

A Look at Labor Striking Psychology

By A. C. Tuohy

The strike problem in modern society is a serious one. For this reason alone, if for no other, it should be handled and discussed with wisdom and prudence.

From the vantage point of the arm-chair, the book of logic and the latest statistics, strikes seem silly. Yet the closer one is to any strike situation the more it is clear that no arm chair, no book logic, not even the latest 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.

Strikes grow out of human resentment. They are merely symptoms of an inner conflict. Banning strikes would no more cure the resentment than a medical drug will cure the illness.

In most cases workers strike only when a long list of grievances has gone uncorrected. The immediate occasion of the strike might be a wage dispute.

WHAT CAUSES STRIKES? 1. Some employers never really accept their workers' union. They fight the union. They cannot treat their workers as equals.

employees. It fires men who have not ingratiated themselves with the boss. 3. Modern work is frequently very boring. The men are not interested in their work.

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 worried 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.

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.

But he may treat his human machine more ruthlessly and get away with it. The human machine may need \$60 a week to get along with, but he has no scruples in paying him \$30.

Fund Drive For War Needy Set Laetare Sunday

Washington—(NC)—The 1948 campaign of the United States Bishops for \$5,000,000 to aid the hungry and needy people of war-ravaged lands will be conducted in Catholic churches throughout the nation beginning on Laetare Sunday, March 27, it has been announced by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, chairman of the Administrative 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 dispersed 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 17.

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."

The Bishops at their general meeting in Washington last November approved the 1949 campaign and set the goal of at least \$5,000,000. The date acceptable to most of the Bishops for the campaign is Laetare Sunday, March 27.

Courier-Journal Bookshelf God's Army in Russia

By REV. RICHARD TORNEY

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 officer.

THIS IS ONE incredible scene from a new and thrilling true-story of the Church's secret life behind the Iron Curtain, "GOD'S UNDERGROUND," described by a priest who lived like a hunted spy in Russian lands for four years, is the first full report of the fight for religion in the Russian Catechisms where an oppressed people yearn for freedom of worship.



GRETTA PALMER

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.

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 "booth" but, directed retreats in the woods, heard confessions on the march, cared for the dying and spread Catholic piety into many curious and hungry Russian minds.

For six months in 1945 the quick-witted priest wandered in Soviet Russia. 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, he claims, which will soon be cancelled unless the people aided by the Western nations can win democratic liberation. Most memorable in "GOD'S UNDERGROUND" are the scores of haunting people who cross Father George's path. There was the disillusioned girl officer, Lt. Natasha, who shot herself after seeing the simple, holy beauty of a church-wedding as celebrated in Poland; the blond Russian officer who walked twelve miles through snow drifts to attend Mass before a battle; an atheist woman army surgeon who found faith and 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 spurred their beloved Orthodox Church because it had become a state-puppet.

Catholics send their wedding rings to the distant priest to be blessed and mailed back; by the same postal system they receive consecrated earth for the graves of their family and obtain small bottles of blessed water for the baptism of new babies.

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 resistance inside the Soviet.

The significance of its message that "God's Army" may soon melt the Iron Curtain from inside with "the warmth of faith and charity" offers new hope for world peace and the fulfillment of the promise made by Our Lady of Fatima that "Russia will be converted."

"God's Underground" by Father George, as told to Gretta Palmer (\$3.00, pp. 286, Appleton-Century-Crofts

"May Be First American Parish Priest A Saint"

Two unusual tributes to the person and work of St. Rev. Msgr. Nelson H. ("Father") Baker, for 60 years superior of Our Lady of Victory Institutions in Lackawanna, appeared recently in publications in Detroit and Erie.

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

"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 Christ's poor rather than with Christ's poor rather than those who are at home in the parlors 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 being the first American parish priest to be honored with sainthood. And parish priests are few and far between who have made that grade."

THE SECOND RECENT reference 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 publication 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 Victory Charities in 1882. Rising from the humble beginning of the Boys' Protective at Limestone Hill outside of Buffalo, he established a line of charities, including Our Lady of Victory Trade Schools, Orphan Asylum, Farm Buildings, Gymnasium and Working Boys' Home.

Minister, Family Joins Church

Denver—(NO)—A husband and wife, both of whom had been Protestant ministers, and their two young children have been received into the Catholic Church here.

They are Thomas F. Bowser, his wife, Mary Martha Bowser, and their children, Mary and Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Bowser received Holy Communion in the chapel of St. Mary's Hospital at Christmas, 1948, when they were offered by Rev. J. P. Truby, R.C., hospital chaplain, who received the family into the Church.

Mr. Bowser declared that when she was a child, her Catholic grandmother used to tell her stories of the Saints and they left a lasting impression. She was raised a Unitarian and became a minister in that denomination, but often was accused of using Catholic ideas in her sermons. Mr. Bowser has served as a Baptist minister.

'Digest' Inaugurates Canadian Edition

Montreal, Que.—(NC)—Rev. Paul Bussard, of St. Paul, Minn., editor of the "Catholic Digest," speaking at a dinner here inaugurating the French-Canadian edition, "Digeste Catholique," said the publication within the past 12 years had become one of the most influential of its kind with editions to appear shortly for Italy and Spain.

China Woman Doctor Joins U. S. Convent

Shanghai—(NC)—Miss Josephine Ouyang, 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 Sisters of Charity conduct St. Joseph's Hospital in Wuchang, one of the largest medical institutions in central China. Miss Ouyang has been a staff physician for two years at one of the leading hospitals here.

Negro Preacher Embraces 'Soul-Salvation Church'

Conway, Ark.—(NC)—One year ago Good Shepherd 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 parishioners.

Today the parish has a small church, a two-room parochial school with 16 pupils, 14 parishioners, a group of catechumens, and a bright future.

It all began when Preacher John M. Hudson and Will Fleming, representing a group of non-Catholic Negroes in this city, approached the Rev. Anthony Lachowsky, C.S. Sp., of St. Joseph's Church here, and told him they were seeking the "soul salvation"

Book Society Starts In Vatican City

Rome—(CIP)—Under the laws of Vatican City, and with the approval of its Governor, Marchese Camillo Serafini, a stock corporation has been formed for the purpose of "compiling, publishing and distributing a new Catholic Encyclopedia and books of Catholic culture."

Children's Book Club Names Latest Choices

New York—(NC)—The February selections of the Catholic Children's Book Club have been announced as follows: Picture Book Group ages 6 to 8: "Amos and the Moon" by Jan Biele Intermediate Group ages 9 to 11: "Rosa and Randy" by Katherine G.W. Eyre Older Boys Group (ages 12 to 16): "The Seventh Stagnation" by Fairfax Downey and Older Girls Group (ages 12 to 16): "Marie, Private Secretary" by Zillah K. MacDonald.

Ottawa Church Burned

Ottawa—(NC)—Fire destroyed 60-year-old St. Mary's Church here with a loss in excess of \$150,000. So rapidly did the flames sweep through the brick-vener church that it was in ruins within a half hour. Two priests escaped serious injury when the walls collapsed as they were trying to enter the church to save the Blessed Sacrament.

Nations With Representatives 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 rank of Ambassador, 20 that of Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary, and 3 that of Charge d'Affaires.

The embassies of Germany and Japan and the Legations of Austria, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, France, Belgium, Spain, and the Special Representative of the United States of America. The 20 Legations are those of: Liberia, Guatemala, San Marino, Lithuania (Government-in-Exile), the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta, the Netherlands, Cuba, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Austria, China, the Lebanon Republic, Uruguay, Great Britain, Monaco, Egypt, San Salvador, Panama, Rumania and Honduras are "closed for the time being."

The Knights of Malta, although they lost sovereignty over the Island of Malta in the Napoleonic wars, have kept the right to diplomatic representation at the Holy See. The diplomats accredited to

Church Building Book Published

Word-for-word proceedings of the 1948 National Catholic Building Convention are now available to pastors, religious superiors and other Catholic administrators with diocesan building problems. Printed and bound into a 205-page book, the proceedings carry complete addresses by leading authorities and their answers to questions. Among the subjects covered are Catholic building objectives, community planning, laying out the parochial or institutional group, architectural design, selecting and working with the architect, heating and air conditioning, planning the institutional kitchen and building materials.

Copies of the proceedings, on sale at cost, may be obtained by writing the Rev. J. A. Otte, treasurer, St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind., and enclosing two dollars.

The Catholic Shop GOD'S UNDERGROUND \$3.00 Tucker's INC. 300 Main St. E. 12 North Street

MID-WINTER USED CAR SALE! PRICES are now at their LOW point! It will be another year before we will be able to offer such SAVINGS to you! 1st payment need not be made till SPRING!

W.M. J. HICKEY 187 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING. HAVE MR. HICKEY MAKE YOUR GLASSES

METALS—1949 Our new booklet covering the outlook for Metals during 1949 will be sent on request. METAL DEPARTMENT

BACHE & Co. Members New York Stock Exchange and other Leaders. 39 State Street, Rochester 4 Telephone: MAin 0010

TOUGH BEAUTY LOVE BROTHERS PLAX PLAX COE For Interior and Exterior Floors. SEE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DEALER

GENESEE LAGER BEER REAL OLD FASHIONED GOODNESS