

Editorials

**Earliest Schools in Our Nation
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Prayers To Help Modern Martyrs**
By Mrs. 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 to children not registered in public schools; protection for the future against congressional recognition 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 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 assaults of the devil.

Modern martyrs! Beran follows close in the footsteps of Stephen and Minsentzi. 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 handiwork 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 marvels 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. Sylvester, 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 ten 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 caught them from Peter's boat.

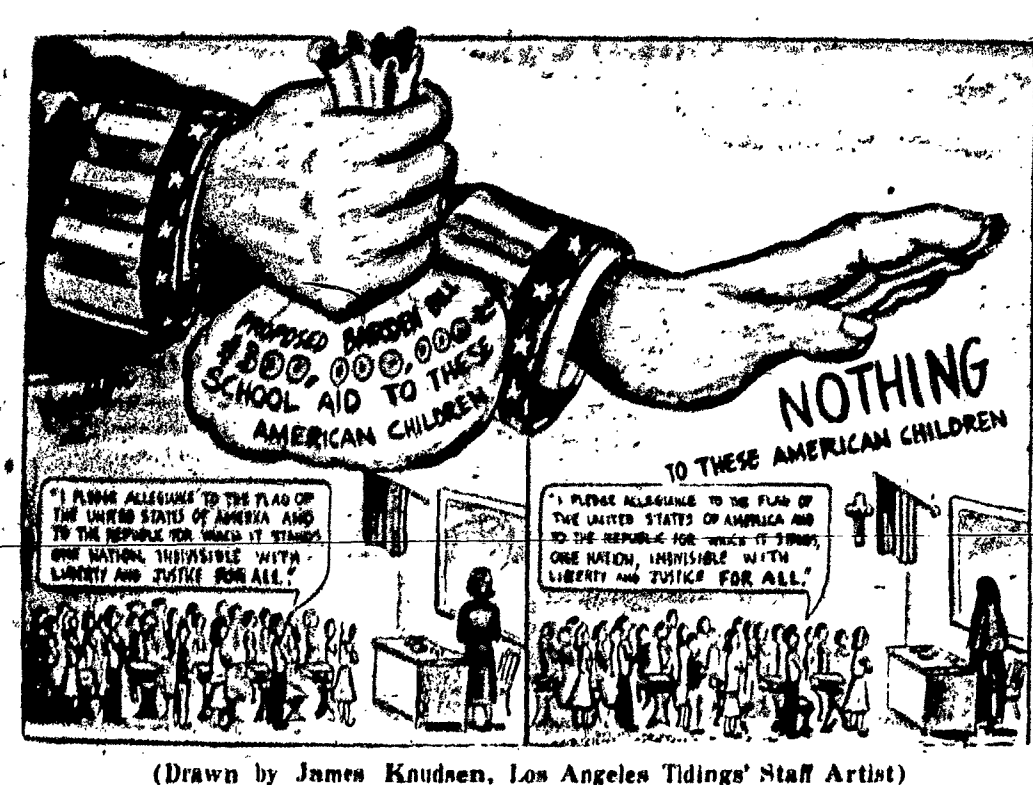
Christ gave Peter cause to wonder with a wonderful love of Jesus, so that Peter confessing himself a sinner, begged Jesus to depart from him. Christ did not depart from Peter, but bade Peter to accompany Him to become with his brethren, fishers of men.

Fishing Partners. Fishers of men. How well did the Lord employ the fisherman in the catching of men! How well did He employ the fisherman in the catching of souls from the bottom of the sea!

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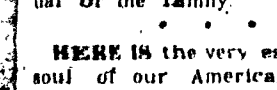


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TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

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By Richard M. McKeon, S. J.

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



Fr. McKeon

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.

And our American doctrine and tradition tell us that "It is the primary function of the state to protect and not to usurp the rights of the individual and of the family; its secondary function is to promote the common welfare of its citizens by regulat-

ing the complex of civilized life and to engage in such activities as are beyond the scope and ability of either the individual or the family."

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.

We must always remember that the state exists for the individual and not the individual for the state as we see in the totalitarian system of communism.

WHAT IS the greatest problem which threatens the temporal prosperity of America and our liberty? Is it 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 true answer is not in greater productivity, although this has its proper place, but in a fairer distribution of the national wealth.

ARMIES AND alliances are not the best defense against communism. For communism relies on despair to recruit millions and despair follows the loss of

Independence Day— For Capital and Labor

temporal prosperity and security.

The words of John La Farge, S. J., are to the point:

"Communism capitalizes upon human despair. It is a danger signal, a symptom and not a cause. It grows powerful where fabulous wealth clashes with abject poverty. Where freedom is the price of security. Where liberty is the price of bread, it will be sold on the black market of despair. The answer to communism is not suppression of communism. The answer is security with liberty rather than at the price of liberty, bread with freedom rather than at the price of freedom."

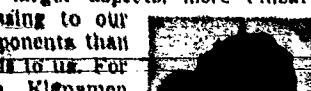
THE INDEPENDENCE from the mother country which our forefathers proclaimed and the new freedom for which they fought and later protected in the constitution found its basis in political democracy.

Will our leaders in labor and management today have the intelligent vision and the moral courage to proclaim a declaration of independence from false economic and social doctrine and of dependence on Christian justice and love which will insure economic democracy?"

And for the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

THE TOP OF MY MIND

By Gretta Palmer



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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. The Klan is still following a line abandoned by the Communists as long as the Spanish Civil War. The Klan is now old hat. The fashions in persecution have left it far behind.

THE COMMUNISTS, who are far more relentless and shrewder than the Klan in their attacks upon the Church, have long abandoned the old grouping of Catholics with Negroes and Jews. That was the line of the '30's, when the Party fought against the Klan and hoped, as a reward, to win over "liberal" Catholics to its program.

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 offered, then, to fight the Klan for all of us.

But the Party does not make that offer today. The effort to separate the Catholic laity from the clergy stopped — and it is to the glory of American Catholics that it did stop.

And so it is well for us, as Communists no longer tell,

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. For Communists today make against us exactly the same charges as the Klan. They, too, attack Catholics for having "political power."

Persecuted Negroes and Jews are still the Party pets. The persecuted Catholic has been transmuted, by Communist logic, into a well-to-do agent of the Vatican well able to fight for his own interests with no "Defense Fund" from the liberals. The Klan is still, embarrassingly, following the Browder line.

member that the persecution of the Church has quite different roots than a temporary movement of prejudice against any other minority on earth.

For 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.

There is always something voluntary, something willingly sacrificed, in a Catholic's acceptance of suffering because of the Faith. Even in so small a matter as being ridiculed for going to Mass in a late-sleeping Protestant summer resort, he is sharing in the sacrifices of the Communion of Saints. For he has rejected the possibility of not going to Mass.

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.

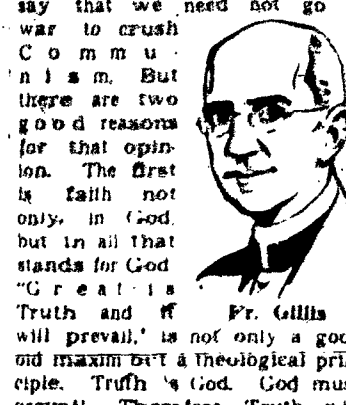
The Klan, is one guise or another... the Party, with this or that demagogic program to pursue... will always be around. They are "the gates of hell."

Gates of Hell Shall Not Preval

By Gretta Palmer

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD?

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



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It may seem like wishful thinking or foolish optimism to say that we need not go to war to crush Communism. But there are two good reasons for that opinion. The first is faith not only in God but in all that stands for God. "Great Truth and Right will prevail," is not only a good maxim but a theological principle. Truth is God. God must prevail. Therefore Truth will prevail. And Justice and Right.

God may seem dilatory, judged by our impatience and by our concept of time. Sacred Scripture says not only that with God a thousand years are as a day, but that a day is as a thousand years.

God may do in twenty-four hours (as we measure time) what we should imagine would take at least ten centuries. But on the other hand, God may seem so everlastingly deliberate as to make us think He will never get around to doing what we ask Him to do in an instant.

"How long, O Lord, how long," cries the Psalmist and again "O God make haste to help me. These expressions might be considered irreverent. Translated into modern idiom they mean "What delays You O God? Hurry up!"

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

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

Don't Fight: Just Wait

Tito-Stalin conflict is bona fide.

"Thieves Fall out!" So do gangsters, murderers and all manner of criminals. They come to blows either over the disposal of the "swag" (who gets what?) or over the matter of jurisdiction. As in Yugoslavia, so in Czechoslovakia, so in Hungary and Poland and in all the other satellite countries. As soon as a strong man arises in any and all of those subject states, he will challenge the big boss in the Kremlin.

The report may remain a Communist. But he will raise the flag of nationalism. He will ask his fellow citizens why all the loot or all the graft should go abroad and not remain at home. There will be no answer to that question if the rebel is as strong as Tito.

AFTER ALL, gangsters do have a law of the survival of the strongest. Darwin discovered it in the animal kingdom. Time and again we have discovered, especially in recent years, that the law of the jungle prevails even among those who, for purposes of scientific classification, come under the category labeled "human."

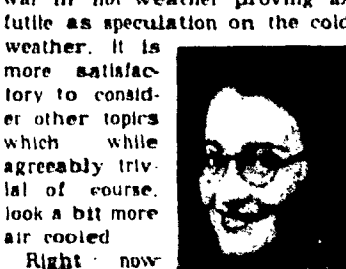
It will be so in the countries now dominated by Moscow. Some powerful young brute will challenge the reign of the aging Stalin, or the aging someone else. The battle will not be Communist versus anti-Communist, but Communist versus Communist.

That will be the beginning of the end. Why should we interfere? Why should we anticipate? If God can wait a little while, why cannot we?

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Leave the Treetops To the Apes, Johnny

By Marie Weidman



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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 arid cooled.

Right now the current series of Hollywood Tarzan type films would lead one to conjecture that the producers of these gorilla gambols probably expect to be paid off in pasteurized coconut milk, isolate flies or wooden masks in anything that is, but in coin of the realm.

Sooner or later you figure the procession of tired Tarzans and jaded Jungle Jims has to stop; how much longer moviegoers will pay to view musclebound, monkey-sylable heroes swinging by their teeth thru the same plot poses an airy and light problem for musing when the mercury gets stratospheric.

THE MOST recent Hollywood version of Africa speaking has Mr. Johnny Weissmuller disguised as Jungle Jim. Mr. Weissmuller, who was formerly Alldom's most successful Tarzan, appears at present slightly over tree-swinging 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. Weissmuller. 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. Weissmuller 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 lal-sello. "It was nothing." He sounds like Billie Burke. At this point most of the audience goes out to the lobby for more popcorn.

The plot of this opus concerns Jungle Jim's efforts to keep a tribe of happy aborigines from being exploited by perspiring white villains. You will recall it as Plot Number 89 blurred later nately with the lost world treasure formula. Well anyway, this tribe occupies a hidden jungle city, a sort of Class B Shangai, presided over by a bearded character wearing a tin seltrimmed sheet.

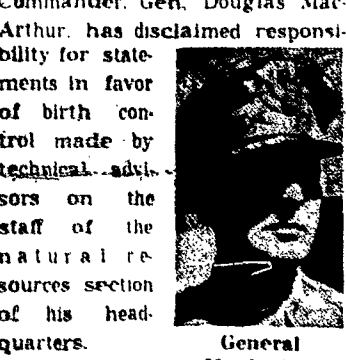
Uttering the worst possible platitudes he asks Jungle Jim to help him stave off the invaders. And Jungle Jim the stalwart rises to the occasion with the help of a group of most personable gorillas. These latter lumber among the white villain genty squeezing them to death.

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 lure 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



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Tokyo (AP) — 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.

The General MacArthur handed this correspondent a memorandum declaring that the statements of these technical advisors on the subject of population control in Japan "reflect individual opinions alone."

The memorandum, addressed to the Catholic Women's Club here, was issued after the Supreme Commander saw this correspondent's account describing advisor Pascal K. Whelpton's May 13 press conference as "another move to promote birth control in Japan under the auspices of General MacArthur's headquarters."

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

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

"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.

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