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Free and Independent

Of how many states in today's world can it be said that they are free and independent. But they are not independent; they are deprived unjustly of their patent right.

Free and independent! Of right we ought to be, and actually we are free and independent! Brave men, patriotic men, thinking men, one hundred and seventy-two years ago made the Declaration of Independence.

Fair Play and Just Pay

There can be no two sides to the question — all will agree that Rochester policemen should have a just wage and every encouragement to perform their duty in a way that will mean good government for our city.

Decision on the actual amount needed to bring to a just standard the salaries of our policemen, should be based on an immediate examination of the rise in the cost of living and the corresponding decrease in the actual remuneration of these servants of the people.

Just pay will be one part of the means to encourage our policeman and keep them active in their chosen profession.

James E. Cuff

The career of James E. Cuff has brought many benefits to Rochester. As a citizen, as a lawyer, as an outstanding Catholic, he has served his fellow-men faithfully and devotedly.

Beware of False Prophets

Christ gave a grave word of warning to His followers. It was a needed warning. They had been close to Christ, had seen the glory of His daily program of good works.

Beware of false prophets! A prophet speaks of the truth of this day and of the promise of tomorrow. A false prophet speaks of error for this day, and of the emptiness of false promises for tomorrow.

Fr. Higgins Says:

Life Embarrasses Protestants

Life magazine says that the Jesuits teach that the end justifies the means. Worse than that, their "insistence on the principle" during the post-Reformation period "made them dreaded even by Catholics."

SO YOU SEE! Ignatius is probably just a "front." Actually, the Society which publicly claims him as its sainted founder must have been in existence centuries before he was even born.

Or well, let the Jesuits fight their own battles—but no secret weapons, please! The first Jesuit who pulled off the Holy Lucretia coup will forfeit his amateur status and may even be expelled from the Society by Father General.

LATTER-DAY Protestants will probably agree that this is a more or less accurate statement of the facts. But many of their leaders, including cherished friends of the present writer, will probably regret that the author seems to take it for granted that Protestantism is happy about the results.

WHETHER OR NOT the current Protestant emphasis on social justice, as opposed to economic individualism, can be reconciled theoretically with official Protestant theology is, of course, another and a much more difficult question to answer.

IF PROTESTANT theology has contributed anything wittingly or otherwise, to this sort of heresy, a heresy just as baneful as the heresy of communism — it is only fair to add that present-day Protestantism is ashamed of its progress.

The Committee for Constitutional Government is strictly on its own. Its economic philosophy is a blatant expression of out-and-out secularism and is diametrically opposed to the official position of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish bodies in the United States.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago—July 6, 1923 With His Excellency Bishop Thomas F. Hickey presiding, the 19th annual conference of diocesan school teachers was held in Cathedral Hall Rochester.

Parisian leaders paid tribute to the eminent Catholic scholar Edouard Branley, known as the "Father of Wireless Telegraphy."

10 Years Ago—June 30, 1938 The children in public schools of New York State have given religious instruction as urged by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the dedication of the new Catholic chapel at Elmira reformatory.

The Rev. Henry C. Manley, Ph.D., M.A., of St. Andrew's Seminary faculty was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Bath.

5 Years Ago—July 1, 1943 Rev. William J. Duggan, C.S.B., was named principal of Aquinas Institute, Catholic high school for boys, Rochester, succeeding the Rev. J. H. O'Loane, C.S.B.

In a bedside graduation exercise at St. Mary's Hospital, small Delores Lorsch, graduate of St. Joseph's Villa, received her diploma from His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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To distinguish their prisoners THE MOORS TATOOED A CROSS ON THE forehead of all CHRISTIANS captured in battle. St. Camillus de Lellis, at one time a GREAT GAMBLER, once lost everything even his shirt in a CARD GAME AT NAPLES. A PICTURE DEPICTING THE INCIDENT WAS LATER HUNG AT THE SPOT, WHERE MOTHERS PETITIONED THE SAINT TO GUARD THEIR SONS AGAINST GAMBLING. The phrase "HOCUS POCUS" used to describe magical nonsense, originated with the PROTESTANT REFORMERS and is a corruption of "HOC EST CORPUS" from the MASS.

Fr. Gillis Says:

Who Saved Europe

"They who today are with you, tomorrow may be against you; they quickly change for the contrary," says the "Imitation of Christ."

It sounds a trifle cynical but that little masterpiece of devotional literature is never cynical. A Kemps (or whoever wrote the book) was a sweet soul. But one may be sweet and none the less realistic.

You will find that elementary fact not only in a book of piety, but in all history. For 200 years, for example, France and England were at one another's throat.

That war being over, presently the French and the Russians developed an alliance, and by the time most of us were reading history in the newspapers, rather than in "musty tomes" France and Russia were in a union against England and Germany.

DURING THE FIRST World War, or shortly after, Hilaire Belloc said: "For a hundred years we British used the German army in conjunction with our navy to war on the French, but when Bismarck became ambitious and threatened our supremacy on the seas, we used the French army to defeat the Germans."

As for Britain and America. Twice we had to fight the British, from 1776 to 1780, and from 1812 to 1815. Also in our greatest emergency, the war between the states, England gave aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union.

But by 1914 they needed us and they were not bashful about asking us to come into their war with Germany. In fact they upbraided us for delaying so long about coming in, and when the war was over they claimed that while we had been dilly-dallying, from 1914 to 1917, they had saved us; they had borne the brunt of the battle, and we had come in only in time to share the benefits of their victory.

BUT WHY TELL the truth when the truth is embarrassing and seemingly unnecessary? It is not unnecessary. What has happened before may happen again. Indeed if we learn anything from history (some say we don't) we must suppose that what has happened before will surely happen again.

For myself I don't know whether we were saved or not. To be saved from fascism only to be confronted by communism is hardly what I would call being saved. The Romans had a word for it: Escaping Scilla to be threatened by Charybdis. But granting for the sake of argument that somebody saved Europe and America, who did it?

One of our newspapers has given a summary of the Baruch Report which may be convenient when that argument arises. I quote: "Of 5 military casualties were greater than those of the entire British Empire in World War II, though we came into the conflict 27 months after Great Britain declared war on Germany. Ninety Western Allied divisions rescued western Europe from Hitler following D Day in June of 1944, and of these 61 were American divisions."

"WE PRODUCED 60 per cent of all munitions used by all the Allied powers in World War II. Endangering our own cities, we sent Great Britain alone more than 45,000 anti-aircraft guns. We put out some 44 billions' worth of lend-lease materials of every description. Of this, about 66 per cent went to Britain and 25 per cent to Russia. Our total expenditure on World War II was 330 billions. This total was more than Britain and Russia combined spent on the war."

"Our national debt increased by 500 per cent and now stands at the appalling figure of 254 billions; whereas in 1939 taxes took \$1 out of every \$13 of our national income, in 1948, they take \$1 out of every \$4."

It will be well to remember these facts and figures when anyone, be he French, English or Russian, undertakes to belittle our contribution to what may be called prematurely rather than prophetically "saving Europe."

Quotable Quotes

"Secularism paves the way for a theistic communism and totalitarianism by eliminating God and religion from public as well as private life. It weakens family ties by denying personal responsibility to God."

"A Mother's love must be filled with sacrifice. It must be militant against the evils of the time, and then it will be triumphant both in this world and in the world to come."

"We are facing the consequences of a lost faith, which we must rebuild to save our civilization. It is not by accident that where religion has been reformed, civilization was at its peak."

"In spite of religious confusion in recent centuries and virtual exile of religion in Europe from economic and political morality in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, religion hung on and is probably stronger today in Europe than it has been in centuries."

Chain Prayers Again!

(Reprinted from The Michigan Catholic)

WHAT OF THE "CHAIN PRAYER?" In spite of repeated warnings and condemnation from our pulpits the "chain prayer" seems to be a hardy perennial that will not die out.

Almost every Catholic is familiar with mimeographed or hand-written leaflets, found lying in the pews of our churches, or distributed anonymously through the mails, stating that the appended prayer has gone "round the world several times."

THE RECIPIENT is urged to make five copies of the leaflet and distribute it to many of his friends or neighbors. The prayer itself is generally unobjectionable in tone and sentiment, being addressed to Our Lord or to one of the saints, and asking for world peace, conversions, or some equally praiseworthy objective.

NO ONE SHOULD be misled by the asserted approval of a chain prayer by some vaguely identified religious organization or group.

Official church approval only appears on regularly printed prayers, and then only in the form of an "imprimatur" giving the name and see of the bishop who issued it.

TO KNOWLEDGE participate in the circulation of chain prayers is therefore a serious sin against the first Commandment, which commands us to worship God in the proper way, and forbids us to worship Him by superstitious practices.

PERDITION IN GENERAL is any act which implicitly attributes to a creature some power which belongs to God alone.

What's Behind It? Soviets Blast Dictator Tito

Washington (AP)—What is really behind the vitriolic attack by the Communist Information Bureau (Cominform) against Marshal Tito, a Communist ally, is a power struggle for the leadership of the Balkan states.

TITO, RULER of the country whose capital was accorded the "honor" of furnishing headquarters for the Cominform, is now suddenly exposed to the world as pursuing a "hateful policy" toward Soviet Russia; as taking a standpoint "unworthy of communists"; as indulging in "slandering propaganda" against the Soviet Union; as attempting to gain the favor of imperialistic states of the West, and in general, as putting the Yugoslav Communist Party "outside the family of brotherly Communist parties."

TEAR THEM UP

It is that which attributes "bad luck" to breaking a mirror.

Astrology, the fake science which purports to trace the course of a person's life by interpreting the asserted influence of the particular planets which appeared on the day of his birth, is another.

Moreover, since no Divine law or church regulations obligate us to circulate these prayers, any punishment or misfortune threatened to those who disregard the chain prayer is nothing less than a blasphemous usurpation of Divine authority.

THE BEST thing to do with a chain prayer is to tear it up. Don't expose the Catholic religion to the derision of unbelievers by engaging in superstitious practices.

OTHER CIRCLES express the view with a certain degree of plausibility on their side, that the whole maneuver may be a buildup for Russian plans to occupy militarily Yugoslavia and her sub-satellite Albania.

Many believe that the Cominform would never have issued such a statement unless Tito and his accused henchmen had been properly "disposed of" beforehand. They recall the traditional methods of bolshevism in "purging" those who have proved unfaithful. However, news from Belgrade seems to indicate that Tito is still in full control of the situation. Up to this moment, the Yugoslavs have heard nothing about the whole affair.

ONE OF THE most baffling aspects of the situation is furnished by the charge in the Cominform indictment that Tito made overtures to the West, or, as it is phrased, "Yugoslav leaders, orienting themselves badly in the international situation and frightened by extortionate threats of the imperialists, think that by a series of concessions to imperialistic states they can gain the favor of these states to make an agreement with them."

But quite apart from all such speculation, observers generally agree that, using the words of a war-time statement by Winston Churchill, "there is a maggot in the apple" of the Soviet bloc, and that the suddenly revealed rift in the communist ranks is bound to strengthen the position of the West in the world-wide struggle with the East.