By A. C. Tuohy

1 THE GOVERNMENT of the

2. The government demands

2. The trade union functions

useful arrangement for employ-

ers and unions during the diffi-

cult stage of growing up. Its

voluntary adoption may avert

conflict during the early years

But the Congress of the

United States ought not to look.

upon it as a substitute for the

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stronger forms of union security There will be circumstances

of collective bargaining.

ference room

Labor economists have their own jargon. More and more frequently we are hearing of "closed shop," "union shop," 'maintenance of membership shop," or "preferential shop.' These "shops" were invented by labor unions to give themselves a certain amount of security. In varying degrees they mean that to accept the "agency shop" as ideal solution. Before they a man must remain in good an ideal solution. Before they to his job.

do, however, they would be wise to his job.

Something new has recently exist between a trade union and been added to this jargon. Labor the United States government. experts are beginning to speak of the "agency shop." This arrangement does not force a work-United States is strong. It can er to temain in or join a union easily afford to tolerate non-citiin order to work, but it does re- zens within its midst. Strong quire all workers on the job, unions similarly will have no ob-whether union or not, to pay jection to a small minority of their fair share of the cost of paying non-members. But weak negotiating, administrating and amons and new unions find their strength and social usefulness managing the union contract. only in large membership.

THE 'AGENCY SHOP" is a much more than a money con device which aims at satisfying tribution from resident aliens In two objections. (1) The objectime of war they are obliged to tions of union men that the non-serve in the army and fight for union workers are "free riders," the country, just the same as who reap benefits from the citizens. union for which they have paid nothing (2) the objections of IN ADDITION to these conemployers who do not want to siderations the very function of force a man into a union against trade unionism must be considered.

The foremost advocate of this 1. Trade unions are instrunew type of union security is ments for social justice and so-William Leiserson, formerly cial reconstruction. A diluted chairman of the National Labor trade unionism is in no position Relations Board. He patterned to do its work effectively. this idea after the manner in hich the government handles the problems of aliens.

include more than mere contract making. There are social. The government of the United educational, and political States does not force aliens to aspects to trade unionism. Pay. accept citizenship, but because ing the cost of contract negotiathey receive benefits from resition does not meet the needs dence in the American Communof full blown unionism. they are required to pay The "agency shop" idea is a

The argument in favor of "agency shop" is this: What works so well in the political arena, should be suited to the field of labor relations.

A great many people who

# Librarians' Meeting

"Librarians as Christophers." To make the closed shop illegal Trades To Get Food has been adopted by the Catholic because workers may enjoy the Library Association for its an "agency shop" is to repeat the nual conference here April 18 same mistake made by the Taftthrough April 22. Approximately Hartley law when it settled mat-500 professional Catholic libra ters by statute that were better rians and teachers are expected left to the labor-management con to attend the conference.

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## Fiction is a Delicate Art

By WILLIAM J. KERBIGAN

Most failures in Catholic fiction writing, amateur or professional, stem ultimately from a lack of patience and humility.

According to the perenially accepted notion of Aristotle cited with approval by St. Thomas Aquinas - the work of fiction is "an imitation, humble before the facts and the nature of life, patient of things as they are and as man experiences them."

The brash artist, or writer, seeks to use his art, not as an imitation, but as a control of nature. He fails because he departs from the fundamentally patient and humble nature of real fiction.

Real fiction in its nature may range from microscopic realism to outright fantasy in the material that it uses. But in its theme, in "what it means," it must give its readers no more and no less than a fresh experience of some fact about human life that most mature human beings have already come to a knowledge of by living.

ONE TYPE OF failure .. which Catholic writers share with communist ones -- is the story that boils down to a statement about life that is not general but particular. It is likely to be a statement about Catholics, about Negroes, about the working man, about priests or Sisters -- not, notice about human beings in

Such a story similarly fails because it seeks propagate a truth for falselfood, even) which the writer knows his readers cannot learn by living but of which they must be brought to belief.

AKIN TO THE propaganda story is the edifying story, the story with a moral Most of us for instance, realize the moral truth of the commandment, You must not steal." Yet if a story boils down to that statement,

or to any moral we get a statement not about what life is, in our experience, but what life ought to be A willer can save streets a story by making it give readers an experience of what happens

to any man who tries to buck the established will of any society, something we can exper-RELATED ALSO TO the propaganda story is a third type of failure, an out and out con-

fusion of knowledge with belief. This type

seeks to make supernatural objects of our

faith (grace, redemption, the Mystical Body, the character imprinted by Holy Orders, and so forth) an object of our experience. Since by our definition fiction deals, ultimately with experience, any such attempt falls dismally as

It is interesting in considering the supernatural in fiction, to see what Franz Werfel in the successful "Song of Bernadette" did with the supernatural events at Lourdes. He made them, not the point of the story, but the problem, and then went on to show Bernadette's experience, what she learned of life and what we all learn of life because we are all faced with kindred problems.

A FOURTH TYPE of failure arises from a confusion of religion and magic. Here the author, in effect, boldly asserts that far from being a part of mundane nature into which God has put them, man can divorce themselves from its conditions and control it in its very foundations - nay, control the Creator Him-

In that fourth type, the Blessed Virgin comes riding in like the United States cavalry to give a story what it was not able to produce from itself; human beings appear as magically producing miracles at will by saying prayers; and experience is utterly outraged.

In a familiar variation of the type, somebody "comes to realize" something and has his whole life changed by a chance visit to some dim and quiet Catholic church. Or the cutthroat and kidnapper becomes, through a rosary said by a pricet, overnight a man of virtue and character.

CATHOLIC FICTION writers, when they fail, fail often of course for the reason that many others fail they have not mastered their craft, they have not got meaning out of experience. But the shortcomings just listed, result from their wish to make fiction do a job of which by its nature it is incapable. Fiction, (not unlike philosophy) though it

cannot rise to the high plane of specific dogma and moral, is a thing pleasant, useful, Godgiven, filling its place in God's world and contributing nothing directly to religion except by perversion which is usually into the bargain, falsification of the true religion.

Mr. Kerrigan is a veteran member of the screening panel of the Catholic Press Association's national short-tory contest and writes with authority on the common errors many manuscripta contain.

Comics for Children

Alice in Wonderland, Ali

The Barker, Barnyard Comics,

Comic Cavalende, Coo Coo

Dale Evans Datedevil Date

Famous Funnies, Felix the

Egbert.

## **Bing Crosby Endows His** College Library



A check for \$60,000 from Bing Crosby was the first contribution to a trust fund set up for the building of a new library at Gonzaga University, Bing's aima mater in Spokane, Washington. The building will be called the Crosby Memorial Library and will contain a collection of awards, honors. photos and keepsakes outlining the career of the school's

### Cardinal's Trial In Comic-Book Format

St. Paul - (NC)-"The Truth Behind the Trial of Cardinal Mindszenty," a comic-style booklet published here by the Cateche. tical Guild, sold out its first printting of 600,000 copies before its. formal publication date, and a second print order had to be placed immediately to fill requests for it, according to the Rev. Louis A. Gales, president of the publishing house.

1. The basic plot must be

worked out in accordance with

objective standards of morality

which are founded on the law of

2. Sin must be so depicted that

a. Heroes must be law-abiding.

b. Legitimate authority must

3. There must be no tempting

4. Various social groupings

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3. Slang may be used only

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C. Art Work

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B. Language

## New Hiroshima Church To Commemorate Atom Deaths

New York — (NC) — A Catholic church, now under construction in Hiroshima, Japan, will be the first unit in a planned memorial to the thousands who were killed in the 1945 atom bombing of that city, according to the monthly "Jesuit by ready for services August 6;

The Rev. Hugo Lassalle, S.J., superior of the Jesuit mission, was in the center of the city when the atom bomb fell and was himself severely wounded. He decided that since the atom bomb ended the war and ushered in a new era for Christianity be a Catholic church.

IT WAS NOT, however, until an American benefactor heard of the project through Jesuit Missions that Father Las-salle's vision became a reality. "Americans dropped the bomb, so Americans should help build the memorial," said the benefac vances that have been made by tor when he gave \$50,000 to members of the Negro race in erect the church.

Work on the structure was be- other sports.

be ready for services August 6, 1950 — the fifth anniversary of That the Hiroshima memorial the atom bomb. Elaborate serve should be a Catholic church lees are being planned for the highlights an interesting situa-dedication, which will be attend-tion. Hiroshima has always ed by high civil and church digbeen a strong pagan center. Be nitaries from all over Japan fore the war the Catholic mis. The church will be the first. sionaries there received only unit in this Hiroshima civic me-scant attention from the popu; morial the complete plans for which call for five other buildings, to be used for social and church purposes.

> Crime Charged To Secrecation Policy

Washington -(NC)- Segrein Japan the most fitting me- gation retards the educational morial to those who died would development of Negroes and bullds up a frustration which often leads to crime, Dr. E. B. Henderson, director of athletic activities in the colored schools; of this city, declared in an adi dress before the St. Peter Clay ver Center here.

Dr. Henderson, author of "The Negro in Sports," spoke of adboxing, baseball, football and

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Paris (CIP) Some Catholic priests in France are being pentry, bee keeping, and book binding to provide themselves with food and clothing to provide themselves with food and clothing to provide themselves comic books for their measure up to these objective. A. Plot Their plight is being brought to keep handy the following list standards regularly.

to the attention of Catholics of juvenile magazines rated throughout the country in an appeal for assistance launched by standards used in judging the throughout the country in an ap-Emanuel Cardinal Suhard, Arch Bishops in other parts of France The inflated costs of food and Guild, a Catholic publishing firm Biondie. Hive Boll, Hier Rabbit,

clothing are blamed for the present St. Paul, Minn, the list was Brick Bradford Bugs Bunny. carious economic situation of the compued to meet certain mini-

Religious comunities are also Associations reported to be experiencing hard-

clergy in Paris, where at various mum standards established by Comics. places central kitchens have such groups as the National Orplaces central kitchens have such groups as the National Or.

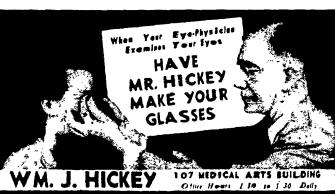
been set up for priests in an el ganization for Decent Literature. With Judy Dick Cole, Donald and institutions must be treated. for to cut down on food ex the Association of Comic Book Duck, Doity Dripple. Publishers and Parent-Teachers'

INSUED BY THE Catechetical

More than 4(M) comic books on Cat, Flash Gordon, 4 Most,

ships. In many rural dioceses, current sale were analyzed for Frisky, Funny Folks, Funny the reader's intellectual develop-

In Bottles



#### the clergy have turned to farm editing and print and advertise Stuff. ing to supply sufficient food for ing. Only the following were Gabby Hayes, Gene Autry, rated acceptable for this mornth. Giggle Comics, Goofy Comics, Halla Comics Happy Comics, Heckleand Joses, Henry, Heroic Cornics, Hope or 2 Cassidy, Hum phrey Comics Jungle Jim, Jack Armstrong, Jingle dangle, Joe Palooka, Johnny Hazard. Katzen i her Kids, Ken Stuart, Kewpies King Comics, King of the Royal Mounted. Leading Comics, Little Audrey, Little Bit, Little Luiu, Looney Tunes. Mirkey Mouse Mighty Mouse,

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