

Editorials

Earliest Schools in Our Nation
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By Msgr. William M. Hart

For All Children

We hope the many letters that have gone out to our representatives in Congress protesting the unjust and un-American purpose of the Barden Bill may have a salutary effect. Defeat of the bill will accomplish a twofold result: justice at present to children not registered in public schools; protection for the future against congressional rescission of any principle that will outlaw children in private schools from any share in government grants.

There is no principle in our constitution condemning private schools. Private schools under religious auspices were the earliest schools in our country. Only after fifty years of such schools, recognized and supported by the communities, were the new public schools instituted. Catholic schools do not ask state support; they do demand that Catholic pupils shall have a just share in provisions made for the health and safety of all children.

New York State has long since by vote in the regular election, by vote for a constitutional amendment, gone on record for furnishing transportation to and from school for all pupils whether in private or public schools.

Our federal government has no right to dictate to the states but it has the right to withhold all help from those states which refuse to act justly in applying that help. Let a law be set up limiting governmental help to those states which will apply it in the American way. Urge your congressmen to vote against the Barden Bill.

Modern Martyrs

Every age in the history of the Church has had its martyrs. The blood of the martyrs was the seed of Christianity. Every death for Christ won many lives for Christ. The darkness of pagan hatred condemned many an innocent victim to death; the light of Christian love attracted many a soul to the life of faith.

Our age is seeing more and more martyrs lining up with Christ in defense of the faith. Countless thousands are dying behind the iron curtain in Europe. Dying because they believe in Christ, because they prefer death to apostasy.

The world does not hear of many of them; the world does not hear of their holy and intrepid leaders. Archbishop Beran stands out among them as a fearless leader who guards well the rights of the Church of God against the agents of the devil.

Modern martyrs! Beran follows close in the footsteps of Stephen and Minderentz. All of them follow St. John of Rochester, our American martyr, St. Thomas a Becket, the martyr of the Apostolic age. What an example they set us of love of Christ, of devotion to the faith of Christ! While they help us so signally by their example, let us help them by our prayers!

May their sufferings for the faith prompt us to greater fidelity to God, deeper devotion to Our Lord and God!

God's Ministers of Health

Men of medicine are God's gift to an ailing world. Men of medicine are God's instruments in warding off many an ill that could destroy mankind. The ideal doctor is one who recognizes the handwork of the Creator in the mysteries and wonders of the human individual.

The ideal doctor is one whose faith grows with increased knowledge of what God has wrought. The true doctor is one who labors under God's inspiration to bring all the skill and art of a respected profession to the help of God's afflicted children.

Our Catholic community views with pride the lasting impression on the medical profession and on people at large of the spirit of faith that is so evident and so outspoken in the professional and social messages of our revered Doctor Leo P. Simpson.

Recognized as a master of healing, as an expert in surgery, as an honored leader among his fellow physicians, our beloved Doctor has given proud expression to his faith in God and his recognition of God's place in all the miracles of medical ministrations. His words have moved his fellows, have been entered on the permanent records of the New York State Medical Association, of which he has been the State President.

Honored by the Church with membership in the Society of the Knights of St. Silvester, a papal society, Doctor Simpson has united with his knowledge of medicine a command of God's teachings that have marked him as a man of medicine and a man of God.

His religious reflections on things medical should be a valued contribution to the moral and spiritual ideals of every true doctor. We salute him as a leader among God's ministers of health.

Summer Safety

Vacation furnishes many hours of leisure for old and young. Every day is a free day for the children. Opportunities for recreation, for play, are matched by chances for getting into trouble.

Parents and others in charge of children should be vigilant to keep them from all that can harm them. The same prudence that will keep older people safe, should be afforded the children to keep them from harm.

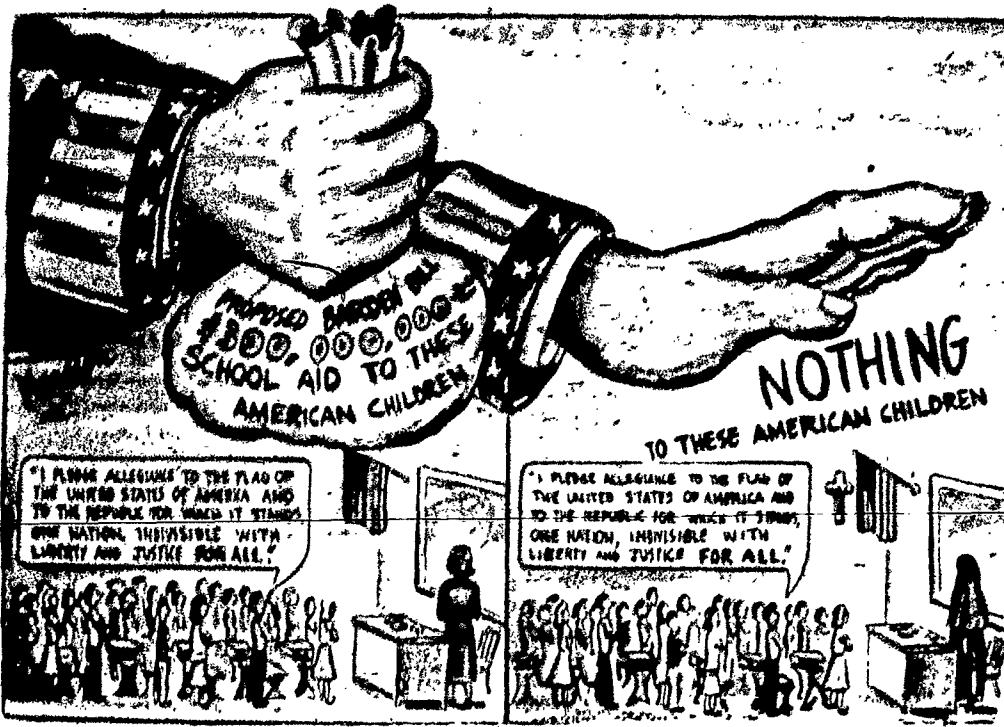
Teach the little ones the safety rules: not to swim alone, in deep water, too soon after eating; not to trust tubes which can let them down by losing their air quickly; not to play around boats, not to stand up in canoe or row-boat. Teach them to keep off the streets, away from traffic dangers, to avoid every hazard to life and limb.

Summer safety for all. Practice it for yourself. Urge it on your little ones. A short pep talk on safety each morning as the child begins its day may well be the means of preventing possible tragedies. Never grow tired of exhorting your child to observe all the safety rules.

Fishing Partners

Christ stood on the shore of the great lake, watching Peter and his partners washing their nets. The night was over, day was at hand, people were appearing from every side eager to hear Jesus. Christ sought them from Peter's boat.

For All...?

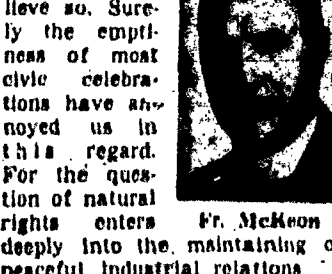


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TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Director, Le Moyne College School of Industrial Relations

Is there a special message for labor and management which springs from the spirit and background of Independence Day? We believe so. Surely the emphasis of most civic celebrations have annoyed us in this regard.



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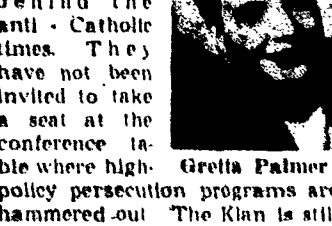
And in the Declaration of Independence our forefathers proclaimed to the entire world the necessity of preserving those rights which are granted by the laws of nature and nature's God.

IN THIS spirit our constitution with its bill of rights came into being. Here are clearly set forth the rights of the individual citizen. Here is protection for that natural institution, the family, possessing definite rights and sanctities. Then are laid down principles for the good order of civil society. That is why labor and management must understand and appreciate the true function of the state.

THE TOP OF MY MIND

By Gretta Palmer

Reappearance of the Ku Klux Klan in a Southern City is in its larger aspects, more embarrassing to our opponents than it is to us. For the Klansmen are ten years behind the anti-Catholic times. They have not been invited to take a seat at the conference table where high-policy persecution programs are hammered out.



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THE COMMUNISTS, who are far more relentless and shrewd than the Klan in their attacks upon the Church, have long abandoned the old grouping of Catholics with Negroes and Jews.

THE FUNDAMENTAL effort was, of course, to split the Church... to woo "rank and file" Catholics away from the hierarchy, to make the persecuted Catholic see his interests as identical with those of other minorities whose best friend was the agent of the Communist and not the parish priest.

THE PARTY does not make that offer today. The effort to separate the Catholic laity from the clergy flopped — and it is to the glory of American Catholics that it did flop.

COMMUNISM no longer tells...

Independence Day— For Capital and Labor

By Richard M. McKeon, S. J.

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HERE IS the very essence of the soul of our American government, and we must be on guard lest an indifferent public opinion allow a growing centralization of power to destroy our rights and liberty.

WHAT IS the greatest problem which threatens the temporal prosperity of America and our liberty? It is that of economic insecurity resulting from our failure to stop the boom-bust cycles.

Our government has instituted certain measures to cushion future depressions. That is not enough. The urgent need is for a complete reformation of industrial society based upon Christian principles.

THE INDEPENDENCE from the mother country which our forefathers proclaimed and the new freedom for which they fought and later protected in the constitution found its basis in political democracy.

GATES OF HELL Shall Not Preval

By Gretta Palmer

THE LIBERALS that we are a downtrodden minority; they tell them we are Fascists. Communists do not now pose as knights in armor, willing to fight the knights-in-armor who would us in the South.

THE CHURCH is persecuted for reasons deeper than those which any course in "tolerance" can touch. The Church is persecuted because it is Divine; and a warning that she would be persecuted was made, most clearly, in Our Lord's last speech to His Apostles.

THE CHURCH is most hated by those who are most aware that she is something far more than a social organization. The Church is persecuted most bitterly by those who are fleeing from Grace.

THAT, OF COURSE, is one reason why there is such dignity and glory in suffering persecution as a Catholic. The martyrs did not die because of a regrettable prejudice on the part of their tormentors... they died for Christ.

THE CATHOLIC is persecuted, in big ways or small, because he belongs to the supernatural order. No other minority in history has ever had the privilege of suffering for such a cause. No development in history is apt to make such persecution less.

THE KLAN, is one guise or another... that demonic program to pursue... will always be around. They are "the gates of hell."

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD?

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

It may seem like wishful thinking or foolish optimism to say that we need not go to war to crush Communism.

There must be a reason God doesn't argue with man. God doesn't give reasons. He doesn't have to.

But even without asking God we can think of a dozen reasons why the death of Herod or of Nero or of Stalin, is delayed. God could, if He would, ask us, "Who is responsible for this scourge?" We could only answer: "O Lord, the fault is ours; if we had kept Thy commandments, the blight would not have descended upon us."

But is I say, God doesn't argue and if He did, man would have no right to talk back, unless his back talk would be a confession of guilt. So, God will prevail but in His own good time. When God decides that the time has come to crush the monster that now keeps the world in dread, He will not need our atom bombs, our chemical or bacteriological warfare.

THE SECOND reason for the comforting belief that Communism will destroy itself is that there is dissension behind the iron curtain. I say dissension, not revolution. Father George in "God's Underground" claims that there is organized disciplined armed revolt in parts of Russia. Others who speak also from personal experience report that there is no such movement.

But what I have in mind is not a revolt of the people, but quarrels among the leaders. For some time we didn't know whether Tito's challenge to Stalin was genuine or just one more sample of Communist trickery. But now the fact seems established that the

ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM has lasted not only longest but expanded for more than thirty years. We may wonder why God has tolerated it so long.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

By Marie Weidman

With speculation on the cold war in hot weather proving as futile as speculation on the cold weather, it is more satisfactory to consider other topics which while agreeably trivial of course, look a bit more air cooled.

at present slightly over tree-awing age.

He can manage a jump or two via a couple low hanging vines, but he lacks his former gay abandon in tree tops. Somehow his old spirited caperings in the jungle clearings now only resemble slow waltzes. Ole' rockin' chair done got Mr. Weismuller. It seems and right in the middle of his Dark Continent!

But you must admit the boy can still swim superbly — a feat he does throughout the saga as frequently as possible. The most amazing thing about Mr. Weismuller as a swimmer is not his beautiful breast stroke, however, but rather the fact that he seems to emerge from the deep as dry and well pressed as when he dove off to kill the nasty old sharks.

And kill the sharks he does, every monotonous time. Johnny doesn't wait for the sharks to come up and show the color of their fins — he goes after them, sneaking underwater and carving out their hearts in a twinkling. Then as he anchors on dry land still looking like an ad in Field and Stream, the heroine flutters a bit at him, but he is impervious to adulation.

HE STANDS with muscles flexed, brown all suitably brown, and from the depths of his manly chest he pipes in a tiny falsetto, "It was nothing." He sounds like Billie Burke. At this point most of the audience goes out to the lobby for more popcorn.

WHEN THEY know they've pleased Jim they hop up and down, rubbing their heads simultaneously, no mean trick for a gorilla. Despite the fact that they resemble old racoon coats, their sweet faces and gentle demeanor will undoubtedly lead them to the younger crowd; if they don't throw them into full-blown hysterics first, of course.

HEADQUARTERS REPUDIATION

Birth Control Statements Disclaimed by MacArthur

By Rev. Patrick O'Connor

Tokyo (NC) — The Supreme Commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, has disclaimed responsibility for statements in favor of birth control made by technical advisors on the staff of the natural resources section of his headquarters.

Service was also on the general headquarters payroll as advisor. Catholic chaplains of this area and the Catholic Women's Club protested to General MacArthur against Dr. Thompson's statements.

THE MEMORANDUM now is used is the first pronouncement on the subject by the general, who dissents strongly from this correspondent's inference that the Thompson-Whelpton line means: "I move under the auspices of headquarters."

The text of General MacArthur's memorandum follows: "In order to prevent any misunderstanding and to eradicate any misconceptions, the Supreme Commander wishes it understood that he is not engaged in any study or consideration of the problem of Japanese population control. Such matter does not fall within the prescribed scope of the occupation and decisions, thereon rest entirely with the Japanese themselves."

THE STATEMENTS by Doctor Thompson and others recently publicly expressed with reference to population control in Japan reflect individual opinions alone and are not based upon authoritative consideration or views of the occupation.

Dr. Warren S. Thompson, whose public advocacy of birth control was vigorously challenged last March by the Rev. W. A. Kaschnitter, M.M., another correspondent of the NCWC News

"Birth control with its social economic and biological sides is in final analysis for individual judgment and decision.

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