

A Look at Labor ACTU's Critics

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The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists has been in existence for more than ten years. It has trained thousands of American workers, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to fulfill their obligations as trade unionists. But it has done more than that.

It has defended workers on strike against rank and file agitators against unscrupulous labor leaders, assisted in driving Communists out of segments of the labor movement, and exposed "phony" labor contracts which denied workers justice.

Has the ACTU many friends? Ask the thousands who have benefited from its work. These friends of the ACTU are not powerful. They are the poor and the little fellows of labor.

Has the ACTU any enemies? Yes. No one could work long in or for the labor movement without encountering the enemies. But the ACTU is distinguished by reason of its enemies. For in the main its enemies have been the Communists in the labor movement. The Communists hate the ACTU. There is no work done by Catholics which Communists fear more than the work of ACTU members.

BUT THE ENEMIES of the ACTU are to be found not only among the ranks of the Communists. Would that they were the only enemies. The strongest foes of the ACTU may be found within the bosom of the Church itself. This is a hard saying, but the fact must be faced.

For several years now a number of people who call themselves "Catholic leaders" have been pointing up an "error" in the Catholic position on the ACTU. This position of the ACTU is becoming known because this complaint has been nothing but a vague generalities.

What do these Catholic leaders say about the ACTU? They say that the ACTU is not safe. Why not safe? It is not safe because it is interfering in the internal affairs of labor unions. It does it by "interfering."

Sometimes it helps helpless rank and file workers fight unscrupulous labor leaders. Sometimes it helps helpless labor leaders fight unscrupulous labor leaders. Sometimes it helps helpless labor leaders fight unscrupulous labor leaders.

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Rev. Alfred J. Barrett, S.J., head of the Journalism Division of Fordham University, New York, who has been named Director of the National Headquarters of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, now located there. (NC Photos)

Schools Aided In Hong Kong

Hong Kong (NC)—How freely Catholic schools operate in this Colony under the present Code of Education is seen in a report issued by the Education Department of the Hong Kong Government, which allows financial grants to these institutions.

UNDER THE terms of the Grant Code, which was introduced before the war and modified slightly upon its reintroduction in 1945, the Government pays the difference between approved expenditure and income of the Grant Schools. Approved expenditure includes salaries, leave pay for teachers rent for school premises and other items.

In the case of a Grant School which owns its building, approved expenditure may include three per cent of its capital value for maintenance. Grants may also be made up to 50 per cent of the cost of new buildings and of major repairs. A Grant School's income consists of tuition fees, which range from six Hong Kong dollars to 12 per month.

There are now 17 Grant Schools in Hong Kong, ten of which are Catholic. The American Maryknoll Sisters have two, the Italian Canonian Sisters three, the French Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres one, the Irish Jesuits two and the Brothers of the Christian Schools (LaSalle Brothers) two. The total enrollment of Grant Schools in the Colony is 11,700 of which 8,000 are in the Catholic schools.

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German Reds Lose Ruhr Vote. Frankfurt — Paralyzing the economy and sending the Ruhr back to the Communist Party, the German Communist Party has won a decisive victory in the recent Ruhr elections. The Communist Party has won 58 per cent of the vote, while the Socialists won 32 per cent.

Reports Hungarian Regime Seizes Catholic Newspaper. Budapest — (RNS)—Copies of the Magyar Kurir, leading Hungarian Catholic newspaper, containing a statement by Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, have been ordered confiscated by the government.

Bp. Hurley Story Is Denied in Rome. Vatican City — (NC)—A report by Momento Sera, Rome, that Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine Regent ad interim of the Apostolic Nunciature, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was influential in causing the differences between Marshal Tito and the Kremlin to be denied in Vatican circles.

Liturgical Calendar Published By Bruce. Milwaukee — (NC)—The Liturgical Calendar, which begins this year with November 28, is a variable date. The beginnings of the liturgical year, as just appeared in its 15th annual edition, is issued by the Bruce Publishing Company here.

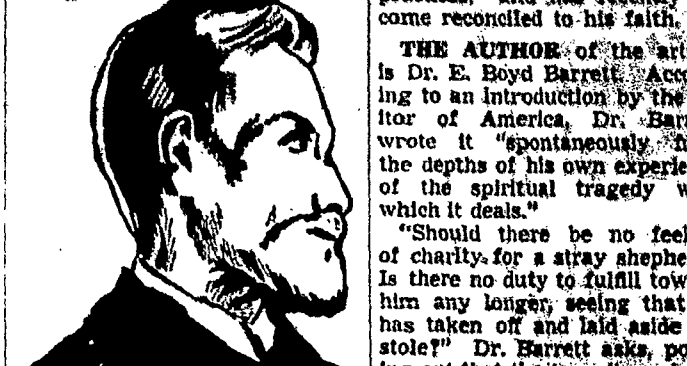
Fordham Librarian Edits Christmas Book. New York — First Christmas anthology published in this country especially for Catholic readers will be issued on November 22nd by Stephen Daye Press.

Entitled "Christmas: A Catholic Treasury for Young and Old, the book is edited by William J. Roehneck, librarian of Fordham University.

Dr. Boyd Barrett Returns To Church; Pleads for Prayers

New York — (NC)—A moving plea asking "prayer for stray shepherds" is voiced in America. Catholic review of the week, by a man who at one time was a well-known Jesuit priest-author, then broke away and, in his own words, wrote "bitter, scathing, satirical books about the Church's political practices," and has recently become reconciled to his faith.

Life Novel



The first novel based on the life of Francis Thompson, the drug-addict Catholic poet, who produced some of the "most exquisite poetry ever to be written," has just been published. By Robert O. Broderick, comes just weeks after the death of Wilfrid Meynell, British Catholic literary figure, the English convert-editor, who discovered Thompson and became the poet's greatest friend and aided his climb to fame.

Pope Pius Receives Confraternity Books

Washington — (NC)—Pope Pius XII expressed his appreciation for a specially bound set of the more than 100 publications of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine from 1834 to 1948. The set was sent to him in the name of Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Chairman of the U. S. Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity, by the St. Anthony Guild Press, Paterson, N. J. The Pope's gratitude was expressed in a letter written by Mgr. Giovanni B. Montini, Vatican Substitute Secretary of State.

Mother Seton Story Written by CPA Head

Cincinnati — (NC)—A biographical sketch of Mother Elizabeth Seton, founder in 1809 of the Sisters of Charity at Emmittsburg, Md., has just been published here, by Helen Walker Homan, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Press Association. Written at the request of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, the pamphlet, entitled "Mother of Many Daughters," is in the form of a letter to Mother Seton, the same style Mrs. Homan used in her well known book, "By Post to the Apostles."

Plans to Film Bach Oratorio Protested

Basel — (NC)—The International Bach Society of Switzerland has protested against the plans of an Austrian firm to make a motion picture of Johann Sebastian Bach's famed oratorio "The Passion According to St. Matthew." The society claims that this masterpiece of religious and musical inspiration ought to be "untouchable" for commercialism, because it is sacred to all humanity.

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