

A Look at Labor Hang Together — or —

By A. C. Tuohy

Economists are generally very learned men. Like any professional group they profess to know their business. And their business is to diagnose the ills of our economic society.

Ordinary people, therefore, are expected to listen with rapt attention when they pronounce their judgments on the economic policies of trade associations, government bureaus, or labor unions.

What, in general, do these economists have to say? On the whole they look upon our economic system and are pleased. They believe that our economic system is working better than any other in the world. They attribute our prosperity to the system which has merited the name "free enterprise."

THEY ADMIT THAT there are serious defects in this system. They know about the millions of poor throughout the length and breadth of the land. They know of the sharecroppers, the Negroes, the Mexicans, and the "Okies." They know that most Americans have no savings worth mentioning. They know of the housing problem, the health problem, and the "baby" problem.

But if we are to rely on the judgment of these economists, we would be well advised to leave well enough alone. In their view, it is the system which counts. Some people must undergo sacrifice to keep the system going. This is unfortunate but it's a fact. They would not interfere with the workings of our system lest they bring the whole structure down upon our heads and make people worse off than they are now.

This judgment can be well documented by the writings of famous economists and cannot be disregarded lightly. But it is a point of view that must be examined critically.

THE ESSENTIAL defect of this viewpoint which is the viewpoint of most classical economists, is that it makes the economic system more important than the human being who make it up. It implies that human beings must work for the system rather than the system work for the human beings.

It is a point of view which has been picked up and used by totalitarian-minded people the world over.

Those people who favor leaving the economic system alone operate basically on the same assumption as the Communists: The system is more important than people. That is why Communism is bred in the dead bones of laissez-faire capitalism.

By resisting all attempts to better the lot of people, the classical economists of capital-

ism have worked for the destruction of the very system they defend so loudly. Workmen's compensation, widows' pensions, social security, trade unions, welfare plans, social insurance, were looked upon as disturbing elements in our economic system. They may have helped people, but they upset the free workings of the system.

FORTUNATELY FOR the system new economists have come forth to challenge the traditional teachings of their older brethren. These later economists have recognized a few fundamental facts about our past and recent economic system.

- 1. Unlimited competition leads to monopoly and uncontrolled monopoly is harmful to people. 2. Wealth is unevenly distributed. 3. Power over our economic system is concentrated in too few hands. 4. Government, trade unions, and consumer groups, must necessarily interfere in the economic conduct of business. If business is not to destroy itself by its own selfishness.

If the absolute control of our economic system is to be in the hands of one or a few groups, we will find the government siding more and more power. The defects of our economic system no longer can be ignored. They must be corrected.

These defects can more easily be corrected by business, labor, and farm groups working together. If these groups do not cooperate in making our economic system serve all the people, the government will attempt the job. But from experience we know that the government cannot do the job. The choice, however, is ours.

Dutch Youth Fight Evil Comic Books

The Hague — (CIP) — The Netherlands Youth Commission, composed of all youth organizations in the country, has decided to organize against "unclean" comic books with a program urging the publication of morally sound comic strips and a popular youth newspaper.

The action was taken against comics accepting crime and indecent exposure, many of which are being imported from the United States. A committee has been formed to carry out the Commission's program in this field.

Courier-Journal Bookshelf

Redemption By An Infant

Caryll Houselander's first book, This Was the Passion, placed her in the foreground of contemporary spiritual writers. The books which have followed — The Reed of God, The Flowering Tree, The Comforting of Christ, The Dry Wood — have steadily widened the public which regards her as one of the most gifted among modern interpreters of the Christ-life.

In the present book "The Passion of the Infant Christ," the focus of her contemplation is the Divine Infancy as it is lived in the members of the Mystical Body.

OUR AGE, Miss Houselander says, is the age of the Redemptive Childhood.

In two great wars and in the materialistic societies which gave rise to them, it has been the children especially who have been the innocent victims of the forces of destruction set loose upon the world. Like the Holy Innocents martyred by Herod at the birth of Christ, these children are being sacrificed for our redemption.

It is significant that on the occasions when our Lady has appeared during the past century to plead for the prayer and penance which must save the world, it has been to children, primarily, that she has shown herself — Bernadette, the children of Fatima, the children of LaSalette. Even the greatest saint of the modern world, Theresa of the Child Jesus, had completed her life of heroic perfection at the youthful age of twenty-four.

Indeed it has proved true that in each period of the history of the Church, God has raised up for her the saint she needs to convert anew and strengthen her flock in certain principles of the Faith.

ONE OF THOSE fundamental teachings of the Gospel maintains, "Unless you become as little children again, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." If, in our day, it has received special emphasis in the persons of children, it is because the spirituality of childhood holds the answers to the peculiar sufferings of our world — a world burdened with an overwhelming sense of the futility of individual efforts to beat back the tide of evil which threatens to annihilate us.

Now, perhaps, more than ever before, we need to turn to the contemplation of the Infant Christ, the Child born in poverty with the helplessness of true infancy, dependent upon His Mother.

Yet in the helplessness of this Child was the omnipotence of God. His every act was the act of God, from His submission to the care of His Mother in the stable at Bethlehem to His submission to the will of His heavenly

Father on the cross. Already in the Infant, the suffering had begun which was for the salvation of the world.

IT IS THE REAL merit of Miss Houselander's book that she does not present the life of spiritual childhood as an abstraction to be mastered by the intellect, but asks the reader to consider the concrete circumstances in which the Infant Christ came into the world.

She parallels it to the circumstances in a home in which a new child of God is born today; the simplification which takes place in the life of the mother so that the child may be comfortable and at rest, the non-too-great and non-too-small sacrifices which are made to meet the child's needs, and above all, the loving wonder of the mother before the mystery of the infancy. The complete picture portrays the peace of the baby reflected in the mother, while she is at rest in the contemplation of the Christ-life in her child.

These are the parallel conditions in the spiritual life which draw the soul to contemplation, the means by which we foster the Christ-life which we receive in Baptism. "If Christ is to come to flower and bear fruit in individual lives," writes the author, "there must be seasons of rest in which there is no other activity at all except the giving wholly of self to nourish the supernatural life. . . . But, and this is even more important, there must be a permanent state of inward rest, founded in the peace of mind which comes from complete trust. A state of mind including such rest becomes habitual if we fold our thoughts upon the knowledge that in us is the seed of Christ-life; if we fold our whole being round this fact, as the earth round the seed, our minds will be at rest."

ONE OF THE author's objects in writing The Passion of the Infant Christ was to make clearer some of the significant aspects of our Lady's directives for winning peace and returning all men to the Fatherhood of God. And she shows the model and guide to that end to be the Infant Christ.

"It is true that the span of an infant's arms is absurdly short," she observes, "but if they are the arms of the Divine Child, they are as wide as the reach of the arms on the Cross; they embrace and support the whole world; their shadow is the noon-day shade for its suffering people; they are the spread wings under which the whole world shall find shelter and rest."

"The Passion of the Infant Christ" by Caryll Houselander (\$1.75, 143 pp., Sheed and Ward)

From Saipan



Sponsored by the Navy League of the United States, the first Chamorro scholarship student from Saipan, Antonio Tenario (above), 22 years old, has enrolled at Marquette University, Milwaukee. A Navy captain on Saipan became interested in the youth and arranged for his enrollment to study engineering.

Psychiatrist Praises Psychiatrists' Book

New York — (NC) — A nationally known Jewish psychiatrist has recommended for his patients the book, "You Can Change The World," by the Rev. James Keller, M.M., founder of the Christopher movement, on the ground that it will help them to a spiritual purpose in life, which, he says, is the one thing they need.

This was revealed in connection with an announcement by Father Keller that the book now has gone into its fifth printing.

New Mail Costs Feared As Fatal to Catholic Press

Washington — (NC) — The increase in second-class postal rates proposed in legislation now pending in Congress carries the threat of bankruptcy for many of the religious publications of the United States, the Rev. Paul Bussard, editor of The Catholic Digest and President of the Catholic Press Association told the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service in a statement submitted at hearings here.

"IF YOU CONSIDER the number of publications which will go out of business, the number which will be curtailed in circulation, and, finally, the number which will seek means of distribution other than the second-class mail," Father Bussard told the Congressmen, "it could happen that the Post Office would actually get less revenue than it does now from Catholic publications."

"We submit that the religious press because of its religious and cultural nature should be given preferential treatment," he said in answer to a query by the committee.

AT PRESENT, Father Bussard told the House Committee, "the postage cost of Catholic publications is about a million dollars a year." If all of the Catholic publications would continue to operate under the proposed new rates the expected revenue to the Government would be increased by approximately two million dollars.

"The proposition, however," Father Bussard continued, "is based upon a false premise. It assumes that all of the publications will continue to operate in the future as they have in the past. But many of them, especially the little publications, will be put out of business."

"What about the larger Catholic newspapers which will stay in the field? They will stay if all have to cut content to save weight, and fire part of their staffs to save money, a procedure which is sure to result in reduced circulation and, therefore, reduced revenue to the Post Office. In the process, the following list of ten best-selling Catholic weekly magazines, announces that its monthly survey of the ten bestselling Catholic books in the nation's book stores lists the following order: 1 — The Seven Holy Mysteries — by Thomas Merton (\$3.50) 2 — You Can Change the World — by Rev. James M. Keller (\$3) 3 — The Mass in Slow Motion — by Rev. Ronald Knox (\$2.50) 4 — St. Peter the Apostle — by William T. Walsh (\$3.50) 5 — Philosophy of Religion — by Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen (\$5) 6 — Exile Ends in Glory — by Thomas Merton (\$3) 7 — Turnstones — by Edward Doherty (\$2.50) 8 — The Old Testament — translated by Rev. Ronald Knox (\$7) 9 — At the End of the World We Trail — by Sister M. Macdonald (\$3) 10 — Vision of Fatima — by Rev. Thomas McGlynn (\$2.50)

Approved List Endorses 100 Comic Books

St. Paul — (NC) — Bugs Bunny, Joe Palooka, Hopalong Cassidy, the Katzenjammer Kids and 96 other comic books out of 400 reviewed have been placed on an "approved" list here by the publication Topix.

According to the Rev. Louis A. Gales, president of the Catechetical Guild, which publishes Topix as a religion teaching aid in comic book format, the list is an attempt at constructive criticism of comics. He explained that it was compiled after he had received numerous requests for such a guide from parents and educators.

FATHER GALES stated his belief that the recent blanket condemnations of comics go too far. He said, too, that publishing a list of "condemned" comics would only call attention to objectionable magazines which might otherwise be ignored. His solution was to call attention to the acceptable books. The list is to be constantly revised, will be published twice a month in Topix.

Standards for judging the comic books take into account plot, language, art work, format and quality of advertising. Sin must be depicted as such, Father Gales said. Heroes must be law-abiding, vulgar, indecent dress and sadistic tortures are

ruled out, and legitimate authority must be shown the proper respect.

Baltimore — (NC) — A proposed Baltimore ordinance which would have banned the sale of comic books and other publications deemed objectionable has been voted down by a City Council committee. The action is tantamount to killing the ordinance, which had been suggested by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro.

American College In Rome Reopens

Rome — (NC) — For the first time since 1940, the historic North American College in the Via dell'Umiltà houses American students. The seminarians have just moved into a completed wing of the college while remodeling continues in its other parts.

Since their arrival last September they have lived in a summer villa, Santa Caterina, traveling to and from the city by bus. Now they have to walk only a few steps across the piazza Pia to attend classes at the Gregorian University.

The transfer was completed under the direction of Mgr. Richard K. Burns, vice rector of North American College and the Rev. Joseph Lacy, procurator.

READ YOUR SUNDAY SERMON on SATURDAY . . . ! SEE . . . The Amazing Webster Wire Recorder . . . Let Us Demonstrate It . . . No Obligation! JOSEPH COHEN -- 111 East Ave. Baker 8400

BACHE & CO. Members New York Stock Exchange and of her Leading Stock and Commodity Exchanges. LOUIS M. YANOWITZ — EDWARD S. OSBORNE, Mgr. 39 State St. MAin 0010 Rochester 4, N. Y.

Holy Apostles REV. GEO. V. FREEMORE - Pastor Masses Sunday: 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 15

Gardner and Bader 24 HOUR TOWING SERVICE AUTO ACCESSORIES Central Repairs 176 Child St. cor. Maple Gen. 6925 GLEN 2249 JOY'S Pharmacy Glen. 6458 1108 Lyell Ave. Cor. Glide GRIFFIN'S OUTSTANDING HATS Quality and Prices \$1.95 up 154 Sherman St. (off Lyell) GLEN 3249 DODGE GRILL 1479 LYELL AVE. PEARL DODGE Prop. PH - ne Glen. 7191

CORPUS CHRISTI 860 Main Street East MASSAGES SUNDAY 7-8-9-10-11-12-15 THE HOFFMAN MUSIC SHOP 467 N. Goodman St. - Col. 1016 OPEN EVENINGS MAIN-GOODMAN LIQUOR STORE 471 N. GOODMAN ST. 9-Neb-Ba Wines Made at St. Michael's Mission House THOMAS F. TROTT FUNERAL DIRECTOR 683 Main Street East Hamln 2435 Hugh E. Cooke Tree Service Mon. 2689 662 Monroe Ave O. M. WIDEMAN OPTOMETRIST Hours: 9 to 6 except Saturdays 15 Rosewood Terrace Culver 2004

The CATHOLIC SHOP Lenten Suggestions BOOKS BIBLES MISALS Whether you attend Mass on Sunday or Holydays . . . or find time for weekly Masses, too . . . we have just the right Missal for you. We recommend Fr. Aidman's from \$10 to \$25. For a daily Missal see the St. Andrew. And opportunity to see the new St. Mary's Missal, priced \$4.50 to \$12.00. A RELIGIOUS GIFT IS THE TREASURED GIFT Tucker's Inc. 300 EAST MAIN

Real Old-Fashioned Goodness . . . GENESEE LAGER BEER WHICHEVER the occasion calls for real old-fashioned, thirst-quenching goodness . . . that's Genesee for GENESEE! Next time you're thirsty, call for "Geny"! You'll find that fine, frosted glass with the clear, creamy collar mighty satisfying. Ask for it by name—either Genesee or Geny—wherever fine beer and ale are made or served.