

A Look at Labor

Aims for '49

By A. C. Tuohy

New Year's Day is a time for making resolutions. Organized labor ought to have some resolutions of its own. If I were an important labor leader I would resolve in 1949 to do the following things:

- 1. Bring the benefits of trade unionism to those who are yet unorganized. I would admit that I have not done a great deal of organizing for the past few years. I would recognize that my failures in this respect are due in great part to the large numbers already enrolled on my union books. I would shake myself out of my lethargy to organize the difficult fields which have resisted unionism in the past. My efforts would be particularly centered on white-collar workers.

- 2. Do a better job of selling the labor viewpoint to the people. I would rent radio time on national hookups. I would turn out simple but highly-polished pamphlets dealing with my aims and methods.
3. I would sit down with management to outline a new and necessary labor law which would protect the rights of workers, unions and the public. I would not be averse to certain restrictions which are framed in the interest of the common good, but I would resist amendments which would weaken unduly the legitimate rights of trade unions.
4. In seeking to protect the wage standards and working conditions of my members, I would think first of the men and the community, and give only second thought to myself and my power.

IF I WERE Philip Murray, I would have a few special resolutions.

- 1. I would not temporize with the Communists any longer. I would not make deals with them even though my uncompromising stand meant that certain Communists left the CIO with their unions. Knowing the Americanism of the rank and file CIO members, I am sure that they would return to the CIO sooner or later.
2. I would do something to effect the unity of the AFL and CIO. I would realize that the continued division of organized labor helps no one but a few power-hungry old men who will disappear from the scene in a few short years anyway.

IF I WERE William Green, I would give some thought to the following propositions:

- 1. I would not look down my nose at the C.I.O. I would not be so overbearing in my attitude to the "schismatic" labor movement that I would discourage unity.
2. I would begin to assume

some sort of leadership over my international unions. I would not be afraid to act against certain AFL officials who are bringing the name of organized labor into disrepute. I would check the ambitions of those labor leaders who puff their own power and position before the welfare of the country and the American workers.
3. I would move against the corruption and racketeering that is prevalent in some of my unions.

IF I WERE the newly-elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers or the head of the Chambers of Commerce, I would recognize a few fundamental truths:

- 1. The economic system does not exist merely to make profits for a few. It exists for the good of all people, workers and consumers, as well as managers, investors and bondholders.
2. The only thing worthwhile for three out of every four Americans in the economic sense are their jobs. I would see that these workers had good jobs, secure jobs, well-paying jobs. I would try to experiment with the guaranteed annual wage.
3. I would begin to look upon trade unions not as undesirable interlopers which must be tolerated, but as instruments of social justice and necessary checks on my own unlimited power.

But I am not a labor leader or business executive and I don't know whether these men have made any New Year resolutions at all. But for the good of the country, I hope they have.

American Goes To Teach Japanese

Tokyo — (NC) — William Ryan, ex-service man and former official in the Allied Translator and Interpreter Service, has arrived here to take up the post of professor of English at the Nagoya College of Foreign Languages.

Mr. Ryan is a native of Chicago and studied Japanese at the University of Michigan. In civilian life he worked for a number of years in the field of advertising, in which he took a degree at Loyola University, Chicago. He is probably the first American Catholic to come to Japan as a lay missionary.

In Tokyo Post



Rev. John O'Donovan, S.S.C., formerly Vice-Director of the Columbian Fathers in America, has taken up his new duties in Tokyo as special Catholic Adviser to the Chief of Religious and Cultural Resources Division of the United States Occupation Forces in Japan. Appointed by General MacArthur, Fr. O'Donovan will advise Catholic leaders there in the formation of plans and policies concerning Japanese Catholicism and the return of Catholic missionaries. (N.C. Photos.)

New York City Honors Virgin

New York (NC) — An estimated 30,000 persons have honored the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima in two days since it was placed in the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

About 2,000 persons have attended three daily services conducted by Magr. William C. McGrath, of the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society, who accompanied the statue here from Pittsburgh. Others have made special visits to the cathedral at all hours of the day until 10 p.m.

More than 3,000,000 Americans have honored the statue since it arrived in the United States in October, 1947. Monsignor McGrath said he estimated that the tour would continue for two years more.

Children's Book Club Selections Announced

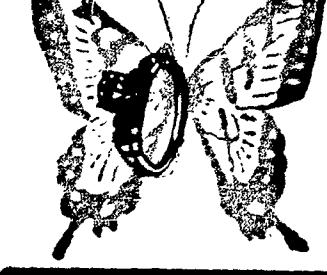
New York (NC) — The January selections of the Catholic Children's Book Club have been announced as follows: Picture Book Group (ages 6 to 8): "Hustle and Bustle" by Louis Slobodkin and "The Little Train that Saved the Day" by Charlotte Steiner, a dual selection; Intermediate Group (ages 9 to 11): "Pedro's Choice" by Catherine Blanton, an amusing and warm story of a boy in modern Mexico.

Older Boys Group (ages 12 to 16): "Emergence Run" by Edward B. Hungerford, a story of the Oregon's triumphant race against time and Older Girls Group (ages 12 to 16): "The Great Venture" by T. Morris Longstreth, a thrilling chronicle of the early career of Daniel Chester French, the famous sculptor.



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Fatima Makes 'LIFE'

BY REV. RICHARD TORMEY

A fortnight ago the estimated twenty-two million weekly readers of LIFE magazine looked at a four-page spread of pictures and text entitled "The Miracle of Fatima." For many it was a new and puzzling story: millions of Americans read for the first time the story of the most stirring heavenly visitations of modern times.

ALTHOUGH COMPOSED with a tongue-in-cheek skepticism the LIFE article was factually accurate. With polite incredulity it sketched the essential details of the six famed apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

But because pictorial-journalism is incapable of analyzing the timeless message of Our Lady and the supernatural faith which draws pilgrims in ever-growing numbers to Fatima, LIFE and its uninformed readers missed the whole spiritual significance of this amazing story.



FATIMA BEGAN TO blossom as a household word for American Catholics only in 1942 when the memoirs of one of the eye-witnesses were published. But back in 1930 the Bishop of Leiria where Fatima is located decreed that the 1917 visions were "worthy of credence" and that he "officially permitted the devotion of Our Lady of Fatima."

Since then the Church has asked for increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, has consecrated the world to her Immaculate Heart, has urged the reception of Holy Communion on the First Saturdays and renewed universal prayer for peace and the conversion of Russia.

All these vital intentions sprang from the startling tale habited by three little children in the tiny village of Fatima only thirty-one years ago.

On May 13, 1917, Lucia dos Santos, 10, and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco, aged 7 and 9, were tending their family sheep in an open field. Suddenly "a beautiful lady" appeared to them and announcing that she came from Heaven asked the children to meet her at the same spot for six successive months. She begged them to say the Rosary each day and to make acts of reparation for the world's sins.

Two visits later the Blessed Mother told the children "I come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Eucharist on the First Saturdays. If men listen my requests, Russia will be converted and there will be peace." Besides confiding secrets still untold, she predicted that World War I then raging would soon end but that if mankind did not stop offending God there would be "another and a worse war" in the reign of Pope Pius XII. Over and over in each visit the heavenly Lady insisted that only great prayer and sacrifice would win God's love and lasting peace for mankind.

SCOFFING CYNICS laughed at these tales but on each appointed apparition day the crowds of hopeful watchers at the site of the visions grew larger. On October 13, 1917, more than 70,000 people

were present when the Lady told the children "I am the Lady of the Rosary." The crowd could not hear this but they suddenly saw the "miracle of the sun" which the Lady had promised as proof of the supernatural character of the six visions. The sun revolved in the sky like an exploding fire-wheel, flung itself earthward in a frightening zig-zag course and then righting itself returned to its usual place.

FOR ALL WHO WANT full information on the visions of Fatima and inspiring reading on the significance of the Blessed Mother's promises and warnings, there are four authentic books which treat the story thoroughly and in popular style:

"The Crusade of Fatima" by Father John De Marchi is the most complete and accurate account available for Father De Marchi, who lives at the Fatima shrine, has had firsthand knowledge of every incident and each personality in the last survivor, Lucia, now a Carmelite nun and has served as a source-book for several later works. Outstanding in Father De Marchi's book are the interviews made thirty years ago with the children and a complete treatment of all their conversations with the Blessed Mother. He gives the exact details of later appearances of Our Lady to Lucia and the contents of four memoirs which she has written in the convent since 1936.

William Thomas Walsh, famed historian, author of "Isabella of Spain" and "Philip II," in "Our Lady of Fatima" has presented a swiftly-moving, well-written account of the apparitions with Lucia as the heroine of the running-story. Although he states the tale taken from her memoirs is "not fictionalized," the style is colorful and imaginative. His treatment of the skeptical reaction of the children's families and the townspeople is well done.

Father Thomas McGlynn, a Dominican sculptor, fashions his book "Vision of Fatima," around a trip he made to Portugal in 1947 to interview Lucia and enlist her advice in modeling a new statue of the Blessed Mother as she appeared in 1917.

He has brought back a lively account of his travels, new records of post-1917 revelations and touchingly human picture of the little girl who intently supervised his sculptural-work. Neither scholarly nor distinguished for new treatment of the visions, this book is the most intimate and latest interview with the last survivor of the apparitions before she entered Carmelite seclusion.

"Our Lady of Light" by Father G. Da Fonseca, a Portuguese Jesuit, and Chanoine C. Barthas, Parisian journalist who introduced the story of Fatima in France, is a complete account of the revelations told with historians' directness and clarity. Simple and reverent in its factual depth, it is carefully documented and contains the text of the cross-questionings of Lucia made by the church authorities of Lisbon.

"The Crusade of Fatima"—Rev. John De Marchi (177 pp., \$1.25, F. J. Kennedy Sons)

"Our Lady of Fatima"—William T. Walsh (226 pp., \$2.75, Macmillan)

"Vision of Fatima"—Rev. Thomas McGlynn, O.P. (215 pp., \$2.50, Little Brown & Co.)

"Our Lady of Light"—Chanoine C. Barthas and Pere G. Da Fonseca, S.J. (225 pp., \$2.00, Bruce)

Missionary To Fly Own Plane

Australia — (NC) — An American missionary, the Rev. Charles Patrick, M.S.C., of Reading, Pa., has left for New Guinea to begin mission work in the Vicariate Apostolic of Rabaul.

The 31-year-old Missionary of the Sacred Heart passed flight tests at Essendon, Melbourne, and took his written aviation examination here before setting out. He is now qualified as an aviator, mechanic, commercial pilot, helicopter pilot, and instructor in flying airplanes, meteorology and navigation.

Father Patrick began aviation training while a chaplain at the Lewis College of Science and Technology at Lockport, Ill. He has 330 flying hours to his credit and has made cross-country flights in the United States and Mexico.

In his new mission assignment the priest believes his plane, named Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, will be especially valuable in carrying hospital cases, medicine, and mail in the far-flung vicariate.

Japanese Doctor, A-Bomb Victim, Pens Best-Seller

By Rev. W. A. Kaschmitter Tokyo — (NC) — A Catholic Japanese, victim of the 1945 Nagasaki atomic bombing, who still in constant danger of death from even the slightest shock, has written the story of his experiences in a book that has just been picked as a best seller in a newspaper poll here.

The author is Dr. Takashi Nagai, a former professor at Nagasaki Medical University who has been invalided for life. Entitled "Kono Ko no Nokishite" (Leaving These Children), the book is in part a spiritual testament to his own two youngsters.

AND THE THREAD by which Dr. Nagai clings to life is indeed a precarious link so precarious that he may tear even an innocent outburst of affection in his children.

For example, the vulnerability of his emaciated body, along with extreme swelling of the abdomen due to abnormal expansion of the spleen caused by the bomb, is such that he is in danger of instant death from internal bleeding in case of even the slightest shock or contact.

SINCE HIS CHILDREN are still small and given to healthy childish pranks and enthusiasms, Dr. Nagai has found it advisable to barricade himself in his bed behind chest and other furniture to prevent any sudden affectionate "attack" on their part. Even before the Nagasaki bombing, Dr. Nagai's health had suffered from exposure in radiology experiments at the university. Radioactivity effects of the atomic bomb invalidated him for life.

WHEN THE HOLOCAUST hit Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, all that was left at his home near Urakami church were a few charred remains of his wife along with the beaded chain of her rosary. A first book he wrote, "The Rosary Chain," recounts what he found in his home on his return the evening of the bombing. A scientist, Dr. Nagai is above all a fervent Catholic and this

spirit is revealed throughout the second book, the best seller. One passage says: "Through the atomic bomb, all that obstructed my right way of living has been cleared away. I was able to taste the true happiness, which is a gift of God. Even death, now waiting at my door, in the greatest gift of love, which our Heavenly Father, of Infinite Love, is extending to me. Therefore, all the sufferings of the mind and all the pains of the body which I still have to endure before leaving this world are necessary for the final revelation of the glory of God I am facing these with a joyful heart."

The second book was ranked as a best-seller in a poll recently taken by Yomiuri, one of the three largest dailies in Japan. Several foreign reviewers have expressed the hope that the book may soon be translated.

Report Made on Catholic Books

Milwaukee, Wis. — (RNS) — A total of 718 new books were published in 1948 for Roman Catholic readers, according to the Bruce Bookman, a publishers' journal here. This figure represents an increase of 194 volumes over 1947, it was said. The Bookman said the 718 books included 124 volumes dealing with spirituality; 75 with biographical subjects, 59 with history; 56 with poetry, drama and criticism; and 52 works of fiction.

Catholic Periodical Launched in Japan

Tokyo — (NC) — A new Japanese Catholic monthly magazine, Katel no Tomo (Friend of the Family) is being issued here by the Pious Society of St. Paul, whose leading specialty is press work. The first number was prepared for his fine selection of educational, entertaining and inspirational material.

Catholic Book Club Group Directed by America Press

New York — (NC) — The Catholic Book Club, monthly book selection and distributing organization, has been taken over by the America Press, it has been announced here. The literary editor of America, national Jesuit weekly, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Editors.

The overhauling of the book club was announced with a comment that "the Club has done a job in its day, but that job and its possibilities have changed." The Catholic Book Club, it was stated, has not kept pace with the giant secular book clubs of the country and a new leadership was felt necessary to "correct this state of affairs."

"There are hundreds of thousands of intelligent Catholic leaders in the country who belong to these secular clubs, and who receive frequently, if not monthly, by month, books of a type that do not particularly grace a Catholic home. And these many, too many Catholic readers, belong to these clubs mainly because they have never heard of the existence of the Catholic Book Club," the announcement stated.

THE NEW POLICY of the Catholic Book Club will be to select the best of Catholic publishing, and its periods when "such books just do not appear on Catholic lists" to select whole some works from the general field. Announcement of the new board of editors being recruited by Father Gardiner will be made in the near future.

The Catholic Book Club was founded in 1928. According to the latest National Catholic Almanac, it has distributed more than 275,000 books to its members.

Other Catholic units operating in the same field are the Spiritual Book associates of New York, the St. Thomas Moore Book Club of Chicago, and the Catholic Literary Foundation of Milwaukee. The Junior Book Club of Springfield, Mass., and the Catholic Children's Book Club of New York distribute children's books each month.

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