

A Look at Labor Congress Please Note

By A. C. Tuohy

President Truman last week called for the repeal of the ft-Hartley Act. In its place he wants the old Wagner Act, altered in spots by a few amendments. These amendments would regulate industry strikes, unjustifiable secondary boycotts, jurisdictional strikes between unions, and like over the interpretation of contracts.

There are other changes in the Wagner Act which should also be considered by the new Congress. A list of changes might include any of the following:

- UNIONS OUGHT to be obliged by law to bargain collectively.
- While the union shop does not have proven cumberstone, no provision ought to be made to enable workers to eliminate union shop when they do not want it. The same kind of arrangement should be made for decertification of a union.
- The check-off of union dues should be permitted only after written consent of the worker is obtained.
- Employers should be permitted to discuss union matters long as they do not promise rewards or threaten their work with punishment for following or rejecting their advice.
- Employers ought to be denied the right to petition for a RB election when only one union is seeking certification.

THE ANTI-COMMUNIST act ought to be required not only of top union officials but of all workers on the union payroll. They ought to be required to file financial statements and reports with the Secretary of Labor.

The National Labor Relations Board ought to be enlarged to include seven members.

Political strikes should be outlawed.

Violation of a contract by her party ought to be made at an unfair labor practice.

- Economic strikers should be granted the right to vote in NLR election.
- If the law calls for injunctions, those injunctions ought to be discretionary with the Board, not mandatory.
- The Federal law ought to be amended to require that when interstate industries are involved,

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New Orleans' Banquet

By MARY IRISH

If your budget doesn't include a trip South this year, don't despair, for Frances Parkinson Keyes' new novel, **DINNER AT ANTOINE'S**, offers an opportunity to escape Rochester's snow and sleet and spend an exciting week in exotic New Orleans.

There in warm sunshine and zephyr breezes you will be kept busy dining at Antoine's famous restaurant on Creole gumbo, crayfish bisque, and cherries jubilee; following the intricate workings of three or four romances; and incidentally clearing all but one of half a dozen suspects of the murder of one of the most beautiful ex-Carnival queens in all the history of the Mardi Gras.

DINNER AT ANTOINE'S shares its southern setting with several of Mrs. Keyes' previous novels, *Crescent Carnival* and *River Road* among them, but unlike them takes place in 1948.

Using the same skillful charm and rich talents displayed in previous volumes like *Came a Cavalier* and *All That Glitters, the Catholic* novelists has again made the top of most of the "best-seller lists." Although light reading and sleek with the color and romance of New Orleans at carnival time, the book has already been acclaimed as "among the best of the Keyes novels."

RATHER THAN REPEATING tales of the Civil War South, Mrs. Keyes gives us detailed eating places and the glamorous Twelfth Night Ball, plus a look in at the present day sophisticated society of the Creole haute-monde, which, it would seem, is as exclusive as any in the world.

The main plot of this rambling tale revolves around the question of which of the guests at Orson Foxworth's dinner at Antoine's killed the lovely Odile, daughter of one of the best of these Creole families, and wife of the unfaithful and ill-tempered Leonce.

Was it Foxworth himself, millionaire suitor of the murdered girl's mother? Vance Perault, the family doctor who has secretly loved Odile for years? The murdered girl's sister Carole, who may be in love with Leonce? Or could it be the mother, who yearns for freedom to marry Foxworth?

Protestants Give Dollar Rent to Card Spellman

New York (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has received from the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society a check for one dollar as one year's "token rent" for three buildings on property in the Bronx belonging to the Archdiocese of New York.

The buildings are being used for temporary shelter of 85 homeless and unattached women and children during the remodeling of St. Barnabas House, which has served the Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society in Manhattan for 84 years in giving necessary care to women and children.

At the request of Bishop Charles K. Gilbert of the Protestant Episcopal Church of New York, the buildings were placed at the disposal of St. Barnabas House by Cardinal Spellman in 1947 for a nominal rent of one dollar a year.

Archbishop Prays At Inaugural Rites

Boston (NC) — A prayer that all officers of the State of Massachusetts "may be enabled, by this powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability" was offered by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston at the inauguration of Gov. Paul A. Dever.



This striking statue of the Virgin Mary, founder of the California missions, graces the National Statuary Hall in the U. S. Capitol building, Washington. It is one of the two statues permitted to be placed there by each state honoring its famous sons. The cause for the beatification of Father Serra was advanced recently in the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno by the opening of the first court session in the cause.

Prelate's Arrest Linked to Moscow

Vatican City (Radio, NC) — That the arrest of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty resulted directly from Moscow orders to "liquidate" the Hungarian Primate before the end of the year, is asserted in a dispatch by Kipa Swiss Catholic news agency, which was broadcast by Vatican Radio.

The Kipa report said that the Hungarian communist regime, embarrassed by the orders from Moscow, appointed a commission to "study" the whole matter. The commission Kipa said suggested three possible solutions: (1) sending the Cardinal abroad, (2) his death "by accident" and (3) his arrest.

Czech Clergy Denied Rationed Clothing

Prague (RNS) — Czech clergymen are barred from receiving ration cards for new shoes and clothing under government regulations which limit the privilege to regularly employed workers according to Lidova Demokracie, organ of the Czechoslovak Popular (Catholic) Party.

Since clergymen are not included in the category of employed persons, they must buy their clothes in the future at free market prices several times higher than those charged for rationed commodities in the newspaper said.

The only exception is that of ecclesiastics who are considered employed persons.

THE STORY OF THE solving of the murder is interwoven with the tales of the private romances and intrigues of all the suspects and a few of their friends, including an international plot by a romantic millionaire financier, and a young girl's return to self-respect after she had almost capitulated to adultery.

Unfortunately, as is often the case when an author attempts too many plots in one book, none of these several stories turns out to be a literary masterpiece.

Who-dunn-it addicts will have solved the murder long before Police-captain Tom Murphy, who requires almost five hundred pages of clues and conversation before he can reach his conclusion.

One or two of the love stories also remain rather unconvincing, particularly the so-called undying passion of Sabin Duplessis, handsome war hero, for the murdered girl; and the sudden switch of Orson Foxworth's affections from the woman he has pursued for ten years to a proposal to another girl within the week.

MRS. KEYES' ENTHUSIASM and vivid imagination will lead her readers easily through the long story, and those who have been admirers of her earlier tales will not be disappointed.

Her descriptions of New Orleans life and the Southern atmosphere are especially interesting to a snow-bound Northerner, and since her characters all seem to be gourmet, the delicious and exciting dinners they take pleasure in are guaranteed to make your mouth water.

If you're looking for a serious novel that will provoke deep thought, skip this one, because **DINNER AT ANTOINE'S** is one of the few best-sellers recently produced which is not a sociological treatise. It does not thrust any terrifying picture of dire moral or economic conditions at its reader; it does not add ounce to the weight of world worries.

Mrs. Keyes has set out to provide a pleasant interval of mystery and romance in a richly interesting background, and that is exactly what she does.

It is also a real pleasure to note that **DINNER AT ANTOINE'S** differs from a great number of the nation's most widely read books in that moral standards it presents agree completely with our own.

Dinner at Antoine's—Frances Parkinson Keyes (488 pp., \$3.00, Julian Messner Inc.)

Famous U. S. Woman Labor Leader Buried in Chicago

Chicago (NC) — Funeral services for Miss Agnes Nestor, 68, one of the best known women labor leaders in the United States, were held here (Jan. 7) in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

For the last 35 years, Miss Nestor had been president of the Chicago Women's Trade Union League. She was one of the early vice-presidents of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems and had served as chairman of the committee on women in industry of the National Council of Catholic Women.

IN 1944, SHE taught at the Institute on Industry, which was sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women and the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference. She took part, on a number of occasions, in programs of Catholic Conferences on Industrial Problems.

Miss Nestor, who devoted most of her life toward better conditions for working women, was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and moved to Chicago with her family when a girl of 14. She was a member of the International Glove Workers Union of America, and served it successively as general secretary-treasurer and president and later as vice-president for many years.

She was named by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 as a member of a Federal commission to consider national aid for vocational education. In 1918 she served as a member of an Illinois industrial survey commission. She held a number of other State and county posts dealing with the unemployment problem during the depression era.

History Published Of Nuns' Community

Detroit — "A veritable religious epic — a narrative of labor and prayer, of heroism and self-sacrifice" is the description given by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, in the forward to "No Greater Service," by Sister M. Rosalita, I.H.M. This recently published book is a history of the first century's existence of the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, founded in 1845 in Monroe, Michigan.

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Japan General Converted to Catholic Faith

Tokyo — Gen. Yoshijiro Uesu, 64 who died of cancer in the American military hospital after he had received a life sentence as a war criminal, was received into the Church on Christmas Day, it has been made known. Funeral services were held for him at the Sacred Heart Church here.

The former chief of the Japanese army general staff and supreme war councillor was instructed in the Faith by his daughter, Clara Josephine, co-foundress and head of the Pious Association of Lay Women, which directs a finishing school here for daughters of aristocratic families. Miss Uesu became a convert eight years ago and has been instrumental in the conversion of about 30 others.

The society she helped found has also members, who teach language, music, needle work, domestic science and religion to about 100 students. The society also trains them in social work, visiting the sick and providing clothes for the poor.

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