

TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Toward Economic Democracy in Europe

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Recent events in certain Western European countries clearly indicate a new policy in industrial relations. It is the determination that labor and management should cooperate in the determination of the economic life of the industry.



Mr. McKeon

As a step in this direction there has been set up labor-management committees in the factories of France.

and consumers' cooperatives. They are aided by a corps of technical experts. Advising the central council are industry-wide economic councils and chambers of commerce, of the crafts and small business, and labor unions.

This position must be reversed. Labor is dynamic and the real cause why goods are produced. Accordingly labor must regain its true personality by greater direction and participation in the enterprise.

IN 1948 a bill was proposed in Ireland to establish a "General Business Corporation." Under a main economic council there would be other councils in the various industries where labor and management would meet to discuss the problems pertinent to the enterprise.

THE NEW Ireland point of view for a true Christian democracy. We quote from a recent statement: "Ireland is indeed one of the few countries in the world where there are almost ideal conditions for the gradual development and evolution of a social order as modern as the latest scientific discovery and as Christian as the early Church."

THE TOP OF MY MIND

An Illusory Allusion to Women

By Gretta Palmer

There are circles in which it is argued that St. Thomas Aquinas and the other Scholastics fall down on their knees when they see a woman.



Gretta Palmer

For woman's inscrutability is a constant headache when we examine the human world. Women are different from men in their physical equipment.

But when it comes to matters of the soul, the Church does not set women as a class apart. There are no special sins permitted women, no special penalties from which they are exempt on grounds of sex.

THE TOP OF the matter is that St. Thomas Aquinas was an extraordinary man. His comprehension of the human mind is so exact that it is almost impossible to find in his moral and spiritual matters that they required no separate discussion at all.

THIS chivalrous babying of women, which lets them off being judged as adult human beings, has been given great currency by the favorite fallacy-mongers of our times. Sigmund Freud, Herbert Spencer and a host of others have studied woman's behavior as if it had its origin in the mysterious depths of her personality.

And a warning might be given to young men who are not yet bridegrooms. If you excuse all feminine irresponsibility and drawing-room chicanery with the stammering phrase, "Women are like that," you will never be able to tell which girl of those about you is worth marrying.

Editorials

Archbishop's Dream of College No Meeting Place Large Enough Bishop Sets Ground Breaking

By Msgr. William M. Hart

Beginnings of St. John Fisher College

One might say that the breaking of ground on the coming Sunday is in only one sense the beginning of St. John Fisher College.

It is the start of the material work of building. But the spiritual work had its beginning many years ago in the dreams of Archbishop Hickey, in the agreement made by the Basilian Fathers on their coming to the diocese that they would in a proper time sponsor a college for men.

Monsignor Randall and Father Haffey were the representatives of Bishop Kearney and of the Basilian Fathers in approaching the people of the diocese on behalf of the proposed college.

Their work produced results that spoke of their own ability and of the solid interest of our people in this crown-jewel school of Catholic teaching, St. John Fisher College.

The More Recent Beginning

Fresh in our memories is the glorious movement by all the people of the diocese to establish an adequate building fund for the contemplated college.

No meeting place in Rochester could hold all the delegates who came to hear Cardinal Spellman's opening speech; no meeting place could accommodate them as they returned for the final splendid report.

Long will the memory stay in our hearts of the message delivered by Cardinal Spellman. It was fraught with eloquent tributes to the place that higher education holds in the culture of our country.

The sacrifice of all who pledged was to apply over a series of months: each new payment called for a new sacrifice: the same spirit of sacrifice will be evident in those who send in today their final payments.

To the benefactors of St. John Fisher College, numbered by the thousands, goes the honor and the pride of underwriting the more recent beginning of the new institution.

The Ground Is Broken

With solemn ceremony on Sunday, June 19, Bishop Kearney will officiate at the breaking of ground on the site at East Avenue and Fairport Road. The Superior General of the Basilian Fathers, Very Rev. Edward McCorkell, C.S.B., will assist the Bishop, accompanied by many local and visiting Basilians.

Clergy from our parishes and schools and seminaries will be present. Religious teachers of the various sisterhoods will be on hand. The laity in numbers that speak of a truly Catholic interest in higher education for our young men will add glory to a most solemn event in the history of the diocese.

Attention Father Brodrick S. J.!

Your book "A PROCESSION OF SAINTS" just off the press, should go back on the press for a revision of the statement in the preface that St. John Fisher is relatively unfamiliar in America, and is even now wishing for some town or village in the 7000 square miles comprising the Diocese of Rochester, to name a church after him.

Make Them Come In

Thus spoke Christ under the figure of the man who invited many to his supper. The supper represents all the good things of salvation which Christ has made ready for His children.

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD?

The Law — And Common Sense

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.



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A good many years ago when I had written a book in which, together with praise of the literary skill of certain famous modern writers, I had ventured a few objections to their ethical teachings.

beside the point. I insist upon my right to disagree with the content that the greater and wiser part of mankind will share my disagreement.

TO COME to the item in the news that started me on this line of thought it has to do not with art or literature or music but with law.

When the Supreme Court of the United States, reversing the judgment of two courts in Illinois, declared in effect that the right of free speech includes the right to malign and vituperate, the right to denounce individuals or groups on the basis, not only of political belief but on that of race or religion or color; the right of a demagogue or a fanatic to incite to riot; when, I say, such an opinion is handed down by any court, even though it be called "the most august tribunal on earth," I feel that any well educated and judicious citizen has the right to say that such a court is talking nonsense.

One need not be a lawyer to recognize nonsense. And that is the case with this nonsense. In the matter of legal technicalities and the ruling in question as made upon a technicality, the honorable justices doubtless know more than the people; but when it comes to a matter of sense or nonsense the people are the last court of appeal.

I USE the phrase "vicious nonsense." Such words may seem scolding. But they are no stronger than those of Mr. Justice Jackson one of the four who dissented. He said that the five who concurred in the decision "had set up a dogma of absolute freedom for irresponsible and provocative utterance" and had gone far toward accepting the doctrine that civil liberty means the removal of all re-

And I still hold that one who has specialized in the science of morals is entitled to have judgment on a novelist, a philosopher or a philosopher on the basis of morals. If the dilettante reply that fiction, drama and philosophy have nothing to do with morals, and that therefore all criticism of any form of literature on the ground of morals is

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Inflation Sets In As B.A.'s Set Out

By Marie Weidman

There may at last be an end to the soporific commencement speeches which have been sending forth young graduates to these many years.



Marie Weidman

The pundits of the Ivy covered platform have usually dispatched our country's hopes on waves of a beautiful Marie Weidman sounding unrealistic words.

At no time does the student become obsessed with the idea of knowing a subject, but he does get frenzied over putting down the correct answer on the final quiz so that he can go on to other courses, other credits.

If a few summer studies can somehow be wedged in, they get wedged in, anything to make the educative process as brief as possible, anything to hasten the time when the students will be able to say that they graduated from college so that they can all be bright bow-tied Junior executives in Associated Telephone and Telescope.

For several generations our educational system has been mass literacy which is just dandy in terms of everyone being able to decipher the head lines for himself, but the same principle when applied to higher education has resulted in our present plight.

OUR SECULAR educators, in making it possible for greater numbers of students to matriculate at colleges, have lowered not only their entrance requirements but also the quality of the material offered. This has been going on to the extent that now some vague point of no return has been reached and college administrators and faculty are the brighter

commencement speakers are wondering if just maybe our educational standards are going to deteriorate.

FROM THE vantage point of most of us who happen not to be Ph.D.s or college presidents and whose views are therefore circumscribed by personal experience it would appear that the American educational system may be another victim of the beast, which is now proving not to be the best at all.

The ridiculous, absurd demands of employers for BA degrees holders to do even the simplest tasks seem to have somewhat of this international dimension.

It seems like a vicious circle with employers accepting college graduates so much more easily than other applicants, and at the other end of the school turning out larger batches of B.A.'s each year with the resulting low standards. It would seem that it is the task of the schools to stop this spiral before every basically sound man on the street becomes an intellectual snob.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Europe Revitalized, Bishop Haas Reports

By Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan

Rome. The European Recovery Plan is having its desired effect in the opinion of Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids, who has just completed a study of conditions in France, Germany and Italy on the occasion of his Ad Limina visit to the Holy See.



Bishop Haas

The Bishop, a life-long student and authority on social and economic problems, likened the effects he observed to those of a blood transfusion which gives new vigor and vitality. But he declared there remains ample reason for concern over the ultimate, lasting recovery of economic life in western Europe.

healthy and prosperous, both in France and Germany. The Marshall Plan is having the desired result. While business is not booming, new activity appears everywhere, and the faces of the people do not bear the look of strain and emaciation.

He cautioned, however, that the threat of communism hangs over Europe. "For example," he said, "in France out of 4,500,000 workers organized in unions, 2,500,000 are under communist control, 900,000 are in the Force Ouvriere and 600,000 in Christian trade unions. In Italy the figures are not much different. Here the communists have 2,500,000 out of a total of 4,000,000 organized."

"These workers," he continued, "can be won back to sanity and good sense by generous applications of social justice." And he was happy to note that "steps are being taken, especially in southern Italy through a better division of the large land holdings, and in northern industrial Italy through a bet-

in the form of higher pay and shorter hours."

But the solution of these problems will by no means be the complete answer for Italy. Bishop Haas emphatically called attention to the need for emigration from Italy, running into millions of people, since the country cannot support its heavy population and there are many places in the world where they might go.

In Germany the Bishop had the opportunity to visit some eight camps of Displaced Persons near Frankfurt, Fulda and Munster where he was much impressed by the sturdy quality of the people he met and by the efforts made to care for their physical needs.

CHURCH-STATE RIFT WIDENS

Prague Regime Increases Restriction of Catholics

By NCWC News Service

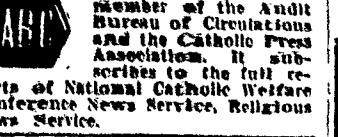
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secrated garb," and restated its determination to educate all children in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism.

CHURCH AUTHORITIES, on the other hand, threatened with Church sanctions anyone who would cooperate with the government's new "Catholic Action" group; forbade the clergy to use the word "Catholic" in connection with any government-sponsored organization; warned the clergy that anyone contributing articles to the government's bulletin for the Catholic clergy would be automatically excommunicated; told them to send it back to its publisher, the Ministry of Education, on receipt and to disregard it as a vehicle for official Church pronouncements and asked them to refrain from distributing any magazines, book or other publication not approved by the Church.

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