A Look at Labor-Striking Psychology

By A. C. Tuohy

The strike problem in modern society is a serious one. Laetare Sunday For this reason alone, if for no other, it should be handled and discussed with wisdom and prudence. Yet no subject has been more carelessly handled by Catholics and non-Cath- employees. It fires men who

offics alike. From the vantage point of the with the boss. is clear that no arm chair, flected on the picket line. statistics, can solve the problem.

STRIKES ARE NOT the real disease of our economic society. The banning of strikes in Italy, Spain, Germany, or Russia never cured the real disease. Such laws merely ignor or try to hide the real illness.

Strikes grow out of human resentment. They are merely symtoms of an inner conflict. Banning strikes would no more cure the resentment than a medical drug will cure the illness that is responsible for headaches, loss of weight, and insomnia. Political drugs are the favorite medicine of dictators, but dictators, like drugs, are habit-forming.

In most cases workers strike ances has gone uncorrected. The immediate occasion of the strike might be a wage dispute. If the employer was friendly, cornsiderate, and well-disposed toward his workers day in and day out the chances are that they would bend over backward to resolve their wage dispute.

WHAT CAUSES STRIKES? 1. Some employers never real-

ly accept their workers' union. They fight the union. They cannot treat their workers as equals, They expect their employees to to get along with, but he has be meek, uncomplaining, subservient. They want adult workers to obey them as a child might be expected to obey his father. 2. Management is sometimes unfair to its employees. It allows some workers privileges which are denied others. It is heartless in its treatment of sick, he has a money investment he infured, or older workers. It pays different wages to men doing the same work. It makes rules one week only to change them the next. It promotes favorite sons rather than tested

arm-chair, the book of logic, and 3. Modern work is frequently the latest statistics, strikes seem very boring. The men are not in Catholic churches throughout silly. Yet the closer one is to interested in their work. Every any strike situation the more so often their discontent is re-

no book logic, not even the latest 4. Work is sometimes organized and wage scales are paid in such a way that worker is set against worker. Competition between human beings over work and wages is too frequently degrading.

> 5. THE ECONOMIC insecurity of the worker also leads to strikes. If a man's wage is insufficient to cover his living costs, if he is worrying about the next baby his wife is going to have, if his company is laying off men regularly, his life will be ruled by his fears.

In other days, his fears might make him take the lower wages and starve, or accept the lay-off and go on relief, but that day is past. Many of the strikes which 17. occur are merely defense mechanisms employed by workers to only when a long list of griev wring justice from their em-

> The trouble with our economic system is that there is too little justice and very little charity in it. Of all the items in production, the workers are most expendable. If an employer needs a machine, he buys it. He does not haggle about the price. And he takes good care of that machine.

> But he may treat his human machines more ruthlessly and get away with it. The human machine may need \$60 a week no scruples in paying him \$30. If the human machine is rusted or worn out through improper working conditions, the employer discards him. And he can easily discard him because he has no money investment in his worker. But where take great care. Steel rivets apparently are more important than human bones.

Strikes will diminish when human beings receive the same care that machines do.

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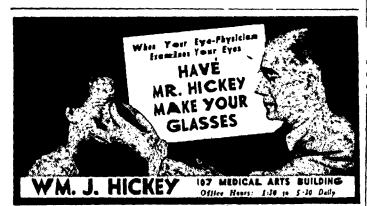
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campaign of the United States Bishops for \$5,000,000 to aid the hungry and needy people of warruined lands will be conducted the nation beginning on Lactare Sunday, March 27, it has been announced by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, chairman of the Adminis trative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

IN A LETTER to each member of the Hierarchy of the country, Archbishop McNicholas recalled that "hundreds of thousands of persons would have been utterly hopeless and thousands would have died" without the aid extended by American Catholics through their Bishops and dispensed in the name of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The Archbishop also announced that another children's collection during Lent will be conducted in Catholic schools throughout the country from March 2 to April

HIS LETTER stated that the 1949 campaign also will aid the program for the resettlement of displaced persons, "which can mean so much to the Church" and "imposes a tremendous responsibility."

He said that although the 1948 campaign fell \$2,000,000 short of the total achieved in 1947, "It was nevertheless a munificent gift to the hungry, starving, sick and homeless people of marry countries, who are the victimas

The Bishops at their general meeting in Washington last Norember approved the 1949 carapaign and set the goal "of at least \$3,000,000." The date aceptable to most of the Bishops for the campaign is Lactare Surrday, March 27.

The relief collection for 1949 Archbishop McNicholas stated. will enable the Administrative Board and War Relief Services to continue the work of charity and to care for the Committee for Refugees. 'The program we have for displaced persons, which can mean so much to the Church, imposes a tremendous responsi-

China Woman **Doctor Joins** U. S. Convent

Shanghai - (NC) - Misa Josephine, Ou-yang, graduate physician of the medical college of St. John's University here, has sailed for the United States to join the Sisters of Charity at Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio,

She intends to return to China after her period of novitiate to dedicate her life as a Sister of Charity to the service of the sick in China, The Siaters of Charity conduct St. Joseph's Hospital in Wuchang, one of the largest medical institutions in central China. Miss Ou-yang has been a staff physician for two years at one of the leading hospitals here.

Children's Book Club Names Latest Choices

February selections of the Cath- were seeking the "soul salvation" converts. olic Children's Book Club have been announced as follows:

Jan Balet Intermediate Group ages 9 to 111: "Rosa and Randy" hy Katherine W. Eyre: Older Boys Group (ages 12 to 16): "The Seventh's Staghound" by Fairfax Downey, and Older Girls Group (ages 12 to 16): "Marcia, Private Secretary" by Zillah K. MacDonald.

Ottawa Church Burned

Ottawa - (NC) - Fire des Charge d'Affaires. troyed 60-year-old St. Mary's The embassies of Germany Church Building of \$150,000. So rapidly did the and Haiti. There are charges flames sweep through the brick d'Affaires from Yugoslavia, Fin- Book Published veneer church that it was in land, and Peru. to save the Blessed Sacrament.

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Courier-Journal Bookshelf

God's Army in Russia

By REV. RICHARD TORMEY

It was after midnight in the huge Moscow barracks of Stalin's dreaded Secret Police. In a tiny darkened bedroom a convert-class of men and women police agents sat crosslegged on the floor listening to the whispers of a Catholic priest disguised as a Yugoslav Partisan In less than a month of long nightly instruc-

tions, the priest baptized seven members of the MVD. heard their confessions and gave them their First Holy Communion at a secret, hurried Mass - all in the very center of Soviet police headquarters!

THIS IS ONE incredible scene from a new and thrilling true-story of the Church's secret life behind the Iron Curtain, "GOD'S UNDER-GROUND,"

described by a like a hunted spy in Russian lands for four years, is the first full report of the fight for religion in the Russian Catacombs where an oppressed people yearn for freedom of worship.

The startling revelations of an adventurous and anonymous "Fa their George," in collabor ation with polished magazine writer Gretta Palmer, prove

that godless Communism has not smothered the deep Christian resistance of the Russian

FATHER GEORGE IS the alias of a Yugoslav priest who went "underground" in 1941 to be a chaplain to Catholic youth groups in the Partisan militia fighting the Nazi occupation forces. In the exciting years of moving about freely with Soviet troops, he used nine names and posed in five different occupations.

GRETTA PALMER

Usually acting as a friendly doctor (he was once a medical student), Father George kept his priesthood under cover. But secretly, defying Russian policy, he regularly said Mass for his men in a tiny isolated hut, directed retreats in the woods, heard confessions on the march, cared for the dying and spread Catholic philosophy into many curious and hungry Rus-

For six months in 1945 the quick-witted priest wandered in Soviet Russis. He risked his life to talk with thousands of Russians of every social and official level but never was detected for he carried credentials supplied by a Russian general whom he once befriended by secretly saying a Christmas Midnight Mass at his sickbed.

PASSED FROM CHRISTIAN to Christian on the "stations" of the religious underground he crisscrossed Russia to learn how amazingly the unhappy people have guarded their faith despite twenty years of systematic atheism imposed by law. The present tolerance of a few open churches is a lying political strategy, ha claims, which will soon be cancelled unless the people aided by the Western nations can win democratic liberation.

Most memorable in "GOD'S UNDER-GROUND" are the scores of haunting people who cross Father George's path, There was the distillusioned girl officer, Lt. Natasha, who shot herself after seeing the simple, holy beauty of a church-wedding as celebrated in Poland; the bland Russian officer who walked twelve miles through snow drifts to attend Mass before a battle; an atheist woman army surgeon who found faith and a religious vocation while working with hospital Sisters in Hungary.

Everywhere there were young people coming to religion through independent thinking born in disgust for Marxism; and old folks who spurned their beloved Orthodox Church because it had become a state-puppet.

THE FEW PRIESTS who hide in Russia today have promoted a "postoffice Christianity," Father George declares, in describing how they enlarge their secret ministry by letting the mailman work for God.

Catholics send their wedding rings to the distant priess to be blessed and mailed back; by the same postal system they revelve consecraied earth for the graves of their family and obtain small bottles of blessed water for the haptiam of new bables.

In his open-eyed visits to Russian cities and villages, Father George discovered enough smouldering hatred of the Soviet tyranny to give Stalin frightfilled insomnia. Besides the "one-third of the nation" whom he claims believe in Christ and worship in the shadows of God's underground, the author reports there are other millions of anti-Communist Russians who are quietly spreading a "plan" for a democratic state founded on Christian social principles.

FATHER GEORGE'S OWN adventures in trying to say daily Mass and distribute Holy Communion are astounding. He carried the wine and tiny hosts secretly in his medical-kit. Usually he recited the Mass prayers from memory late at night without vestments, candles or congregation.

Once while in prison he sent Holy Communion to fellow-prisoners by hiding the consecrated Hosiz in pieces of bread which a friendly guard pushed into the communicants' cells. When conversation was forbidden in the prison yard, he cisime he "heard" confessions by having the men scribble their sine on tiesue paper and send them to him. He read the slips, ate them and then finding the writers in the prison yard, he winked to signal forgivemose and absolution.

THE AUTHOR'S PROVEN reliability plus Miss Palmer's exciting style make this book sensational reading as the first public record of a religious refugee who could describe the growing spiritual and physical resistence inside

The significance of its message that "God's Army" may soon mait the Iron Curtain from inside with "the warmth of faith and charity" offers new hope for world peace and the ful-fillment of the promise made by Our Lady of

"God's Underground"-by Father George, as teld to Gretta Palmer (\$3.00, pp., 206, Appleton-Century-Crofts

Book Society Starts Negro Preacher Embraces In Vatican City 'Soul-Salvation Church' Rome - (CIP) - Under the

Conway, Ark.—(NC)—One year ago Good Shepherd the approval of its Governor, parish here was only the pious desire of a Negro preacher and his friends to know more about Catholicism. There was no church, no school, no parish-

Today the parish has a small ioners, a group of catechumens, and a bright future.

church, "Brother, we have it and we church, a two-room parochial will be glad to share it with you," school with 16 pupils, 14 parish | was Father Lachowsky's reply With contributions of eash, lumber and labor from his own

It all began when Preacher parishioners, Father Lachowsky John M. Hudson and Will Flem-built a church in honor of the ing, representing a group of non- Good Shepherd on the plot of Catholic Negroes in this city, ap- ground purchased by Bishop Alproached the Rev. Anthony Lach- bert L. Fletcher of Little Rock. owsky, C.S. Sp., of St. Joseph's On Holy Saturday, last year he New York - NC) - The Church here, and told him they baptized his first class of 12

Picture Book Group ages 6 to Nations With Representatives "Amos and the Moon" by At Vatican City Number 39

Rome-(CIP)-According to a new List of the Diplomatic Corps at the Vatican, just issued by the Secretariat of State of His Holiness the Pope, 39 nations have diplomatic

representatives accredited to the ,-Holy See 16 of these hold the the Vatican represent 16 coun-Minister Plenipotentiary and En- icas, 2 of Asia, and 2 of Africa. voy Extraordinary, and 3 that of

ruins within a half hour. Two THE AMBASSADORS, listed priests escaped serious injury according to their seniority, are the 1948 National Catholic Buildwhen the walls collapsed as they those of. Poland (Government-ing Convention are now available were trying to enter the church in Exile), Colombia, Chile, Portugal, Ireland, Venezuela, Bolivia, France, Belgium. Spain, and the lems. Special Representative of the United States of America.

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Word-for-word proceedings of to pastors, religious superiors the Dominican Republic, Argen- and other Catholic administratina, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, tors with diocesan building prob-

Printed and bound into a 305page book, the proces ings carry complete addresses by leading questions. Among the subjects covered are Catholic building objectives, community planning, design, selecting and working with the architect, heating and air conditioning, planning the institutional kitchen and building

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"May Be First American Parish Priest A Saint"

Two unusual tributes to the person and work of Rt. Re-Magr. Nelson H. ("Father") Baker, for 60 years superts tendent of Our Lady of Victory Institutions in Lackswanns appeared recently in publications

in Detroit and Erie. An editorial in the Lake Shore Visitor Register, the Catholic weekly of the Eric Diocese, written by the Very Rev. W. Lawrence Franklin, editor, stated as

"IN THE ERIE diocese Father Baker is a household name and his 60 years of monumental charitable work among unfortunates are as well-known as the record of Babe Ruth among baseball fans. Somehow or other the faithful like a priest who walks with Chirst's poor rather than those who are at home in the pariors of financial tycoons, in the haunts of celebrities of the stage, screen, and radio and in the lounges of the social life.

"That endearing quality plus his boundless childlike faith in Our Lady to do the seemingly impossible for the care of his children, perhaps will give Father Baker the distinction of be ing the first American parish priest to be honored with saint dom. And parish priests are few and far between who have made that grade."

THE SECOND RECENT ref erence to the greatness of Monsignor Nelson Baker, who was termed a "Twentieth - Century Vincent de Paul", is contained in the commencement number of The Campus Reporter, a publica tion of Marygrove College in Detroit. This tribute states:

"Father Baker, a "twentieth century Vincent de Paul," attracted world-wide attention in his inauguration of Our Lady of Vic Paul Bussard, of St. Paul, Minnettory Charities in 1882. Rising editor of the Catholic Digast from the humble beginning of speaking at a disaster increase. the Boys' Protectory at Lime augurating the French Canadian stone Hill outside of Buffalo, he edition. Digeste Catholique established a line of charities, in said the publication within the cluding Our Lady of Victory past 12 years had become one of Trade Schools, Orphan Asylum, the most influential of its kinds Farm Buildings, Gymnasium and with editions to appear abortly Working Boys' Home.

Minister, Family Joins Church

Denver - (NO) - A L band and wife, both of when had been Protestest mildleters and their two young siller have been receiver but Catholic Church bers.

They are Theren F. Bowner; his wife, Mary Mariha Bowser. and their children, Mary and Joseph. Mr. amd Mrs. Bowner received Holy Commounted in the chapel of Mercy Memphe at Christman Billiant Mans which was offered by the Boy. J. P. Truckel, M.S., house chaptains, who inschool family auto the Church.

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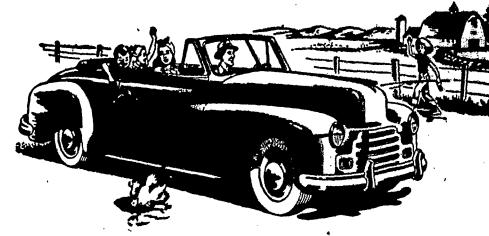
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