#### -A Look at Labor-An Industrial Duty

REGARDLESS OF what one

Pension plans are expensive

price of taking care of an old

Millions of dollars are spent

annually on wasteful advertis-

ing, on lobbying and political

contributions, on taking care

of parasitic middlemen, on

graft, on propaganda, on ban-

quets and parties, without

much protest from employers

Millioni more are spent on

machines, repairing therm, re-

conditioning them, improving

thern. No one objects to this

Why then should there be ob-

jection to money spent on the

The trade union movement

is becoming more aware of the

need of pension plans. As their

members grew older they are

going to become more insis-

tent im these matters. This is

good. If employers do not as-

sume their obligations toward

the old voluntarily, these obli-

gations will be forced uspos

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or the public.

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human machine!

Harry Truman finally got a raise. He now makes \$100,000 a year. This may seem a lot to the \$50 a week man but even he recognizes that our President is weefully underpaid. When one considers the

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dens of the presidency and corporations do not develor fair when one sees the huge sums retirements systems for their paid to Hollywood stars, race workers, they will have no right track operators and prize fight to object to social security syspromoters, it is clear that terms which take care of work-\$100,000 is far from enough for ers from the cradle to the grave. the President of a great nation. This will mean regimentation and The \$25,000 increase was given socialization. However, indus-

to Truman not only to help him trialists cannot expect the aged over the ordinary expenses of his and their families to worry office. It was an attempt to pro about that. vide him with a pension. Harry Truman is a poor man. Unless we want only rich men in the Presidential chair, we ought to may think of John L Lewis, he provide enough income so that was pursuing a Christian ideal when his term of office expires when he obtained a \$100 a month for metired coal miners. he will have a nest egg.

They will add to the price of PENSIONS ARE good things. goods. But when one considers In an America which is aging the wasteful expenses already they are becoming more and added to the price of goods, no one can seriously object to the

Corporations have long since learned that if they are to keep the best men in executive positions they must offer them security against old age. Consequently, they provide generously for their top officials. It is nothing unusual for a corporation president to retire with an annual income for life between \$25,00 and \$50,000. This is good. But the same corporations have been woefully lax in providing the same security for their ordinary employees. Only the other day I heard of an employee who retired after twenty years of service with a monthly pension of

\$15. Even where the pension

plans are respectable, a \$50 to

\$75 monthly income is considered

generous. Who can live on \$75? We now have social security in the United States. The government had to assume obligations for the aged simply because industry refused its own responsibilities. From the Christian point of view, it is industry, not the government, which is responsible for the care of the aged and retired workers who have spent their blood and their muscle in the Charles C. Price, chemistry de

service of their employers. Social security will never be partment head at the University adequate its benefits will all of Notre Dame since 1945, has ways be small. The best that can been rarmed Indiana's Outstand be hoped from the governmental ing Young Man for 1948 by the aystern is that it supplement the Indiana Junior Chamber of Compension systems of industry If merce.

Courier-Journal Bookshelf

# From Riches To Rags

To the skeptical and complex modern, St. Francis of Assisi seems a simple. almost totally incomprehensible character whose chief contributions to the world were a set of impractical ideas about poverty and the founding of a begging order.

Such, at first glance, might be the reaction after a cursory reading of Theodore Maynard's loving but thoroughly unsentimental biography of St. Francis - RICHEST OF THE POOR. But author Maynard's fascinating Francis exerts such a pull on the imagination that the reader is unable to dispose of the book without further investigation.

AT THE OUTSET, the writer approaches his task with objectivity, consulting with the skeptics as well as the apostles of Franciscanism. Impartially, he accepts or discards the researches of other writers in the effort to portray the saint he loves as Francis really was, or at least as he appeared to be.

The young Francis emerges from Maynard's biography as a fantastically innocent and completely amiable youth who enjoys poetry, and

music and boisterous parties. Regarded by the people of Assisi as lovable if a little eccentric, the son of the wealthy cloth merchant enjoyed a standing in the community despite his penchant for lavishing money and gifts on his friends and on the

Always imaginative and a triffe boastful, Francis had a poetic ideal - he dreamed of being a knight.

This chivalrous de St. Francis of Assisi sire, indicative of a thirst for unselfish service. became the vehicle for the passage of God's Grace into the heart of Francis, for it was on a soldiering mission that the youth got his first inkling of what was in store for him.

On his way to war, he had a dream in which he heard a Voice which bade him return to Assist and walt for a commission in the service of "the lord."

GRADUALLY, UNDER THE influence of a spiritual conversion, the budding saint is depicted as drifting from his former easy life, keeping aloof from his former friends and becoming increasingly devoted to the poor. At the bidding of the Voice, he resolved to

despise all things which he had formerly cherished and become a Knight of Christ His first reaction to this commission of knighthood was to embrace a leper, giving him all his money and kissing the man's shapeless, diseased mouth. Having once conquered the horror and revulsion of his fastidious nature, the youth followed up this impulsive gesture. and began what was always an important part

of his vocation, the care of lepers. In the same impulsive manner, he is deseribed as overcoming his natural shame at begging, a mode of existence which always required an effort of his will. In a dramatic

public gesture he renounced his father's wealth and gave back even the clothes he wore.

HIS ABELITY to charm, as well as imagine his followers is credited with gaining him the compartively easy support which he received from the ecclesia stical authorities and from

The brotherhood he founded was held together by Edealism and emthusiasm, more than by rule. Simplicity, even more than powerty, was the distinguishing mark of a Franciscan, and this applied to every feature of the life of the brothers.

To convey the soul-contentment which Francis and his brotherhood found in complete poverty appears to be a constant preoccupation of the author of RICHEST OF THE POOR.

The penniless state was not regarded as hardship, but rather as a privilege, a liberation from the tyranny of material things. "Nobody was ever so greedy of gold as Francis was of poverty," says Maynard.

Nowhere is Maymard's appreciation of St. Francis more evident than in his references to that charming characteristic of the openair saint - his love of birds and animals. Lest its real significance be missed he points out that such a quality demonstrated Francis' keen percention of the Reality which is the essence of

DEVELOPMENT OF THE Franciscan order is traced from its humble beginnings, through the much-disputed stages of its growth and revision without favor or disparagement in RICHEST OF THE POOR. Facts and conjecturings are paracled for a sober inspection before the reader with no coaching from the writer.

He does make clear, however, his conviction that Francis was never fundamentally at variance with the Church, nor with the Franciscan leaders who moulded his original ideal into a practical, and what was essential, a living

A wealth of turbulent thirteenth-century at mosphere provides the background for this study of a great spiritual genius. His contemporaries, including St. Clare - "The Shining One" who founded the Franciscan sisterhood -St. Anthony of Padua, St. Bonaventure and the enigmatic Brother Elias, usually described as the "Judas of the Franciscan Order," are here too, with hosts of other deft characteriza-

PLAUDITS MUST GO to Theodore Maynard for his tasteful selection from the plaus Franciscan legends, and his restraint in treating of the stigmata and the mysticism of St. Francis. Here and in his description of the sufferings and death of the saint, the author's sensitivity and sincerity are unmistakable.

The critical, sophisticated resodern may as well pass up this literary morsel.

For here is depicted a popular historical fig. ure, who, without besmirching or wateringdown for mass consumption, will appeal to the soul and the sensibilities of the common mam. Unlike the self-contained acphisicate, he ask

"Bichest of the Poor" by Theodore Maynard (\$8.00, 255 pp., Doubleday Inc.)

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James Keller, founder of the

Christopher movement and

author of the book, "You Can Change The World," and Ar-

thur (Bugs) Bear, newspaper

Speakers were the Rev.

#### Most Rev. Michael J. Ready, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio and Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference. who has issued a cell for the nation-wide observance of Februsry as Catholio Press Month. BOSTON BISHOP Dublin - (RNS) - Auxiliary Bishop John Wright of Boston has arrived here to make arrangements for a pilgrimage to be led in September by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston. Bishop Wright said about 900 American Catholics - would leave Boston aboard the Brittanic on Sept. 8 and arrive here Sept. 15. They will visit the principal religious shrines in Ireland during

In Press Call

ten-day, lour. During his stay in Ireland, Bishop Wright will visit the Trappist novitiate at Glencairn in County Waterford. He said that Archbishop Cushing intended to oring several Trappist nuns back to America to establish a foundation in the Boston archdiocese

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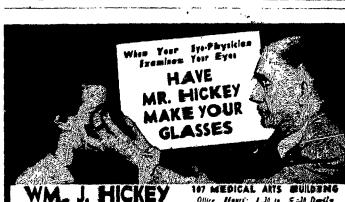
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### Book Tells Struggles of 1st U.S. Catholic Paper

Milwaulkee (NC)-The founder of the Catholic Press in the United States, Bishop John England, is the appropriate subject of a new biography, John England American Christopher," by Dorothy Fremont Grant to be published this month, Catholic Press Month, by the Bruce Publishing Company. "The United States Catholic Miscellaney," founded by Bishop England of Charleston in 1822.

paper in this country, according with religion in all pears of to the book. IT IS TRUE that prior to 1822 papers had been published which were Catholic in toxic and sympathy, the books states, and there were, for example, the "Courier de Boston," published for several cellaney" had a hard time in months in 1789 by Paul de Nan establishing itself, the work recrede, an instructor in French at Harvard College, and the 'Michigan Esmay, or Imparilal Observer" of Detroit, edited in 1809 by Father Gabriel Richard, the only priest ever elected to the United States Congress. A number of Irish journals were man Catholic Church an act of also put out in the years between mortal editorial consequence to in their general outlook, but

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1809 and 1822 that were Catholic the attacker. which were more political than opinion with logic enulition, and religious. Thus, the first newspa- eloquence, noticeably changing per to be primarily Catholic in the course of such opinion to the content as well as im sympathy benefit of the Church and faithwas Bishop England's "Catholic ful." Miscellaney."

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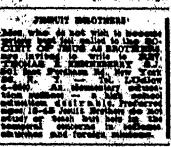
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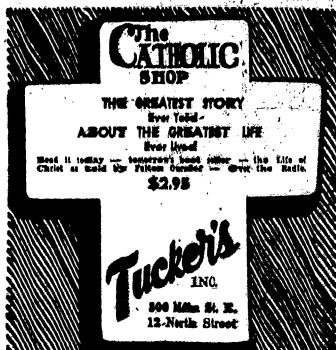
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from that of persons taught to Friars Issue believe that a priest is a hypoinward respect for them

tain erroneous non-Catholic ideas and soon will be ready for genconcerning priests and proceeds eral distribution, it has been anto refute them. An example, the nounced here by the Franciscan writer states, is the frequent accusation that the priest is "a The Almanac, a standard referscheming individual, charging ence work of 823 pages, touches

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Catholicism is hostile propa has been added to the liturgy ganda." Reinforcing this asser- section of the volume. tion by several citations from non-Catholic historians, the au-

thor declared: "Every unbiased scholar who has taken the trouble to investigate the Catholic Church from have been included. its own point of view, as well as from that of the enemies, either becomes a Catholic or becomes a delender of the Catholic re-

New York - (RNS) - Bob Considine, opiumnist and arether, was horsored at the first annual awards dinner here of the American Guild of Cathotic Wilters as "the oustanding Cathoffic writer for 1948" for

crite, only pretending to lead a Annual Almanac holy life, to that of a far great. er number who, knowing little Washington - (NC) - Markabout priests, still maintain an ing its 43rd year of publication, The National Catholic Almanac for 1949 has gone to press at St.

The author then examines cer. Anthony's Guild, Paterson, N. J., Ceries of Holy Name College, compilers of the volume.

for his prayers and for Masses" points of Catholic as well as na-'There is no charge for his tional and international general 1949 edition include the full Engjustment of the socalled salar) "The Christian In Action." issued allowance of the priest as pas by the U.S. Bishops following their abnual meeting last No-In a previous article it was as vember and a synopsis of the serted that. "... the root of anti- "Mediator Dei" Encyclical, which

A CONDENSED history of the Church in provinces of Canada and a complete list of Catholic hospitals in the United States

Other features include: an in creased list of biographies of famous American converts topics such as the Holy Year. the Protestant Reformation, the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, and the various Catholic anniversaries to be observed in 1949, including the last of the Jesuit Martyrs of North America, the Religious Toleration Act of Maryland and the founding of the Louisiana colony by French Catholics.

Memorial To Japanese Captives London - (RNS) - A Roman Catholic church will be erected at Wymondham. Norfolk, as a memorial to members of all faiths who died in Japanese captivity during the war. Sponsors of an appeal for funds to build the church include the Bishop of Northampton, the Marquess of Lothian, the Earl of Wicklow, the Countess of Albemarie and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Quintin **METALS--1949** Our new booklet covering the outlook for Metals during 1949 will be tent on request. METAL DEPARTMENT

