#### \_A Look at Labor\_

## French Undo Old Errors

By A. C. Tuchv-

critic of capitalism, and a friend It would be very difficult, consecure.

anti-religious.

of what could happen here, I defense of workingmen. recommend the reader to an article by Father Joseph Moody in the May issue of the Sign mag. struction" issued in 1919) to

FATHER MOODY reports that no more than 2 per cent of the French industrial workers attend church. In the diocese of Paris, only one out of two or three hundred workers practices his faith. In a working class Parisian parish of 55,000, thirty young men and eighty adult Trade Unionists, the Catholic are without a resident pastor.

So rare is the practice of religion between the ages of twenty and forty, that it is agreed that in France we almost automatically lose the poor and the workers during their active years.

What explains this terrifyworking Catholics?

in history Catholics in nine part to forget their origins and teenth century France found to have little sympathy with themselves on the side of the those who have not been as monarchy suspicious of the re-fortunate. But, please God, the public and of the extension of Church in America will hold fast democracy The concept was to its wonderful traditions. prevalent that to be a good Cathprevalent that to be a good Cath-olic, one had to be a monarchist.

The Church in France since the end of World War II has were monarchists,, in the course become known the world over

that time consistently opposed an extension of political rights to the poor, the poor looked for other leaders. When the work, of the poor looked for the leaders. When the work, of the leaders when the work. other leaders. When the work the past must be undone but ers began to organize and to fortunate for us over here that make demands on employers, we have not made these misthey received a good deal of as we have sistance from radicals, Communists, and free thinkers.

It is not surprising, therefore, tions in France leads to this MVD (secret police) has arrest- Secretariat of State. Its name is emy, the Plus IV Casino, in the conclusion. "A large proportion ed Heinz Baumann, Editor-in- "Office for the Reading of the of French industrial workers are Chief of the "Thueringer Tageb Foreign Press" (ULSE, Uffice Communist; most of the rest latt". Weimar, organ of the Lettura Stamp Estera). are anti-religious or at least in Christian Democratic Union in different; a handful continue to the State of Thuringia, Soviet matically follow and analyze all ences, founded in 1603 under the at the St. Louis University practice their ancestral faith." | Zone of Germany. He will be major references to the Vatican name "Linceorum Academia". Could such a situation devel tried for "espionage", the Rus-

In few countries of the world has the Church and its priests remained as close to the working people as in the United States. In the United States the Church has been a

of the trade union movement sidering our past history. Men All in all Her position in the like Cardinal Gibbons, Monhearts of poor workingmen is signor John A. Ryan, Bishop The story of the Church in Francis Haas, Father John Mon-France, however, is a different aghan, have shown the way to story. The overwhelming mass the American Church. The offiof French labor is resolutely cial statements of the American hierarchy on social questions what has happened there, and have been magnificent in their

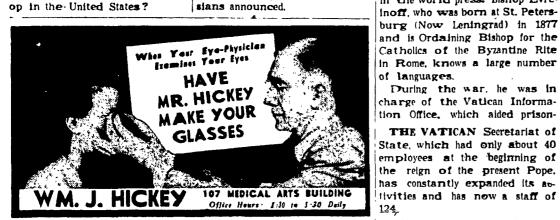
> So upsetting was the "Bishop's Program of Social Reconmeny civic leaders, unfriendly to the workingmen's cause, that a legislative committee of New York State condemned the statement as "socialistic."

THE WORK OF the Social Action Department of the NCWC the Association of Catholic males regularly attend on Sun Committee of the South, Monsigday. 13,000 parishes in France nor Ligutti's efforts among rural and farm groups, Catholic magaines like America, Commonweal, and the Sign, have established the Church in the United States, as a friend of the workingman. This She is likely to remain.

Thus far the Church in America has been the Church of poor ing condition among French workingmen. As these Catholic workingmen advance upwards on the social and economic scale The answer can only be found there will be a tendency on their

of time few remained Catholic. the workers. The work of the Russian Bishop SINCE MOST Catholics of Jocists and the secular and re-

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# Words from A Monastery

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prosperous fame for other literary productions have recently climbed into the best-seller lists, Many people who buy on the basis of past reputations of the writers may be disappointed, not that these later children are unpleasant, but rather, different from their older brothers.

SEEDS OF CONTEMPLATION (201 pages, \$3.00) by the fabulous author of "The Seven Storey Mountain," Thomas Merton, is a further chapter in the fascinating story of the spiritual growth of a young New Yorker who wandered from sophisticated agnosticism into Catholicism and finally entered a Trappist Monastery in

But it is not a narrative of events-rather, a serious, reflective, hard-to-read book about the thoughts that monastery life gives to a man who "loses hirnself and finds God" through contemplation.

Contemplation, Brother Louis (Merton's name in religion) explains, is "knowing and loving God through the mind and heart as He is in Himself, apprehending Him in a deep and vital experience which is beyond the reach of any natural understanding."

THE SALE of this book is not all due to the magic of the "Seven Storey Mountain". Thousands are buying it because it shows us the finer life of "the inner man" - it recognizes a growing feeling in this material age that contempation of God is the answer to man's fears and the only refuge in his distractions.

Merton proves that contemplation is not self-isolation or escapism or long mooning with prayer in dim chapels. To find God and entoy His presence he shows, demands faith, obedience to religious counsel, knowledge of Christ and a charity to others that flows naturally from a soul at peace with God "to help other men to rejoice in God."

This is a book to be read slowly and in sections. Many will find it deep and dull unless they realize that spiritual observations, loosely gathered by a man in love with an other-worldly life, are not supported to entertain but to make men think.

19 STORIES (247 pages, \$2.75), by Graham Greene, will catch the eye of thousands who read and argued over the problems of "The

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burg (Now Leningrad) in 1877

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olic youth organization.

Mr. Greene, a convert to Catholicism. is recognized as perhaps the most accomplished story-teller of our day; his newest book is a collection of nineteen polished tales all written some years ago, which he ralls "byproducts of a novelist's career." His characters are modern and not all

pleasant. He uses gunmen, fallen women, vapid city dwellers, colonial servants and even children to people the tense formulae which hold his short scenes from life. Yet in all of them we must admire a power of story telling unique for its power of uncluttered words. SEVERAL STORIES deal with "the tragedy.

of introspective childhood." In "The End of the Party" he speaks of the problems of identical tivins. Another "The Basement Room," soon to appear on the American screen as "The Fallen Idol," is the story of a childhood trauma which causes a boy to betray the one person

There are also several humorous burlesques of British characters but the rest are pretty generally pictures of moral weakness and human corruption.

Accused of being too realistic for Catholic readers, Greene shows well in these tales that man's evil is the fruit of his own weak Will and does not spring from inherent malice. Sin is not a necessary part of man - it grows from a failure to know good from evil

and to move in the proper direction when temptation whispers. MY DAILY PSALM BOOK (368 pages) by the Rev. Joseph B. Frey is an excellent publication by the late Father Stedman's associates

which put the psalms and prayers of the priest's Breviary in a handy, pleasing form for lay readers. Attractively illustrated, no bulkier than a prayerbook, the Psalm Book offers a smooth translation of the finest Old Testament readings

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for private devotion. There are psalms for

# **Directs New** Vatican Office

cer specialists will be present at a Study Week on the "Biology of Cancer." under the auspices of the Papal Academy of Sciences beginning June 6, the of their scientific merits, regard-Secretriat of the Academy has diplomat a convert to the Catholic Chrisch, has just been just announced.

The meetings will be held at Berlin —(CIP)— The Russian fice established at the Vatican the headquarters of the Acadence with an address of the Holy Father is expected to be the climax of the Study Week.

The Papal Academy of Sciin the world press. Bishop Evre was reorganized in 1936 by Pope

#### Catholics of the Byzantine Rite Boston Editor Pens New Catholic Play "Glorious Mystery," a new,

charge of the Vatican Informaplay by Rev. Francis P. Moran, of Chemistry at Princeton Unition Office, which aided prisoneditor of "The Pilot," the Boston Versity. THE VATICAN Secretariat of diocesan weekly, will be presented for the first time at the employees at the beginning of annual convention of the Caththe reign of the present Pope, olic Theatre Conference which has constantly expanded its ablivities and has now a staff of will be held in Los Angeles June 15 through June 18.

The drama will be staged by All but 11 of these are Italians. the Boston College dramatic soand all but 12 are Bishops, Monciety, which has been specially invited to stage a production by the chairmen of the convention Joseph Rice and Emmet Lavery. Vienna - (RNS) - Theodore Boston College will be one of Cardinal Innitzer. Archbishop of four colleges which will present Vienna, called here upon Roman plays at the convention. Arrange-Catholic youth to rally young ments for the trip include stop. Austrian workers to the side of overs to produce the play in mid-Christian youth. The Cardinal western colleges, educational made his appeal at the annual side-trips, and an extensive sightmeeting of the Austrian Cath- seeing tour of Hollywood and

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fessor Peter. Debye, Chairman of the Chemistry Department of Cornell University: Dr. E. A. Dolsy, Professor of Biochemistry School of Medicine; Dr. H. S Langield, Professor of Psychol-XI. It consists of 70 members appointed by the Pope because R. A. Millikan Director of the Norman Bridges Laboratory of Physics at the California Institute of Technology; Dr. George S. Sperti. Director of the Institutum Divi Thomae, Cincinnati; Dr. Hugh S. Taylor, Professor

## Irish Honor N. Y. Times Columnist



MRS. ANNE O'H. McCORMICK

New York - (NC) - "In recognition of her eminence in journalism," the gold medal of the American Irish Historical Society, presented annually to an outstanding American of Irish descent, has been awarded this year to Anne O'Hare McCormick, staff writer of the New York Times.

Frank S. Hogas, New York District Attorney, will make the presentation at the 52nd annual dinner of the society in this city on May 7. The principal address will be delivered by Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of

Last year the medal was awarded to Joseph Scott, at-torney and civic leader of Los Angeles.

The society was founded in Boston in 1807 "to make bet-ter known the Irish chapter in American alstory."

## Dominican Wins Play Prize



New York - (NC) - The Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., director of the Blackfriers Guild here, who won the \$2,000 thirdplace drama award in the book and playwrighting contest aponsored by The Christophers, was one of 37 Catholics priests who submitted manuscripts in the competition, it was announced.

Father Nagle's prize-winning play, "City of Kings," is a story of Blessed Martin de Porres sixteenth century Dominican Brother who lived in Peru. The play now is in production at the Blackfrians' little theater here.

Father Nagle is a native of Providence, R.I. He joined the Dominicans in 1924 and was ordained in 1931. With the Rev. Thomas F. Carey, O.P., he founded the Blackfriars' Guild in 1932 and aided in establishing 20 chapters throughout the country.

Father Nagle is an old hand at playwriting, having written "Barter," Winner of the 1928 Drama League - Longman's prize; "Catherine, the Vallant," "Savonarola," "On The Seventh Day," and "Lady of Fatima."

### Children Books Named for May

New York - (NC) - The May selections of the Cathe-Mo Children's Book Club areas Ioliows:

Picture Mook Group: "Paul, More of the Fire," by Baward Ardinone, and "The Flying Postman," by V. H. Drumshond:

Intermediate Group: "Adventure in Ireland," by Dahris

Older Boys' Group: "Song of the Pines," by Walter and Marion Havighurst:

Older Girls Group; "The Rebel and the Turneout," by Malcolm Decker.

## Catholic Digest Has Italy Edition

St. Paul, Minn. - (NC) First copies of the Italian edition, latest foreign edition of The Catholic Digest magazine, have been received at the magazine's parent office here, it was announced by the Rev. Paul Bussard, editor-in-chief of the international editions.

The new magazine, carrying an April, 1949, dateline, is "Sintesi dal Catholic Digest." It is published in Milan by the Aldo Martello publishing firm. Andrea Damiano is editor-



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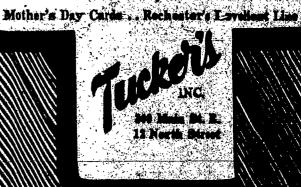
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