

TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Once Upon a Time There Was...

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Once upon a time in the great country of the United States there lived a group of wealthy men. They were called by the press "the great industrialists". They were a group of men who were not only wealthy but also powerful. They were the ones who were responsible for the industrial revolution that had transformed the United States into a great power.

Government southeners used various formulas of alphabetized agencies to no permanent avail. The undeclared war of laissez-faire production mounting and Pearl Harbor cleared the way for our super-duper war industry.

never satisfy the human soul. By no means are we including the wealthy. Let us be grateful to God that there are many honest men of wealth, sincere in religious practice, conscious of social responsibility, and anxious to advance the common good, who are worthy of great respect and imitation.

And it came to pass, as the original story goes, that the group of feudal lords of finance met together at a famous hotel on the gold coast of the Windy City.

THE PRESIDENT of the New York stock exchange, Richard Whitney, was requested by proper authority to do graduate work in the University of Kling King, Charles Schwab, the steel executive saw his fortune crumble and he also broke.

ONCE UPON a time this group of men, guided by Christian social principles, might have stabilized a nation's economy, gained the grateful blessings of man and God.

THE TOP OF MY MIND

Treason—A Moral Problem Of A Misdirected Love

By Gretta Palmer

There is nothing like a treason trial to bring the newspaper reader smack up against the fact that this is a moral universe, and that he knows this in his heart.

QUESTIONS LIKE these have been coming thick and fast in other sections of the world during the past ten years. When an entire political party in France announces that it will fight on the side of the enemy in case of war with Russia, it is apparent that there are some men today whose treason seems a duty.

mission as a highly moral one. Such men are not indifferent to "good" and "evil"; they are most passionate partisans of what they see as good.

It will not be a stool pigeon, or John Gates of the Communist Party to a New York Judge who has asked him to name some of the other Party officials and to state their jobs. But why won't John Gates be a stool pigeon? What is there in stool pigeonry to affront the sensibilities of a sympathizer of the Soviet Union whose entire law-enforcement program rests on the activities of those stool-pigeon, the secret police?

THE MAN who serves a cause grudgingly, and with a divided heart, may imagine that he can keep it up forever. But he can't. His insistance on a constant stream of lukewarm must soon give him away. It is only the lover who can find payment for his actions in the mere doing of them; sacrifice is no sacrifice to him, it is a joy, a treasured opportunity to serve.

AND SO IT is quite logical for men like John Gates to protest that they will not stoop to being stool pigeons. Party members break the commandments of the Christian and the natural law, but they are still residents of a highly moral universe. Because their love is badly directed, they are immensely dangerous, but it is still love of something, greater than self that motivates them.

CONCORDAT SPURNED

German Leftist Controversy With Church on Increase

By Max Jordan

Frankfurt, Germany — The controversy between the Church and left-wing parties in connection with the adoption of the new constitution for West Germany has been intensified by a statement of Dr. Karl Lehmann, archbishop of Cologne, who has delivered in Munich.

breach of faith in regard to Concordat stipulations which bar political activities or party membership of the clergy, and said that the Cardinal had decided "rather late" to resign from the party to live up to this provision of article 32 of the Concordat.

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Editorials Practice Principle Of Equality

Church's Influence Contrasted More Trained For Citizenship By Mgr. William M. Hart

All Men Equal

Our Declaration of Independence sets forth as a self-evident truth that all men are equal. The whole American theory of government is based on this recognition of the equality of all before the law.

The public school children are placed in a preferred class; parochial school children are not on equal terms with them, are in a deferred class. They rate with their companions for computing the amount the government will assign for relief; they rate with the Russians as far as sharing in the benefits of the government grant.

True Americans will not look to those whose whole philosophy of life is so foreign to that of the founding fathers. All men equal! Let us show that we believe in the principle, and that we practice it!

The Church In Action

What a sad old world this would be were it not for the work of the Church of Christ! Take away the teachings of Christ, take away the grace of Christ, and what would the world have left? Peace among men can come only from the hearts that have learned the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Such learning comes only from the Church.

The spirit of Christ gives the world whatever stability it has. Enemies of God and of His Christ are also enemies of the Church. Look about you in the countries which they rule. See what they have done, how they have added to human progress, to human happiness. Then contrast the record with that of countries in which the Christian tradition is still openly active.

More Graduations

Our colleges, secular and religious, have sent forth their young armies of future leaders, with final messages for their guidance in life. Thank God for the truly spiritual messages given to them by worthy educators, by men famed for their work in business and government.

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD?

Why Don't They Come Inside — And Ask Us?

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

Many long years ago when I was in college looking ahead to the seminary and consequently interested in the defense of the Church I first heard of an anti-Catholic controversialist named Henry C. Lea.



That's the important thing— from the inside. Only yesterday I heard a man say, "I don't like the looks of that church. Neither did I, because the architecture on the outside was of a kind I don't fancy."

He spent a lifetime in research. He produced outside volumes heavily packed with historical detail. He had read all the books new and old that he could lay his hands on.

THAT COULD be a parable. Those writers who attack our religion confine themselves to a view of the Church from the outside. The latest of them they keep coming year after year generation after generation is Paul Blanchard.

BUT EVEN without access to the Vatican archives, Mr. Lea had acquired a great deal of knowledge on his chosen subjects. But he made one mistake the fatal mistake. He did not call upon Catholic scholars to help him understand the institutions about which he was writing.

There's another phase of the problem we would like to mention to the Lees and the Blanchards. As one might have asked Lea, why do millions of people just as intelligent if not so learned as you, through many like Vancardard were even more learned, why do they still believe in Confession and practice Confession, if Confession is what you say it is? Likewise the question remains for Blanchard. If the Catholic Church is as hostile to American principles as you say it is, how does that Church get along so well in America?

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Pride and Perspiration Mark School Graduations

By Marie Weidman

By now this year's high school graduates are framed and hanging with preceding classes. That is, in the gleaming front corridors of their respective alma maters.



THE PARTICULAR kind of graduate groups we have in mind are those launched each year by the holy nuns. From the busy classrooms of Catholic girls' high schools and academies comes an ever increasing attraction of Catholic girls in whom we are certain, there has been instilled by earnest teachers a sense of their own importance (which can be so annoying in adolescents) but rather a sense of their obligations to their Church, and to their families who have borne with them over the thorny road of adolescent living and learning.

Preparation for graduation begins months in advance and is an interesting process. It seems obligatory somehow, for the graduates to render a song or two for the bursting parents and not just any old Flow-venty Sweet Alton, but something approaching a Bach chorale with maybe a trumpet solo and Clara Gumpf doing a soprano trill or two.

WITH ALL THIS behind one hesitates to muse any further on the Sweet Girl Et Cetera. Mindful that the public has been over-exposed by press radio and screen to every conceivable type of young maid in every sort of sweet girlish-gooey gambol.

One does not come by a diploma easily in these hallowed institutions. It is a long and frequently painful process which only holy nuns could see through. Moulding quantities of miscellaneous girls into a group having correct values might make even a Hercules look like a refugee from a cod liver oil capsule.

REHEARSALS, reaching a crescendo the last few days consist of Sisters Agnes thinking in agony as all the contraltos get to sound more and more like sopranos and Clara Gumpf sounding ever shriller sort of like a polka but firm fluff.

This Man Welcomes Sinners

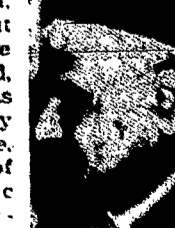
Christ came to welcome sinners. He saw in them the material for future saints. He had no joy in leaving them to their unfortunate sinful practices. He sought them out. He strove to win them away from their evil ways, from their evil associates. More, He invited them to come close to Him!

THEORY VS. PRACTICE

Religious Rights Still Prevail In India

By V. C. George

Calcutta, India (NC) — While the fight for the theory of complete religious freedom has been won in India, the fight to put it into practice still lies ahead.



Nevertheless, he continued, "occasional complaints reach me of remarks made by irresponsible Hindus that India is a Hindu State and that Christians should return to the faith of their ancestors."

serious consequence," he said. "They afford us the opportunity to remove prejudice against Christianity, to expand its message and to uphold its supra-national and universal character."