

A Look at Labor

Power Corrupts

By A. C. Tuohy

The recent anti-trust suits by the federal government against U. S. Steel, General Motors, the Aluminum Company of America, the "Big Four" Meat Packers, and other sundry corporations, are "old stuff" as far as trust-busting is concerned.

Since the time of Teddy Roosevelt and his "big stick," American citizens and their government have been concerned over the growing economic and political power of our giant corporations.

The anti-trust suits seek to break these large combines into smaller and less monopolistic units. Whether they can be broken up is doubtful. Whether they should be broken up is disputed. Regardless of what happens, however, two problems must be faced.

(1) Is it good for corporations to have so much power? (2) Are these anti-trust suits really an attack on private ownership of property? Let us consider the second question first.

PRIVATE PROPERTY is simply understood by most of us. I own my hat. I have the right to my hat for my own good. I may wear it. I may put it in the closet. I may throw it away. I may do with it as I please.

This certainly is a correct notion of private ownership as far as hats are concerned. But may it be applied without modification to the ownership of a corporation?

Consider a corporation which has assets of four billion dollars, stockholders numbering five millions, thousands and hundreds of thousands of workers, annual income running into the hundreds of millions of dollars, consumers all over the country depending on its product.

May such a corporation serve only the interests of the stockholders, or the managers, or the workers, or the consumers alone, without regard to the welfare of the other interested parties? May such a company produce or not produce its goods as it sees fit? Most Americans would clearly see the difference between "my" and "my" corporation.

LORD ACTON gave us some idea of the answer many years ago when he said: "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." The power of corporations today over our economic life is almost absolute.

If one doubts the wisdom of Lord Acton's observation, he has only to consider his own experience. Governments have become dictatorial because there was no check on absolute power. Private enterprise has led to socialism because the only power equal to check the absolute power of corporations is the equally absolute and equally corrupting power of an absolute government.

Anti-trust suits may not solve the power corporations. But some answer must be found. No one prefers socialism. The English had no more desire for it than ourselves. Yet they overwhelmingly voted in the socialization of industry. That kind of socialism can be avoided here if we can find a more orderly method of checking corporate power.

Keep Your Place in Marriage

Catholic Marriage Formula Points Out Both Partners Subject to God's Laws

By REV. H. M. CALKINS, O.S.M.

Many modern women do not look too favorably upon St. Paul. They seem to resent his insistence upon woman's subjection to the God-given authority of man. As one woman said to me recently:

"St. Paul is too hard upon women. I am afraid he would never understand modern women. We are, and intend to be, quite independent of men. We are not going to stand for any subjection; we demand perfect equality."

Well, I reminded her of the famous remark of G. K. Chesterton about the modern feminist movement. He said:

"Twenty million women rose to their feet with the cry, 'We will not be dictated to, and then proceeded to become stenographers.'"

That is more than just a wisecrack: It's a summary of woman's situation in today's social life. In their determined effort to win equal rights as individuals with men, women rebelled against the enforcement of home, only to find themselves slaves of office and assembly-line routines far more burdensome.

WOMEN'S STRUGGLE for freedom has put woman out of her true place. She needs the wisdom of God expressed in the

St. Paul's admonitions regarding the relationship of husband and wife may well be recalled in this day of feminist movements, equal rights and easy divorces. This provocative article is reprinted from the July issue of THE SERVITE.

divinely inspired writing of St. Paul to tell her what her real place is and how to achieve it. Far better than most men, St. Paul understood women and their true dignity. He always told them to keep their place for thus they would find happiness.

If he were alive today, he would conclude, as many a priest, lawyer, judge has concluded, the principal reason for widespread failure in marriage is modern women are not keeping their place and are not properly subject to God or man. Furthermore, they are not happy.

Let me explain. God is still the Ruler of the Universe. He does nothing in vain. And He did plan separate roles for husband and wife in marriage. And He did plan woman should be subject to man as well as to God.

He most certainly intended man should also be subject to God. But we must study carefully and apply diligently God's blueprint for successful marriage. Unless we do, we will be forever without a solution for today's sickening divorce problem.

I am not saying only women are to blame. I am saying that if we get women to keep their place in marriage, we will soon get men to keep theirs.

NOW GOD'S formula demands both husband and wife keep in mind that they are subject to God's laws. It further demands they understand the separate but complementary roles each must play. Each must insist upon the other playing his own role each must see he does not usurp the other person's role.

By today's married couples do not act thus. In all too many cases, the husbands have left both the fathering and mothering up to their wives. So much so that American boys now grow up under systems of training supervised ninety per cent of the time by women.

Woman raised and woman-trained most of his life the average man enters marriage and figures women should keep on training all children, husbands included. Thus husbands, failing to keep their place as men, have let homes be too much dominated by women. This leads to usurping man's role.

Today's wives have moved or attempted to move into a domineering position where they seek unreasonably to exercise authority which God intended husbands as God's agents in the home to exercise. Men have weakly given in, rather than



ST. PAUL PREACHING TO THE EPHESIANS "Let wives be subject to their husbands..."

and the head of Christ is God. For man was not created for woman, but woman for man. That is why the woman ought to have a sign of authority over her head" (1 Corinthians 11:3-10).

That is his famous reason for women covering their heads in church, but notice the stress on man's authority from God. Man should be lord and master of the family, because that is how God arranged things. Let man act with purely arbitrary bossiness, God reminds him that "the head of every man is Christ." Some day Christ will judge severely the husbands who abuse their wives and children by excesses in the use of authority.

Or listen to St. Paul talking about Christian homes, in the fifth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians: "Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Let wives be subject to their husbands as to the Lord; because a husband is head of the wife, just as Christ is head of the Church. But just as the Church is subject to Christ, so also let wives be up to their husbands in all things. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church, and delivered up for her..."

"Even thus ought husbands also to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. For no one ever loved his own flesh; on the contrary, he nourishes and cherishes it."

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL ideal for married partners to follow. How much happier today's couples and tomorrow's families would be in this union of loving consideration by husband and dutiful subjection by wife than they are in the endless modern bickering and quarrelling of "I'll show who's boss here."

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Priests Cleared In Alleged Plot On Peron's Life

By JOSE RICHARDS

Buenos Aires — (NC) — Two of the three priests arrested by Argentine authorities for alleged connections with the reported plot to assassinate President Juan Peron and his wife have been cleared of charges by the decree of a federal judge.

Judge Oscar Palma Bellan, in charge of investigations, declared that there is no prima facie (direct) evidence that the two priests, the Revs. Fidel Horacio Moreno, Navy chaplain, and Carlos Grandi, parish priest at the Church of Our Lady here, had anything to do with the plot.

THE THIRD priest, the Rev. Jorge Farías, also a Navy chaplain, is still being accused pending further investigations. Because of his Navy status, Father Moreno is also being detained by military authorities.

When arrest of the priests was first announced, the Argentine Hierarchy issued a statement denouncing the plot and barring the priests from exercising their ministry pending clarification of their alleged complicity.

After Judge Palma announced the release of two priests, His Excellency Jaime Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, issued a statement expressing joy at the judge's decree and restoring the faculties of Father Grandi, a priest of his archdiocese. The Cardinal also criticized the newspapers and radio stations which had used the allegations against the priests as a basis for attacking the Church.

In the Statement of the Hierarchy suspending the three priests from exercise of their ministry, the Bishops had said: "While strongly condemning the conspiracy, since such an action contradicts Catholic teaching which demands respect not only for legitimately constituted authority but also for the human person, we desire, at the same time, to await legal judgment in order to determine the degree of responsibility to be attached to these priests. We withdraw from them the faculty of exercising their sacred ministry as long as their connection with this regrettable affair remains unclear."

N. Y. City Enrolls Religion Classes New York — (RNS) — More than 100,000 students were excused from the public schools to take one hour of religious training as the released-time program started into its seventh year of operation here.

The children, members of the third through the eighth grades, will take one hour of instruction each week during the school year in the church or synagogue of their parents' choice. The program covers about one-half of the students in the grades affected.

About 60 Protestant churches of all denominations throughout the city are participating in the program, together with all the Roman Catholic churches and Jewish synagogues.

'School Hour' Is Dixon Case Issue

Santa Fe — (NC) — A definition of "school hours" became a key point in the early testimony in the so-called "Dixon church-state case" to ban Catholic priests, Sisters and Brothers as teachers in New Mexico public schools. The trial is being conducted here by District Judge E. T. Henley.

THREE NUNS who are paid by the State for teaching in the public school, readily told the court that they taught catechism. But all insisted that they did it "outside school hours" — between 8:30 and 9 a. m. A school superintendent was put on the stand, and though he maintained that school hours were officially from 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., he acknowledged that the first half-hour was a "study period."

There are 28 complainants and more than 200 defendants, the latter including 145 priests, Sisters and Brothers in the case which involves 30 schools in eleven counties. National interest in the court test is indicated by the presence here of Attorney K. Hilton Jackson of Washington, who represents Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and Charles Fahy of Washington, former U. S. Solicitor General, who aids the defendants.

A MUNICIPAL and State school official testified that if a parochial school was removed from his city's school system, it might be necessary to adopt half day shifts in the city's main grade school. He was Julius S. a member of the State school board.

Sister John Ellen of Mt. Carmel School, Socorro, one of the nuns who testified on the catechism teaching procedure, told the court that she taught in a private room not designated for public school use.

Sister M. Loretto Omlor of St. Mary's School, Belen, described how she taught catechism before the regular school bell rang at nine o'clock. All the pupils at her school, which is owned by the Church but is a part of the city school system, are Catholics, she said.

L. Z. Manra, Carrizosa city school superintendent, testified that the children in his city go to whichever school they prefer, the Santa Rita school in an district or the public school in another. Two of the four Sisters at the former are publicly paid. The superintendent said that the division of the student body was along religious rather than geographical lines, the children seeking a Catholic education going to the Santa Rita school. These were for the most part Spanish-American, he said.

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