown—Centenary. 3 Thursday—St. Mary's Hospital, Low Mass—8:00 A.M. St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations—11:00 A.M. St. Ann's, Hornell—Graduation Exercises of St. James Mercy Hospital—4:00 P.M. 4 Friday—Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Priesthood Ordinations—9:00 A.M. Hotel Sheraton, First Friday Luncheon Club—12:15 P.M. 5 Saturday—St. Augustine's, Investiture Ceremony of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy—8:00 A.M. Nazareth College, Seniors' Retreat—Benediction—3:00 P.M. 6 Sunday—Nazareth College, Baccalaureate Pontifical Mass 11:00 A.M. St. Thomas Aquinas, Lefebvre—Confirmation—3:00 P.M. St. Lucy's, Retsof—Confirmation—4:30 P.M. St. Boniface School Hall, Annual Banquet of Rochester Sodality—6:00 P.M. St. Joseph's Commercial School, Graduation—8:00 P.M. 7 Monday—Sacred Heart Academy, Distribution of Prizes—10:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, St. Andrew's Seminary Graduation—4:30 P.M. 8 Tuesday—Dominican Monastery, Elmira—Reception Ceremony—10:00 A.M. Sampson College Chapel, Confirmation—3:00 P.M. Genesee Settlement House, Girl Scouts Mothers and Daughters Golden Quinet—7:00 P.M. 9 Wednesday—St. Ann's Home, Golden Jubilee Mass of Rev. James B. Keenan—9:00 A.M. Nazareth College, Commencement Exercises—4:00 P.M. 10 Thursday—Nazareth College, Low Mass—9:00 A.M. St. Bernard's Seminary, Conference for Priests—4:00 P.M. Most Precious Blood, Confirmation—7:45 P.M. 11 Friday—Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral Golden Jubilee Mass of Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns—9:30 A.M. 12 Saturday—Blessed Sacrament—Golden Jubilee Mass of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors—9:30 A.M. 13 Sunday—Canisius College, Buffalo—Commencement Address—3:06 P.M. Hotel Statler, Buffalo—Diocesan Holy Name Convention, Address—6:00 P.M. 14 Tuesday—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn—Silver Jubilee of Redemptorist Provincial, Very Rev. John M. Frawley, C.S.S.R. 15 Thursday—St. Bernard's Seminary, Conference for Priests—4:00 P.M. 16 Thursday—St. Agnes High School, Low Mass for Graduates—8:30 A.M. Corpus Christi, Graduation Exercises of St. Agnes High School—8:30 P.M. 17 Friday—Merry High School, Low Mass for Graduates—9:00 A.M. Mercy High School, Graduation Exercises 8:30 P.M. 18 Saturday—Nazareth Academy, Low Mass for Graduates 8:30 A.M. St. Charles Borromeo, Graduation Exercises of St. Joseph's Villa—10:30 A.M. 19 Sunday—Holy Family, Auburn—Graduation Exercises of Holy Family High School, Solemn High Mass "Coram Episcopo"—11:00 A.M. St. Stephen's, Geneva—Graduation Exercises of De Sales High School—4:00 P.M. Auditorium Theatre Graduation Exercises of Aquinas Institute—8:30 P.M. 20 Monday—St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo—Sermon at Pontifical Mass, Supreme Commandery (convention, Knights of St. John)—10 A.M. Eastman Theatre—Graduation Exercises of Nazareth Academy—8:30 P.M. 21 Wednesday—Catholic University of America, Washington D. C. Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Calendar of Saints

- SUNDAY, MAY 30—St. Joan of Arc, Virgin. While watching the battle, she was gifted by a vision of Angels and desired to take up arms for her country. She was captured by the English, raised to the rank of noble and conducted Charles VII to his coronation at Reims, but was betrayed and burned at the stake on May 31, 1431. MONDAY, MAY 31—St. Angela Merici, Virgin. She was born about 1470 and founded the congregation of Ursuline nuns dedicated to the education of girls. TUESDAY, JUNE 1—St. Junipero, Martyr. He was a Roman Martyr of whom all particulars are lacking. His body was discovered in the Catacombs in the 16th century. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2—St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs. St. Peter was first imprisoned and brought about the conversion of his jailer and family. St. Marcellinus, a deacon, which led to his own arrest. They were condemned to death and were executed in a forest in 304 at a place unknown to other Christians. Their bodies later were found and interred in the Catacombs. THURSDAY, JUNE 3—St. Perventinus and Laurentinus, Martyrs. They were brothers and mere boys when they were dragged from the classroom and bravely proclaimed their Christianity during the persecution under Decius. FRIDAY, JUNE 4—Feast of the Sacred Heart. This day honors the Heart of Jesus as a symbol of His love for man. The Feast was extended to the Universal Church in 1856 and raised to the highest rank in 1929. SATURDAY, JUNE 5—St. Boniface, Bishop-Martyr. He was born in Devonshire in 680 and lived for some years as a Benedictine monk before embarking on a missionary career. Pope St. Gregory II consecrated him Bishop and sent him to Germany, where he is venerated as the Apostle of the nation. With 52 companions, he suffered martyrdom at the hands of pagans in Friesland in 755.

To All Nations

Christ came to earth to save all men. He lived and He died and He rose from the dead to save all men. He founded His Church to save all men. Men in every age, men in every nation, were to be saved by Faith in all the truths that Christ has revealed. Here we have the work of the Church, here we have the purpose for which Christ founded His Church, to save all men.

Christ's mission to His Apostles was a universal one. He did not tell them to preach to one or two nations, and He would find other means to save the rest. He told them to preach to all. His Church was to be the one means of salvation for all. Those who received the message of the Apostles and were baptized, were to be saved; those who rejected that message and did not receive baptism, were to be condemned.

All nations were to some extent represented by the thousands of people who came to hear the first sermon preached in Christ's Church. They were Jews, but from every known country on earth: devotion to the ancient faith of the chosen people had called them to Jerusalem. Now they follow the summons of the Lord, now they follow the sound "as of a great wind coming." It takes them to the house in which the Holy Ghost had just descended upon the Apostles. It made them the first group to hear the teachings of the Church of Christ. It led them to hear the first sermon preached in the Church, to hear the message of the Prince of the Apostles, St. Peter. It led thousands of them to conversion to Christ, to Baptism into His Church at the hands of the Apostles.

Teach All Truth

Definite, indeed, was the body of truth the Apostles were to teach. It was to come in its entirety from Jesus Christ. In three years of association with the Apostles, Jesus had taught them the entire content of His revelation. "All things whatsoever I have commanded unto you," This is what they were to teach, this all men were bound to believe as a condition of salvation. Nothing was to be added; nothing was to be taken away. The body of truth first given them by Christ, was to be treasured in all its perfection, in all its integrity, and taught to all men even to the end of time.

To teach all men all truth—this was to be the mission of the Apostles, to be the mission of the Church till the end of time. The Church has been true to her mission. No error has ever contaminated the purity of the doctrines given her by Christ. No error can ever contaminate that purity. Guarded by the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, she may have ceased, never shall cease to teach the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

For a New St. Andrew's Seminary

Long ago the people of the diocese with their priests and Bishop gave definite expression to their desire for a new St. Andrew's Seminary. That expression was given in a gift of more than \$800,000 from all the people of the diocese. Fulfillment of the desire for a modern set of seminary buildings has been held up by circumstances beyond control of the authorities. Very heavy increase in all building costs, shortage of materials, difficulty of proceeding to an immediate fulfillment of plans, all combined to hinder any quick accomplishment of the proposal for a new seminary. Now all is ready for the carrying out of the building program.

The site on the Buffalo Road just outside the city limits will soon see the erection of the new set of buildings that will house St. Andrew's Seminary. Ground will be broken on the fortieth anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Kearney. Prayers of the people and clergy will be with their Bishop as he begins the work that will mean so much for the priesthood in this diocese for all the years to come. Anticipation will soon give way to accomplishment.

Nurses Are Needed

Attention of current graduates from our high schools and colleges is called to the need of more nurses in all our communities. St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, offer opportunities for training that will lead to the title of Registered Nurse. This training will fit all candidates for skilled service in ministering to the sick in our hospitals and on private duty in the homes of our people.

The nursing vocation will make its appeal to many of our current graduates. An inquiry at our hospitals will give full information on how to enter the training class. Caring for the sick is a real work of charity, a true work of religion. May many of our young women be moved to answer the call for service to the community in the profession of nursing.

Who Eats This Bread

Christ gave the world a lasting means to eternal life in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This sacrament was fully described in the words Our Lord spoke long before His institution. He told those who had come forth to hear His word that it would be a source of eternal life to all who would receive it.

He who eats this bread, shall live forever. What a joy to know that the love of Jesus Christ for us has led Him to give us Himself in our receiving of Holy Communion. Only the infinite power of the God-Man could produce this wonder: only the infinite love of Jesus for His children could lead Him to give us this surpassing gift. Our life in heaven shall be with God; our life here on earth should be with Him. We are united to Him in Holy Communion; we have Him dwelling in our hearts each time we receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Pius X has brought the world back to the frequent reception of Holy Communion. Succeeding Popes have followed in his salutary work in this matter. Let us prepare ourselves for the life eternal in the manner set down for us by Christ. Let us be ready frequently to eat the Eucharistic Bread, that we may share in Christ's promise—"He who eats this bread, shall live forever."

Just Between Us

Keep on Praying for Light

To all who are without church affiliation, we Catholics address this invitation to study the claims of our Church. As Catholics, we are convinced that our Church teaches the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. And ours is a church which can't be overlooked by anyone in search of religious truth. It's so big, for one thing. It's spread all over the earth, an international society having (according to The World Almanac) 338,000,000 communicants, so that Catholics in this country number only about six per cent of its total membership.

Our Church has kept her identity and personality through 19 centuries. Since the time of Christ, there has always been a Catholic pope or the scene to challenge those governments which might try to violate the common rights of humanity. We have always upheld divinely appointed authority against private opinion in matters religious. St. Paul once said: "A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, avoid" (Titus 3:10); and Webster says that a heretic is "one who, having made a profession of Christian belief, deliberately and resolutely upholds a doctrine varying from that of his church, or rejects one prescribed by his church."

By Father Ginder

can say, for instance that Spaniards are Catholic, but it wouldn't be entirely true to say that Catholics are Spaniards, would it? For Catholics are not Spanish alone, but Scottish and Hungarian, Italian and Irish, Polish and English, and many other nationalities.

ONCE MORE we've prepared this column for the benefit of the 75,000,000 Americans who have declared that they aren't attached to any religious body. The facts and statistics cited here can be verified in any public library.

It's our prayer that any soul adrift without a rudder on the sea of religious doubts and anxieties will keep on praying, because it's God who helps us find religious truth. And if we pray sincerely, if we make our search with an open mind, He will give us the light to discover His will and the strength to follow it.