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Play Safe

Vacation time is play time. It should be a time for getting away from the hard things of life and indulging in things that are more pleasing.

General Pershing

All the solemnity and circumstance of military and religious ceremony marked the funeral of our great public servant and soldier, General John Pershing, during the past week.

Helpful Reading

Gifted minds are in the world for the benefit of young and old. Books and magazines are multiplied in our day, so that advantages available in other times only to the few and to the rich are now offered for every man and woman.

Justification

Christ wills that every man shall be made just, that every man shall come from the paths of sin into the ways of righteousness, that every man shall drive sin out of his soul and become the recipient of God's grace.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago—July 27, 1923

10 Years Ago—July 21, 1923

5 Years Ago—July 22, 1943

Fr. Higgins Says:

Tests of a Social Order

If a man bites a dog, that's news—some times, but not always. It doesn't seem to have been news, for example, when a very prominent American citizen bit a dog on June 9 in the presence of several hundred prominent witnesses at the 25th General Management Conference of the American Management Association.

The celebrity in question is Charles Luckman, president of Lever Brothers, who somehow "bit the bell" (or bite a dog) in his frequent public utterances.

"I am convinced," said Mr. Luckman, "that without building any new plants, we can raise the level of our industrial productivity by at least ten per cent."

MORE THAN THAT, Mr. Luckman proceeded more or less bluntly. If you please, to give his distinguished audience a quick refresher in the A.B.C.'s of American industrial history.

The old-fashioned incentive system, he reminded his audience, "was in fact a big league shell game. Labor was the victim of this now-you-see-it-now-you-don't sleight of hand racket, played with slides and logarithmic equations.

Did you ever hear such a young man talk so much like an old Dutch uncle to the upper echelons of American management?

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STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Illustration of a man writing with text: 'The MOST IMPUDENT CATHOLIC IN ENGLAND' was THOMAS POUNDE MARTYR, who became a Jesuit brother, by correspondence while in jail during Penal Times. HE WROTE TO ROME FOR ADMSSION TO THE SOCIETY, GRANTED IN 1578.

Illustration of a man with text: 'Father BERNARD HAILE O.F.M. is the first person to put the INDIAN NAVAHO LANGUAGE on paper.'

Illustration of a man with text: 'SWISS CATHOLICS still retain the title conferred by POPE JULIUS II of DEFENDERS OF THE LIBERTY OF THE CHURCH.'

Illustration of a man with text: '6000 VOLUMES OF CHURCH HISTORY WERE PRODUCED UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF BISHOP ORIGEN IN THE THIRD CENTURY.'

At Peter's Tomb

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rome (Delayed) The same setting sun which St. Peter himself must have watched many times was shedding its last rays of light over the city and the Roman Campagna as his 26th successor fulfilled the immemorial custom of coming to pray at his tomb on the eve of the great Feast of St. Peter and Paul.

This was no public ceremony no display of pomp and color but a quiet, serious, personal affair as Pope Pius XII came to the tomb to beg Peter's intercession for the grace to be as Peter was a worthy Vicar of Christ on earth.

The short procession formed in a moment and went the few yards to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, where His Holiness remained in prayer for three or four minutes.

THE MARBLE RAIL, which is the cap which houses the mortal remains of the Prince of the Apostles was a bowl of fresh flowers and of glowing candles. The circular stained glass in the "Gloria" of Bernini above the Altar of the Chair seemed like the sun itself as it brought those last rays to penetrate the lengthening shadows and deepening silence within.

One of the Ministers led the recitation of the Rosary, the Holy Father, and the others kneeling behind him, answering. As the third decade came to a close, the last direct light faded from the window, and by the time that the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and the prayer to St. Peter had been said, the lamps and candles were very bright among the shadows.

BEFORE LEAVING, the crypt the Holy Father, paused for a few minutes to bless several sacred palms to be used for new Archbishops. They were then placed in a silver cask which remains within the grotto, where they are kept until such time as they are needed.

Guest Editorial

God Bless the Altar Boy

Inheritors of a sacred office once reserved only to those ordained to the order of Acolyte, the youngsters who, with bowed heads and shining morning faces, appear out of the early morning mists to assist the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice merit more than passing notice in parish life.

They perform an essential function in the conduct of Divine worship. Not only are they at hand to prepare the altar, move the book, present the wine and water, and ring the bell, but they represent the people in making the prayerful responses to the priest in the language of ancient Rome. They are a necessary adjunct to the offering of the Holy Sacrifice.

TO BE AN altar boy is an honor much to be coveted. The proximity to the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice brings a special blessing to the server. It is an experience the effect of which lingers long into the lifetime of every one who has enjoyed it.

During the war many a lost sheep found his way home to Christ reliving the experience of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinful man.

Fr. Gillis Says:

Revolt by Tito

Newspaper readers and radio audiences must have noticed that editors, foreign correspondents and commentators walked warily when the news came that Tito had defied Stalin.

But when it did come the wisecracks didn't go overboard with optimistic predictions. If they did venture a guess that in the Yugoslav protest against Soviet tyranny we see the beginning of the end of the Communist empire, they were careful to throw in a "qualified assortment of ifs" and "ands" and "outs" and "howevers."

They didn't relish the prospect that readers and listeners might come back at them in a month or two with a cynical "So you thought the Tito revolt was on the level? You should have known it was only camouflage. Haven't you followed the tactics and turns of Soviet maneuvering? Haven't you noticed that whenever Communists speak they don't mean what they say, and that when they seem to act they only put on an act?"

THERE WERE TWO principal interpretations of the excommunication of Tito by Stalin and the resultant defiance of Tito by Tito. One explanation was that the Russian dictator had really rebuked the Yugoslav dictator, and that the rebuke was a prelude to an invasion, which is to come presumably in August. The second explanation was that the whole affair was cooked up by Stalin and Tito, that they still remain in cahoots that Tito still bring his people and his country still more completely under the Russian yoke, that Yugoslavia will become another Soviet state.

Since there were two possible interpretations, the greater number of cautious observers said "Wait and see, don't go out on a limb, if you do, either Stalin or Tito both will cut you down."

Perhaps I am not wise and certain I am not cautious. I am not an expert on affairs in Central Europe and especially in the baffling Balkans. But I will rush in where experts fear to tread and profess that the break between the dictators is not apparent but real, and that in consequence we who hate Communism have at least some little reason to rejoice. Why do I think so? The answers of my confidence are the two mentioned above: first, the history of nations and second, the study of human nature.

FIRST, HISTORY. Someone has said shrewdly "The history of the world is the judgment of the world." Yes and the history of tyranny is the punishment of tyranny. All tyrants come to a bad end, and almost all of them come to a quick end. Quick, at least, as history understands, the word.

Rulers of men like private individuals are up against the fact that God does not abdicate when the wicked take over. God waits awhile but sooner or later He acts. When He acts it is "just too bad" for the wicked. If it were not so, this world, which has often been in a tragic plight would never have recovered. Conditions being bad would never have improved. Absolute anarchy and chaos resulted. Anarchy and chaos have never come. The world rights itself.

To speak more concretely, the world which cannot right itself is righted by a Power above the world. That Power is God. Such a conclusion doesn't come under the head of "poetry" or "religion" or "theology." It is fact just as much fact as that the sun rises after it has set. There is no power in the universe to cause it to set. It is directed by a Higher Power. There is no power in the world to right itself after it has gone wrong. It is a fact that it does come right again after going wrong. It is a fact that thousands of proofs of the existence of God and of Divine Providence. It is a fact that the power of God is omnipotent. It is a fact that His heaven will be well with the world.

AS WITH THE WORLD, in the large so with individual tyrants in detail. You might imagine that Stalin might have read about or heard about the Pharaohs, the Genghis Khans, the Caesars, and if he does read he doesn't take in what he reads. Even if he has no taste for reading, he must have heard of Peter the Great, Ivan the Terrible and Catherine of Russia. He must have heard that their descendants did not inherit their thrones.

If punishment doesn't come to tyrants outside of comes from within. These fall out. Gangsters murder one another. There are thousands of years of history and of human nature—back of these familiar facts.

So when Stalin threatens Tito and Tito challenges Stalin, the may say "There you have it, history repeats itself, but not the same, true to form." This one episode is a warning post, and it is a warning post that is more than a mere post. It is a warning post that is more than a mere post.

Calendar of Saints

SUNDAY July 25—St. James the Greater, Apostle. He was one of three chosen to be familiar companions of Our Saviour. When he was brought before King Herod Agrippa and accused as a Christian, his fearless confession moved the public prosecutor to such a rage that he ordered himself a Christian on the spot. He was beheaded at Caesarea on the 30th of the month.

MONDAY July 26—St. Anne, the Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TUESDAY July 27—St. Pantoleon, Martyr. He was a physician and with St. Luke is the patron of medical men. It is certain that he suffered martyrdom at the Imperial residence of Nicomedia between 303 and 305.

WEDNESDAY July 28—St. Nazarius, Confessor and Victor, Martyr. St. Nazarius who lived in the fifth century, was the son of a noble Roman army officer and embraced the Christian faith of his mother, Perpetua. With St. Cesarius, his youthful companion, he was beheaded under Nero at Milan.

THURSDAY July 29—St. Martha of Bethany, Virgin. She was the sister of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Lazarus and they entertained Our Lord in their home. She is said to have attended Christ in His Passion and rejoiced with Him after the Resurrection.