

Reds Quiz Priest On Marriage Book

Budapest (NC) — A book of instructions for engaged couples is the latest pretext employed by the Hungarian communist regime for taking action against a priest. The regime has for many weeks been arresting and imprisoning priests on various pretexts in its campaign to frighten the Catholic Church into subordination.

The Hungarian Ministry of Justice has ordered the "people's court" to begin investigations of a book entitled "Instructions for Engaged Couples" by the Rev. Lewis Mueller, S.J., because the Ministry charges the book "infringes against democracy."

A Look at Labor Why Labor Organizes

By A. C. Tuohy

A great many workers outside the trade union movement frequently ask: Why do people organize? It is a good question. To attempt an answer of what has happened at the Ford Automobile Company or some other large plant leaves most of these questioners cold. They find it difficult to think in terms of the grievances of 100,000 men.

Furthermore, they have heard that union "goons" force people to join unions and are more or less inclined to believe it.

Perhaps the best way of answering this question is to describe what happened among workers in a small business. The employer was a wholesale coffee

roaster. He handled the roasting, grinding, and packing of coffee for large bread, bakery, and grocery concerns. He employed twelve men. For many years his was one of the few non-union shops in the business.

THE FOLLOWING were the conditions under which his workers were employed in this non-union shop:

1. The average wage for forty hours work was \$44. However, one of the younger men, with less seniority, received \$48 for the same work. The older men were paid that the boss should have paid for these long hours, but without a union there was little they could do about it.
2. The men had to work overtime whenever and for as long as the boss determined. During the war, for example, overtime was demanded every day. Frequently, many of the twelve employees worked seventeen hours. When one of the workers, whose health had suffered from these long hours, was asked why he tolerated these long hours, he answered: "What can I do? We have to get down on our knees to hold our jobs."
3. There were no set holidays on this job. The men worked on holidays whenever the boss decided and at straight time.
4. The employees were forced to cooperate with the employer in many immoral and disreputable practices such as diluting expensive coffee with a cheaper mixture, short weighting bags, etc.
5. The men worked in a shop where the health and safety code was openly ignored.
6. The men were not entitled to vacations.

SEVERAL MONTHS ago a handful of the workers decided to put an end to this servitude. They approached the Coffee and Tea Workers Union and invited the business agent to accept them into membership. The business agent arranged for an NLRB election. The employer told the NLRB that his employees were happy. When the Board showed him that every employee had signed with the union, the employer admitted defeat and recognized the union. The union contract now includes the following provisions:

1. After forty hours work in any week or eight hours in any day the men are entitled to time and a half for overtime work. However, the option is left with the men to decide whether or not they do work overtime. They do not have to work if they do not want to. The basic weekly wage is \$52.
 2. They have job security.
 3. They are entitled to two weeks vacation with pay.
 4. They are entitled to five sick days a year.
 5. Free hospitalization is assured to the workers and their families.
 6. They are guaranteed eleven paid holidays a year. If they work on those days they receive double time.
 7. They have refused to cooperate with the employer in his chiseling practices and have escaped punishment for that refusal.
 8. The union had the shop inspected by the officials of the city for health and safety violations. The violations have been corrected.
- As one of the workers told this writer: "I feel like a free man for the first time. And best of all, one ask how such a small business man can afford these benefits, the same worker told me that the boss boasted that he made a profit one year ago of \$200,000. Such a profit on a business employing twelve men is considerable."

Courier-Journal Bookshelf

"Light A Candle"

By REV. RICHARD TORMEY

The favorite slogan of dynamic Father James Keller, M.M., founder of the Christopher Movement, is an old Chinese proverb: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

FRESH ON ALL the bookshelves this month and ready to strike a flame in the minds of thousands who want to "light up the darkness" to make a better world.



FATHER KELLER

Published as a manual of the Christopher ideals, the book exemplifies all the techniques of this fast-growing individual movement established to restore Christ and His neglected principles to every field of private and public life.

It is a startling book—spirited, intelligent and persuasive. Rooted in sound reason and sustained by grace and trust in Providence, Father Keller's suggestions for personal Christian initiative are strung together fascinatingly by an endless series of true stories of Christians in action.

Explaining his theory with homely, practical details of action adaptable to any Catholic man or woman, Father Keller gives Catholic Action its finest stimulant in several decades.

"YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD," the author says, is not a book for experts. It is an A.B.C. for the average person who, becoming more and more disturbed by the rapid trend toward paganism, feels helpless and frustrated only because he is not aware of the vital role he can play, personally and individually in reversing that trend.

Three years ago, worried by the godless thinking in many vital fields of American life, Father Keller organized a Catholic lay group in New York City. Named "The Christophers" (from the Greek for "Christ-bearers") they informally promised to translate their Christian convictions into daily personal action.

Told simply to "carry Christ into the marketplace" by "individual responsibility and individual initiative" the new group began to fight and Christian tenets in their own fields of society. Quietly they are bringing Christian principles into professions, schools, factories, government homes and all media of public information.

By his lectures and a monthly newsletter which reaches 120,000 people of all faiths, the

all Maryknoller from California set down as the distinguishing mark of every Christopher—"love for all people." In "You Can Change the World" he explains how this "love" means a willingness to "Pray for All — Go to All (mingle with all men for we cannot expect them to come to us) — and Teach All (people are won or lost by ideas; replace bad ideas with good ones)"

LESS THAN ONE percent of the people of this country are the "missioners" who hate God and all His principles, Father Keller, contends. So, another one percent working as hard to restore fundamental truths, can change the world for the better.

These "little people" who want to bring "light into the darkness" by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, should, he recommends, get into the four main fields of ideas: education, government, labor management and professional writing, including publications, movies, radio and television.

Writes Father Keller: "The least person, no matter how insignificant, who is interested in bringing the light of Christ's truth to the whole world, is a light in today's darkness and is, by God's grace, greater than all the encircling gloom."

FATHER KELLER'S BOOK gives detailed suggestions for "Christ-bearing" activity by college students, by men in government posts, by labor leaders, by management, by librarians, by social workers, by housewives. His chapters on "Writing — the Power of Words," "Students, a Big Job Ahead," and "Businessmen — a Challenge" are brilliant with workable, compelling ideas.

In speaking of the power that lies in the home, for example, Father Keller gives each busy housewife a dozen leads for making the Kingdom of God shine in the household and the outer community. Such an activity as letter-writing, he shows, can bring informative light from the Christian home into the minds of government officials, newspaper editors, theater owners, and others. Letters of praise or criticism should be "constructive, specific, brief, neat and positive," he directs, "with objective viewpoint and friendly feeling, always."

EMPHASIZING THAT a study spiritual life is necessary above all else to carry out the Christophers' work, Father Keller says: "The more one prays, the more one grows in the knowledge and love of God, the more hopeful one becomes and therefore the more effectively one brings Him into the world."

Father Keller is a man of vision and supernatural zeal, yet he talks with a worldly wisdom and shrewd practicality. Already beloved for his leadership of the Christophers, he will deserve much more praise as "You Can Change the World" turns America's Christian talents to greater apostolic usefulness in national life.

"You Can Change the World" — James Keller (587 pp., \$3.00, Longmans.)

Rochester-Published Book Morally Analyzes T-H Act

The Taft-Hartley Act "must justify itself before the moral law if only in self defense," the Rev. George Kelly asserts in a new primer on the much-debated law, which has just been published in Rochester by the Christopher Press Inc.



Rev. Geo. Kelly

No longer need Mr. Average Worker be utterly confused by the 502 sections of the Act, according to critics of the book, "Primer on the Taft-Hartley Law."

Its outstanding feature is a presentation of the Act in logical sequence, by means of 774 questions and answers involving every phase of the not yet completely interpreted law. Appended is an outline of the Act itself.

FATHER KELLY treats the subject from an ethical, legal and economic point of view. Dedicating himself to "a sounder national labor-management policy," he notes that labor-capital difficulties "cannot be solved by resort to mere legislation, but are fundamentally social, essentially moral."

"The Taft-Hartley Act," the author contends, "is an expression of ethical norms... The moral law requires that all economic activity advance the welfare of men... Only then is it morally good. In so far as the Taft-Hartley Act influences and affects economic activity, it is legitimately the subject of moral judgment and moral criticism."

Father Kelly, who studied under the most Rev. Francis J. Haas, former conciliator for the Department of Labor and past chairman of the wartime Fair Employment Practices Committee, is a labor school teacher and lecturer. His weekly column on labor appears in many Catholic newspapers in the East and Middle West.

A contributor to many Catholic magazines, he has worked closely with specific groups during organizational drives, strikes,

and so forth. He is a member of the Catholic Sociological Society, the Catholic Economic Association and the Catholic Historical Society.

ENDORSEMENTS of Father Kelly's book have been received from recognized experts in Catholic social principles from coast to coast. Says the Rev. Raymond McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference:

"His booklet, if studied carefully by the wide audience which it so richly deserves, will help to clear the air and set us on the road to a sounder policy. The booklet is highly recommended to college teachers, directors of labor education programs, legislators — and particularly to journalists."

Attention is called by the publishers to the fact that there is a liberal discount in schools, organizations, discussion clubs and bookstores. It is the first book to be published by the Rochester firm, which, however, has produced books for other clients.

"Primer on the Taft-Hartley Law" — Moral Analysis, 160 pp., Paper cover, \$1.00; cloth, \$1.75. Quantity discount, 11-20 copies, 25%; 50 or more, 40%. Christopher Press Inc., 285 State St., Rochester 4, N. Y.

Book Club Chooses List for Children

New York, Nov. 28 — (NC) — The December selections of the Catholic Children's Book Club have been announced as follows: Picture Book Group (ages 6 to 8): "Blueberries for Sale" by Robert McCloskey, and "The King's Breakfast" by A. A. Milne, a dual selection; Intermediate Group (ages 9 to 11): "Little Dusty Foot" by Marjorie W. Mason, a tale of adventure about a resourceful hero, who becomes involved with raiders and joins a merchant caravan.

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By Rev. W. A. Kasehmitter, M.M.

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CONVERSIONS have averaged only one a year for three years. But for the 50 years, but thousands of Japanese came to enter the Catholic Church during their studies at Bright Star. With a few exceptions for Christianity in Japan the Brothers look forward to a greater number of converts. Many of the brightest men active in Catholic Action in the

All Sartre Writings Banned By Vatican

Vatican City (Radio, NCWC)

—Osservatore Romano has published a decree of the Holy Office, dated October 30, which places on the Index of Prohibited Books all the works (omnibus opera) of John Paul Sartre.

John Paul Sartre, a Frenchman, is the leader of a philosophical movement known as "Existentialism." Several of his writings have been translated into English and published in the United States.

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