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Dr. Higgins Says:

Wagner Act in Reverse

Readers of this column are probably just as tired of reading about the Taft-Hartley Act as the author of the column is of writing about it.

William Henry Chamberlain—authoritative commentator on foreign affairs and particularly on matters Russian...

I HAVE before me, as I write, a list of at least a dozen provisions in the Act which give...

They are models of incessant industry. And they are undoubtedly the most patient, persevering and uncompromising people to be found on the face of the earth.

THEY ARE the product of the great civilizations of Asia, graceful, deeply human, highly developed and woefully limited as those civilizations are.

Strangely enough, they have no spiritual guidance of divine origin, no spiritual support of supernatural strength.

THE STATE has a duty then, to encourage organization. It cannot be a matter of indifference to the State whether workers organize or not.

Let's return to the philosophy, if not the details of the Wagner Act and then co-operatively search for the answer to the problems which arise after labor is organized and collective bargaining begins.

Do You Remember? 25 Years Ago—Nov. 30, 1923

"The Ku Klux Klan is an organization... un-American and cowardly." Rabbi Horace J. Wolf declared at the Columbus Club weekly luncheon in Rovers Hotel.

10 Years Ago—Dec. 1, 1938 Approximately 100 young men took the pledge of total abstinence from drinking at the reorganization meeting of the Father Mathew Temperance Society held in SS. Peter and Paul's hall, Elmira.

5 Years Ago—Dec. 2, 1943 The newly constructed St Thomas Church, Red Creek, N. Y., was formally dedicated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, who also celebrated the first Mass in the new structure.

Salvation of Asia from Reds Should Concern Entire World



MOST REV. J. E. WALSH

Impact of the march of Communism in Asia, and particularly in China, and its importance to the world is summarized by Bishop Walsh, former superior general of the Maryknoll Missionaries, in a recent letter to the New York Times from Shanghai.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES: A peaceful world without a healthy Asia is impossible, if only because the immense continent is still as big as ever.

Under better skies they would solve the problem for us single handedly by gradually incorporating the good elements of our civilization into their own.

As Asia brought Christ to us, so the charity of Christ can bring to Asia all it needs in the way of spiritual and material aid for its healthy progress.

Today, however nobody knows how long the opportunity to do so will last. At the moment East and West are not drawing together but seem rather to be drifting apart; and there is grave danger of further, even of irrevocable, division.

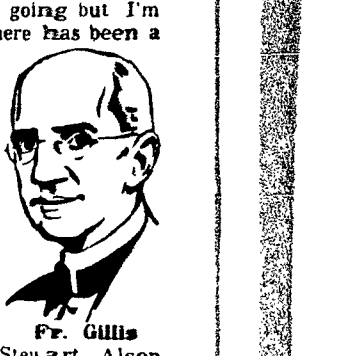
THE SKIES of contemporary Asia are not propitious; they are darkened by a cloud that is much bigger than a man's hand—so big, indeed, that it already covers the eastern horizon from Korea to Burma and beyond.

MANY FACTORS favor its spread in these lands. One of them is the complete spiritual vacuum that already exists.

As Asia deserves something better than the spiritual death and bodily enslavement of communism, in the forlorn hope of the world of today, the salvation of Asia is the vital concern of all humane and responsible men everywhere.

Dr. Gillis Says:

Do We Know Where We're Going?



Dr. Gillis

There used to be a saying, perhaps it was a song, "I don't know where I'm going but I'm on my way." More recently there has been a motion picture, also with a song, "I Know Where I'm Going."

For example, Joseph and Stewart Alsop wrote on the Friday after the epoch-making Tuesday, "The people of the United States are considerably farther to the left than had been supposed."

Here are a few specific items into which the phrase may be broken down. President Truman has declared that he favors and will work for socialized medicine.

HOWEVER, that is only an aside. What I chiefly have in mind is to ask if the people who voted for Mr. Truman intended to deal with their approval the socialistic measures in favor of which he has repeatedly spoken.

Persecution in Rumania Aim at Strangulation of Church

ROME (NC). The metropolitan cathedral of the Greek Rite See of Fagaras and Alba Julia at Blaj, Rumania, has been seized by officials of the dissident national church after the paper transfer of the Greek Rite Catholics to the jurisdiction of the national church...

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

When a saint's cause is being examined by the congregation of Rites all notes of the evidence must be written in longhand. St. Jerome was not a cardinal but he is sometimes depicted with the red hat because of his great services to the church and close ties with the papacy. Largest Catholic vicariate is 1,680,000 sq. miles in Hudson Bay Area governed by 30 Oblate priests and 6 nuns. Our Lady for Her Downy St George and St Edward's Come to our aid was the city of the English troops fighting the French at Agincourt in 1415.

Whose Religion?

The recent declaration of the Bishops of the United States deploring the rise of secularism in our country, and asking for a reconsideration of the novel and unhistoric interpretation of the First Amendment that outlaws all cooperation between religion and the government...

The actual arrangement for cooperation with religious bodies with no preferential position given to any one body, can be worked out in the future even as it has been applied in practice in the past.

Whose religion? The public school is not expected to teach religion; it is only asked to cooperate with religious bodies in granting released time and use of school rooms for instruction in religion by groups chosen by the parents of the children.

Whose religion? Whatever small difficulty the question could present, can be more than satisfactorily answered by the parents concerned, the religious bodies interested, the school authorities anxious to cooperate in a movement to get away from the threat of secularism dominant in our schools, our communities, our government.

Rev. Orastes Canali, R.I.P.

One of the earliest among the Italian priests who have done so much to minister to their brethren, one who did yeoman work in our Italian-American parishes, has been called to his eternal reward.

Current Advent News

God's dealings with mankind are never dead events of history. They are always of current interest to all men, particularly to the faithful of God. The promise of the Redeemer made ages ago, fulfilled two thousand years ago, is with us during Advent as a most important current happening.

The Way of Christ

John the Baptist was in prison. He had denounced the adulterous life of the wicked Herod. He had thus closed the ministry of preparation of the people for the appearance of Jesus, their Saviour.

John knew Christ. His power, His office. But he would leave his followers to Him also. Therefore, he sent them to Him with the words: "Thou art He Who is to come."

Calendar of Saints

- SUNDAY, December 5 — St. Sabbas, Abbot. One of the most famous of the Palestinian monks, he was renowned for his austerity of life and observance of the monastic rule. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church which then was much troubled by the Eutychian heresy.
MONDAY, December 6 — St. Nicholas, Bishop-Confessor. The familiar name Santa Claus is a corruption of his name. He also is a Patron Saint of Russia and is known as St. Nicholas of Myra where he served as Arch-Bishop.
TUESDAY, December 7 — St. Ambrose, Bishop-Doctor. He was one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church. He was a champion of religious liberties and manifested his courage on one occasion by excluding from church services Emperor Theodosius the Great, who was guilty of a cruel massacre.
WEDNESDAY, December 8 — The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day in 1854 Pope Pius IX solemnly declared Mary, the Mother of God and the woman destined to crush the head of the serpent, to have been by singular privilege of God preserved free from all stain of original sin.
THURSDAY, December 9 — St. Restitutus, Bishop-Martyr. Little is known of this African Martyr other than he served as Bishop of Carthage and that St. Augustine, toward the end of the 4th century, preached a sermon in his honor on his feast day.
FRIDAY, December 10 — St. Melchisedes, Pope-Martyr. Also known as St. Melchides, he succeeded St. Eusebius as Pope in 311. He was given the honor as a martyr because of the sufferings he underwent in the time of Diocletian.
SATURDAY, December 11 — St. Damiatus, I, Pope-Confessor. He succeeded Pope Liberius, but had to contend with an Anti-Pope, Ursinus, whose rebellion was crushed by Emperor Valentinian. St. Damiatus is famous for having restored and beautified in Rome the tombs of the martyrs.