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The Immaculate Heart of Mary

For all the world, for all nations, and for all people of all countries, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been given to men by the Holy Father.

"All nations shall call Me Blessed! This prophecy, spoken by Mary in the Magnificat, sees its fulfillment today even as in earlier days.

This is as it should be. The Sacred Heart of Jesus suffers and bleeds and burns for all men.

Bishop Kearney leads his people in devout observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The general intention will be for peace in the world. Mary will bring peace to all peoples, will help in the conversion of Russia to God's Church.

America's Shrine To Mary

America is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. America's beautiful capital city should have a worthy basilica church as her National Shrine.

Now the hierarchy of the United States feel that the time has come for the final plans for this great Shrine.

On this Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Catholics of this diocese will place in Bishop Kearney's hands their votive gifts to Mary for her contemplated basilica shrine in Washington.

Babe Ruth Goes Home

Every Christian knows Heaven as his home. His life on earth, with all its interests and concerns, is but a preparation for his home in Heaven.

Death has claimed Babe Ruth for its own. Death has brought him down. But Babe Ruth was ready for the call.

May the admiration of the millions for his prowess in baseball, be matched by their approval for his humble and devoted answer to the call of his God.

Two Masters

No man can love God and love the devil too. No man can serve God and also serve the devil. The truth of these statements is only too evident.

Where do we find such men? All about us we see them; we note their doings. Perhaps we should number ourselves among them.

You can not serve two masters: Christ so instructed the disciples of His day. Christ so tells His followers today.

Fr. Higgins Says:

A Feeling of Frustration The President's Council of Economic Advisers as we have had occasion to suggest more than once - is operating under a statute, the Employment Act of 1946, which comes uncomfortably close to being self-contradictory.



The Council of Economic Advisers itself has been very reluctant and understandably so - to take a public position on the waxes of the employment Act.

One has the suspicion, in reading these important documents, that the Council - whether prepared to say so or not - is conscious of a certain feeling of frustration in attempting to carry out a set of contradictory instructions.

THIS "SUSPICION" - and it's only a suspicion - is substantially reinforced by the Council's most recent report (July 30).

The terms of the Employment Act, says the Council, require "that we shall always look to the independent factors in our business world to adjust their policies so intelligently that the imbalances which are inevitable in our highly dynamic economy shall be temporary and shall not accumulate until they destroy business security."

So far, so good. Few of us at the late date in American history would challenge the right of the Government "to supplement the strength of individual actions" least of all in a period of economic crisis.

THE BIG PROBLEM - to which the Council itself recurrently alludes in all its reports - is the problem of establishing sound economic relationships within industry itself so that "crisis" intervention on the part of the Government will become less and less necessary.

Some of us are inclined to say: so much the worse for free competitive enterprise in the accepted sense of the term and so much the worse for the Employment Act of 1946.

THE TIME HAS COME for the Council of Economic Advisers - if only to make its own assignment easier - to plug for the establishment within American economic life of a system of Industry Councils through which we might hope to achieve, as time goes on, the necessary minimum of "simultaneous action by workers, businessmen, and consumers."

"We Catholics do not want the worker to remain a nonentity in industry. We want to see a joint organization built up through the cooperation of employers' associates and workers' unions. It must be founded on a similar cooperation between management and labor in individual firms.

This story is fictitious, but whoever wishes has the privilege of applying it to an actual instance. Twenty years or so ago, a few hundred vacationists enlivened a locality that was practically deserted during nine months of the year.

The title of the book is "Opportunity for Trade Unionists." The author - save the mark - is a Jesuit, the Rev. Charles Prigden and the publisher, the Catholic Social Guild of England.

Bishop Kearney's Pastoral

Consecration To Our Lady Of The Immaculate Heart

MY DEAR PEOPLE: It was my privilege on the Feast of Christ the King - last year to establish by pastoral letter the devotion of the First Saturday of each month in honor of the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother.

Next Sunday will be the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I should like to mark the day by paying special honor and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of our Lady throughout the diocese.

The present insistence in many well-meaning quarters on the geographical title of Fatima, and the multiplication of various representations of how our Lady is reputed to have appeared in these famous visitations, have served only to obscure the very definite message She gave to the world; and that is: devotion to her Immaculate Heart, the need of penance, the power of the Rosary, and the consecration of all nations and individuals to her Immaculate Heart.

IN ORDER that we might have our share in the fulfillment of our Lady's message, I wish to outline the following program for next Sunday.

First, let our Lady's altar in every church and chapel be richly decorated in honor of her feast, and I would suggest that the faithful make this decoration

With a blessed, I am Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, + JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

Berliners 'Hold the Fort'

By MAX JORDAN Berlin (NC) - Along with some two million other Berliners, nearly 400,000 Catholics in the former capital of Germany are living bravely, if not always too confidently, though a siege imposed upon them by the ruthless occupying power of the Soviet regime.

Standing loyally behind their Bishop, His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, Berlin's Catholics are determined to hold the fort at this Eastern outpost of Christian and western influence in Europe.

IF THEY ONLY had a chance Berliners would vote overwhelmingly in favor of being integrated into the western zones of Germany, for they see and experience every day that communism means terror, oppression, starvation and the loss of all human liberties.

Guest Editorial

Summer Chapel - 2 Decades

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Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Clip and put in prayerbook) Immaculate Heart of Mary, we, the people of the Parish (or Family) of the Diocese of Rochester, solemnly consecrate ourselves and all that we possess, our Country and all her people and possessions, to thee, on this day, the Feast of thy Immaculate Heart.

We renew the Dedication of our Country to thy Immaculate Conception which was made more than a century ago by our devoted Shepherd, the Most Reverend Bishop, v. d. Shephers, the Most Reverend Bishops. We joyfully make our own the Consecration which our Supreme Pontiff, Pope Pius XII, made of the entire human race to thy Immaculate Heart, and which he would have repeated in every diocese and parish and home.

We make this solemn Act of Consecration today in union with all thy devoted children throughout the United States. May we be one with thy Divine Son through thee. As thy Immaculate Heart ever beats in closest union with His Sacred Heart, may our hearts beat in filial affection with thine, in adoration of Jesus, thy Divine Son, and in fraternal charity for all men redeemed by His Most Precious Blood.

To this happy end, O Queen of Peace, we pledge our own devotion, especially through the Rosary, and through the sacrifice entailed in living Christian lives as our daily duty demands. In reparation for the numberless offences and negligences committed against thy Immaculate Heart, we promise thee special love and devotion on the First Saturday of each month, as we pay Him loving reparation on the First Friday.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, glorious Mother of God and tender Mother of Men, be thou our chosen Immaculate Queen of the United States of America, our Mediatrix with thy Divine Son, and above all, our Mother of fair love, of reverence, of knowledge, and of holy hope. Shield us individually and protect our Country, which from this day forward is thine, from all danger and attack. Lead us to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus here on earth and to Jesus, Our Lord, the Eternal King of Glory, in Heaven. May His Kingdom come through the loving mediation of thy Immaculate Heart!

Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary we solemnly consecrate ourselves to thee as thy dutiful children now and forever. Amen.

Fr. Gillis Says:

Dubiously Patriotic Speeches According to the Constitution of the United States, giving aid and comfort to the enemy is treason. Of course the Constitution has in mind purposeful, intentional treason.

But one may be objectively though not subjectively in treason if he gives aid and comfort to the enemy inadvertently or ignorantly. It was painful, therefore, to listen to some of the speeches made in the recent national political convention.

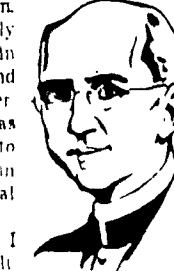
I realize that whenever I happen to use the word "politics" or "political" in this column I must immediately explain that I am not to speak of politics from the political point of view. It is permissible however for one who writes in such a spot as this to speak of politics from the point of view of morals. In Webster's Dictionary, one definition of politics is "that branch of ethics dealing with the ethical relations and duties of states. Since these five politics comes under the head of ethics and ethics is the science of man's duty whose vocation it is to teach morals may speak of the moral principles involved in politics."

ONE SPEAKER I shall not mention names, for names do not matter when one is concerned with principles declared that "our country is enjoying the greatest prosperity ever known on the face of the earth." That may be true. But was it proper to say it in an apparently boastful way when so many millions of non-Americans are starving, homeless, wanderers on the face of the earth? Do not such selfish, heartless boasting play into the hands of those who stir up class conflict and international hatred?

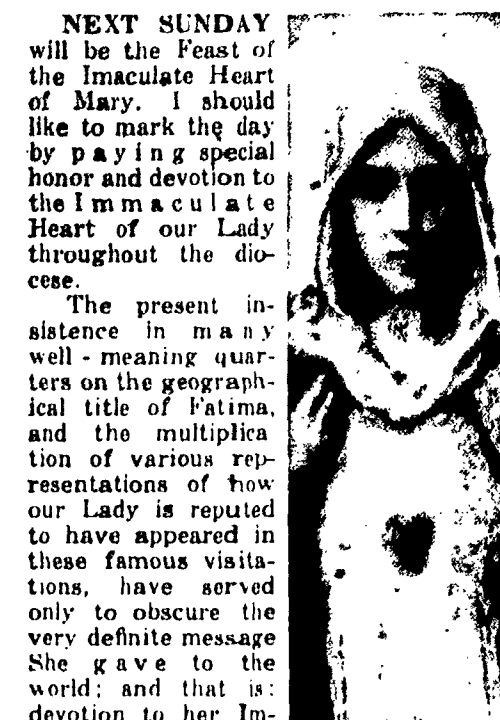
Worse still the speaker went on to claim that an unparalleled prosperity was to be credited to one political party (the speaker's own, of course) and that in the hands of the other party "the very foundation on which our present well-being is built might be destroyed." I am not concerned with the reaction of members of that other party. What worries me is the fact that communists at home and abroad pounce upon such a statement and use it in their purposes. It says just what they see as saying that under the American system of economics, prosperity is precarious and at the mercy of political changes. I have no suspicion that the speaker whom I have quoted is a Marxist, but the speech was plain Marxism, and Marxism is at the root of Communism.

LET'S HAVE another sentence from another speech: "Above all else we believe in the freedom of individuals and we demand protection from those who would make us slaves of great corporations and monopolies." In other circumstances that sentiment would be considered pure Communism. It would be a choice fit for the Daily Worker or the Daily Worker constantly harping on the theme of class warfare to non-political people. See? Have we not told you? Here it is from the mouth of a most prominent American. He confesses that a turn in the political tide will turn America into a slave state."

THE SOLID SOUTH voted "No" on the question of civil rights. Civil rights are guaranteed in the 13th Amendment. Therein it is stated point blank: The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. If the Democratic Party had been in the highest degree courageous, it would have copied that amendment word for word, debated its violation or nonobservance as a crime, and asserted that it would prosecute any man or any state guilty of that crime. As a matter of fact the "civil rights" plank reads: "The Democratic party commits itself to continuing its efforts to eradicate all racial, religious and economic discrimination. We again state our belief that racial and religious minorities must have the right to live the right to work, the right to vote the full and equal protection of the laws on a basis of equality with all citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution."



Fr. Gillis



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