

### A Look at Labor— Trouble—Spelled A. T. & T.

By A. C. Tuohy

Father Henry J. Brown, professor of Church History at the Catholic University of America, has recently published a monumental work on American Church History. The book is entitled "The Catholic Church and the Knights of Labor" and is published by the Catholic University of America Press, Washington, D. C.

From the viewpoint of labor there are few incidents in American Church History so interesting as the Knights of Labor in Rome. Prior to the publication of Father Brown's book the story had not been fully told.

Father Brown has uncovered a multitude of documents relating to the controversy, previously hidden in obscure archives. Every Catholic college and high school, and every student of labor, should read this book. The reader will come away from the book enlightened and inspired.

THE AMERICAN Telephone and Telegraph Company has earned a reputation among management groups as an ideal employer. For many years prior to the growth of unionism, it fostered friendly labor relations with its employees.

However, the A.T.&T. has never accepted trade unionism. After the passage of the Wagner Act, this large corporation tried to sidestep real collective bargaining by fostering company unions. When the Supreme Court outlawed company unionism, the A.T.&T. made the best of the situation by playing one "independent" union of its employees against the other.

The unions in the telephone industry have always been weak primarily because they were dominated at various times by one another, without freedom, and dominated by leaders who knew little about real collective bargaining. In fact, knowledge and organization, these unions have never been the match of A.T.&T. executives.

The telephone workers themselves soon began to realize this. Several years ago they formed the National Federation of Telephone Workers which later became the Communication Workers of America. But up to this year the telephone unions have remained outside the stream of organized labor as represented by the A.F.L. and C.I.O.

FINALLY THEY voted to affiliate with the C.I.O. This action on their part has disturbed the A.T.&T. Rather than go along

### In New Posts



Dr. Franklin Dunham, of Washington, has been elected treasurer of Catholic Association for International Peace. William J. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn. has been named Deputy Supreme Knight of Knights of Columbus.

### Nazareth College Lists Speakers For Graduation

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Kearney will celebrate Mass in the College Oratory and the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Nazareth Academy chaplain, will conduct the conference. Benediction at 3 p. m. closes the day.

On Bacchante Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Lintz, professor of philosophy will celebrate Solemn High Mass, assisted by the Rev. William E. Shannon, religion professor, as deacon and the Rev. John Hurley, subdeacon.

Program of social events in connection with commencement includes Sunday Resident Students Dinner, college dining room, evening.

Monday Junior-Senior breakfast, Rupert Gray's noon, Moving-Up Day exercises, college, 3 p. m.; faculty dinner for Senior Class, college dining room, 6:30 p. m.

Tuesday Buffet Luncheon by the Freshmen, college dining room, noon; Class Day exercises, college campus, 3 p. m.

Wednesday — Luncheon for parents by Seniors, Seneca Hotel, Senior Ball, Monroe Country Club, evening.

Officers of the Senior Class are: Geraldine Schwartz, president; Vincenza Taricone, vice-president; Betty Quirk, secretary; Patricia Gantert, treasurer; Margaret Walsh, council representative; and Jane Gaffney, parliamentarian.

### Protestants Ask Bus Bill Veto

Lansing, Mich. (RNS) — Veto of the Phillips Bill, which broadens a 1915 law permitting transportation of private or parochial school pupils to public school buses, was urged here upon Governor G. Mennen Williams by a delegation of Protestant and Jewish groups.

The bill has been approved by the state legislature. The delegation included representatives of the Michigan Council of Churches, the American Jewish Congress, the Michigan Congressional Conference and the Michigan Committee to Maintain the Separation of Church and State.

Joint Pilgrimage Auckland, New Zealand (NC) — New Zealanders and Australians are combining on an official pilgrimage to Rome during the 1950 Holy Year celebrations. It is reported here.

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### Balancing The Books

## The Road From Reason

By REV. JOHN S. KENNEDY

As I read Werner Knop's book "Frowning Russia's Forbidden Zone," this thought kept recurring: "I wonder what one of these turn-of-the-century believers in automatic, jet-propelled progress would make of it?" Mr. Knop, a foreign correspondent, here gives some idea of what life is like in the section of Germany under Soviet control.

ON EVERY side Mr. Knop saw pale, tired, desperate faces of shuffling people shabbily clad, getting very little to eat, and completely at the mercy of a regime intent on making them into servants of Stalin.

Their cities are for the most part rubble, with the stench of decay heavy on the wind. Everywhere in the microscopic area of trade and "ident" banners urging hatred of the Western Allies, particularly the United States.

He found that the Soviets' old hands at taking their adversaries with their own intelligence are using the Nazis as a great number, building a "Jazibah" German army and promoting the doctrine of a master race (this time Slavs).

He thus summarizes what he observed: First, the Soviets and their German stooge party were universally detested; secondly, "living conditions were far below those of the West"; thirdly, "the political terror was as bad as it is not"; fourthly, "the Soviets seemed to be determined to hold Eastern Germany permanently and use it as a springboard for their ultimate advance further west."

In Mr. Knop's account one sees far more than recital of the trunies of one war. This last, the landscape with its misshapen figures is a stern judgment on the secularist doctrine which had it that man on his own and free of absolute truth and the absolute law, would make for himself a heaven on earth. What he has made is a damnable hell on earth.

TO THIS SITUATION one might apply two sentences written four hundred years ago. "The confusion of things splendidly it seems to me that it can be

THE PROPER USE of a reasonable mind is to take what Walsh, C. S. Lewis' Apostle to the Skeptics, Mr. Lewis of course is one of the best known

article are Catholicism, the Faith, Evelyn Waugh and "Spirit" magazine. Fulton Oursler, Douglas Hyde, former Communist newspaper editor, Francis Parkson Keyes and Dr. Kenneth Simon, the Jewish psychiatrist who is now a Trappist monk.

"If one were to try to single out any one special consideration which seemed to weigh most heavily with the majority, it would probably be the truth of Christ's divinity," Father O'Brien concludes.

The clear recognition of this central truth and the realization that Christ founded the Catholic Church and authorized it to teach with His infallible authority seems to constitute the double-barreled charge which dispelled all doubt and uncertainty concerning the identity of the true Church of Christ on earth."

Open New Orphanage Shihlung, Kwangtung, China (NC) — Construction of two three-story buildings to house the Catholic orphanage and school, conducted by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, news here has just been completed.

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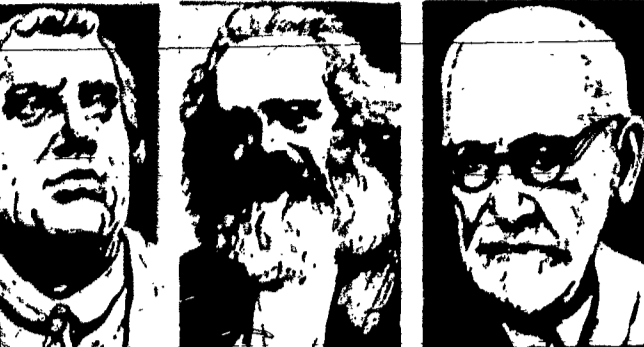
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Here are three of the eleven men described by Thomas P. Neill, history professor at St. Louis University, in his new book "Makers of the Modern Mind," reviewed in the adjoining column by Father John Kennedy. Dr. Neill calls them "imperialistic exploiters" rather than "significant thinkers."

quelled only by the break of doomday." The words are Martin Luther's and you will find them quoted in Thomas P. Neill's "Makers of the Modern Mind."

In his book Dr. Neill has sketched the lives and thoughts of eleven men whom he considers important not for the intrinsic worth of their ideas but for their decisive influence on making the Western world what it is today.

His subjects are Luther, Calvin, Descartes, Locke, Newton, Rousseau, Kant, Bentham, Darwin, Marx and Freud.

Devoting a lengthy chapter to each he begins with a statement of purpose and concludes by summarizing and stringing together what has gone before.

Dr. Neill displays intimate knowledge of his subjects. It is manifest that he has read extensively and minutely. Though one could wish that quotations were identified as bibliography supplied.

His approach is critical, but temperate and just. He recapitulates the thoughts of these men with fairness and analyses it objectively.

The result is a valuable if somewhat bulky work which traces the path whereby, in the past four centuries, the thinking and consequent conduct of men have come down from the highroad to the present dreary quagmire.

It is notable that the volume is readable not a tedious package which only the specialist can open but a straight forward presentation which any thoughtful person can follow with ease and no small profit.

Mr. Lewis' "Apostle to the Skeptics," by Chad Walsh (176 pages, \$2.50).

Makers of the Modern Mind, by Thomas P. Neill (391 pages, \$3.75).

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## 'Seven Storey Mountain' Author Ordained to Trappist Priesthood

Louisville, Ky. (NC) — Thomas Merton, Trappist monk, famed author of "The Seven Storey Mountain," was ordained to the priesthood at the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani near Bardonia, Ky. on Ascension Thursday.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders was conferred on Thomas Merton, now Father Louis, (C.S.C.) and on another monk, Father Amandus by Archbishop John A. Floersh, of Louisville.

SEVERAL OF the author's old friends, some of whom figured prominently in his best selling autobiography were on hand to witness the ordination ceremony. Among them were Robert Lax, a Jewish associate who has also embraced the Catholic Faith; Edward Rice, Merton's godfather; Seymour Freedgood, also a Jew, and Professor Daniel Walsh of Columbia University.

His ordinations mark the fulfillment of a longcherished desire and the attainment of a goal that once seemed to him impossible.

Cardinal Launches Al Smith Hospital New York (NC) — In the presence of 1500 spectators including Sisters of Charity doctors and nurses of St. Vincent's Hospital His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, laid the cornerstone of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial, a \$5,000,000 addition to the hospital which is expected to increase its capacity from 541 to 700 beds.

Cardinal Spellman emphasized that \$4,000,000 of the memorial cost had been contributed by the late Governor's "friends from every state of the nation he revered and from all walks of life."

Both the "Mountain" and "Seeds of Contemplation" are now on the best seller lists.

THOMAS MERTON, entered Gethsemani Abbey in December 1941 and made his solemn vows as a Trappist in 1946, thereby dedicating himself to a life of contemplation and penance.

Under obedience to the Abbot he wrote his now famous autobiography and more recently another work dealing with the life of prayer and called it "Seeds of Contemplation."

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