

A Look at Labor
Congressional Probes

By A. C. Tushy

The Congress of the United States for the past three years has done a great deal of investigating. The practices of trade unions have come in for their share of investigation.

Investigations by themselves are neither good or bad. They become good or bad depending on the methods used and the results achieved. If the main purpose of these investigations is to get publicity for a particular Congressman or to embarrass or persecute some labor union, a labor leader, or a government official, then the Congressional committee is merely wasting taxpayers' money.

On the other hand, if these investigations are conducted with a view toward framing necessary and sound legislation, then they become vital appendages of our democratic system.

TAKE FOR example the current investigation of labor conditions on the waterfront. A House Committee is presently trying to discover what is wrong with longshore work.

This committee is interested among other things, in the racketeering and gangsterism in American docks. It will study the history and malpractices of the International Longshoremen's Association. It will highlight the attempts of the Communists to take over the longshore unions.

All the data collected on these subjects will make interesting reading. The report of the Congressional Committee on these subjects will receive appropriate headlines. But unless the committee goes further in its study of longshore conditions it is wasting its time.

The average American longshoreman is a decent hard-working citizen. He is interested neither in Communism nor in the gangsters and hoodlums. His main concern is a steady well-paying job. Up to now his job, save for the war years, has not been well-paying. Certainly it has not been steady.

If the Congress can discover ways and means of making longshore work secure, if it can pass those laws that are necessary to take longshore jobs out of the hands of the mobsters, if it can force the shipping lines and stevedore companies to assume responsibility for the welfare of their workers, then Communism, gangsterism, and dictatorial unionism will become incidents.

Balancing The Books

Lessons From The Past

By REV. JOHN S. KENNEDY

There is a common impression that Henry VIII, King of England, was a lusty, gasty, good-natured fellow who freed England of the superstitious tyranny of Catholicism. Books and plays have disseminated this absurdly inaccurate idea.

But the real Henry and his reign are clearly and colorfully depicted in Theodore Maynard's Henry the Eighth, one of the best in Dr. Maynard's series of scholarly, vivid and judicious biographies.

still rigorously insisted on Catholic belief and practice in his realm, but he had paved the way for the coming of liberty.

WHEREAS THE whole story as related by Dr. Maynard is fascinating, perhaps the most valuable feature of the book is its underscoring of the circumstances and steps involved in the tearing of England from the Mystical Body. These are duplicated in our own time.

The contemporary totalitarians might well have gone to school to Henry to learn ways and means of striking down Catholicism. The king backed Parliament to secure legislation hampering the Church and when some members threatened to resist his will, he sent word that such action would mean death for them.

When it came to suppressing monasteries and confiscating their goods, defamations were common practice with the monks and further that the monks were traitorous. When abbots and others were brought to court, the king's agents and the trials were farcical.

IT WAS asserted that the seizure of church property would benefit the poor, but the new owners turned out many tenants and gouged greatly advanced rents from the rest.

The king did away with hospitals that he might have their holdings. Schools suffered because of his rapacity. In a word, his policy was "socially ruinous."

And what of this passage as applying to us today: "Though

the English people were, upon the whole, sound, they were left and shack. It was easy to confuse them with false promises and facile explanations. . . . The people could be deluded in every turn.

And should not we today be much more alive to the probable result of movements and tendencies and tempera, which, with uncritical slothfulness and complacency, we do not diagnose and resist in their beginnings?

AROUND IN THE Church and the general apathy of the people made the Protestant Reformation possible. They did not make it inevitable, for earnest efforts to eliminate both were already under way within the Church.

What they were, who captured them, and what they achieved may be learned from another superb book, The Catholic Reformation by Pierre Janelle.

In explaining the deplorable conditions in the Catholic body, Dr. Janelle singles out for particular attention the decline of effective papal and episcopal authority. Numerous other elements are examined with a wealth of interesting examples; but the key is the inability of the pope and the local bishop to control and direct what had, for all practical purposes, been "cut up into a number of independently functioning bodies."

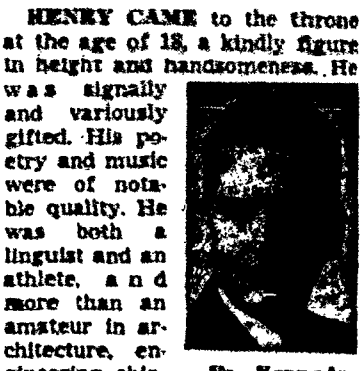
THIS MADE for maladministration, financial distress, relaxed discipline, a spirit of revolt, and irresponsibility in the face of common danger. The Church was diseased, and the malady was anarchy.

But remedies were being applied. A spirit of orthodox and constructive reform was sweeping through Christendom, a perfectly Catholic spirit, as contrasted with that of schism and heresy found in the Protestant Reformation. Its crystallization is found in the Council of Trent, very closely studied here.

But its manifestations and accomplishments are found in many fields: in piety, in education and scholarship, in literature in the arts, in new religious communities (such as the Jesuits), in vast and heroic missionary undertakings.

Every sphere of human activity was affected; society was spiritually renewed; the restoration of all things in Christ was attempted with a large measure of success.

Henry the Eighth by Theodore Maynard; Bruce, 451 pages, \$3.75. The Catholic Reformation by Pierre Janelle; Bruce, 297 pages, \$4.50.



Fr. Kennedy came to the throne at the age of 18, a kindly figure in height and handsomeness. He was a signally and variously gifted. His poetry and music were of notable quality. He was both a linguist and an athlete, a d more than an amateur in architecture, engineering, ship-designing, artillery improvement.

A VEIN of the crudest greed ran through him, and appreciation of others or loyalty for their services and fidelity was utterly absent from his make-up.

His famous book, "Defense of the Seven Sacraments," was a refutation of Luther's errors, but perhaps the chief reason for its composition was its author's burning ambition to be awarded the title "Most Christian King" which he envied the King of France.

Yet shortly thereafter to indulge his whim, he plunged England into schism. After the break with the Church Universal, he



Henry VIII, emblematic king of England — fabulous, cunning, ruthless, gentle, powerful, weak — responsible for leading England out of the Catholic Church is the subject of Theodore Maynard's 1st of 21 biographies. The book entitled "Henry VIII" has just been published by Bruce, Milwaukee.

75th Jubilee

Non-Catholic Couple Had Lad Make First Communion

Reported from The Catholic News, New York

Dr. Donald of St. Paul Terrace East, New York, teacher of The Catholic News, reports a heart-warming story of how a non-Catholic young lad made his First Holy Communion.

They had only taught the Commission itself, but spent many evenings tutoring the boy in English. It seems that he had the last for the Sacrament. Mr. Donald's story follows:

"Little Mike's mother recently visited me on the occasion of a school party. She was in the house at Long Beach because of their long absence. I permitted to live there also.

"After and she are married and come to the country only recently. She speaks no English but little things, many years old, has picked up a working knowledge of the language through association with his playmates.

Several weeks ago Mike's mother wanted me to teach his First Holy Communion. I was at a loss as to how to go about it in this strange country where language was not understood.

Mrs. Klein learned of the situation through Mike who had disclosed that he had undertaken preliminary instructions in a manner which in New York City.

Mrs. Klein decided to help the youngster and his mother to go to her Catholic friends. Mrs. Bert Saunders and daughter, and Mrs. James Reynolds, for advice. They in turn passed on the information to the priest at St. Mary's of the Isle Church, Long Beach, who made immediate provision to assist Mike's instruction in English.

"But time was short and though the priest devoted as much time as possible to tutoring the youth it seemed as though Mike might not be ready."

"Mrs. Klein, however, said Mike is kind of homesick and

Hypnotism Said Dementia Aid

New Orleans — (NC) — A test run from the official board of a strange and disconcerting mode of hypnotism as the means described in a new book by Dr. Andrew E. McDonald, New Orleans dentist and graduate of Xavier University, Catholic educational school for Negroes.

His book is called "Hypnotism and Dementia" and deals with just that — the employment of the mind and body in a unit, and hypnotism in relation with other phases of mental work.

Dr. McDonald received his degree at Marquette University and did postgraduate work in England, France and Africa. He is a visiting lecturer on parapsychology and hypnotism at Marquette Dental College in Nashville, Tenn.

That there is nothing new in the employment of hypnotism for remedial purposes is demonstrated by the fact that he's been doing it for 25 years.

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George Town To Have Linguistic Institute

Washington — (NC) — An act of Congress and the House of Representatives in the 75th Congress authorized the establishment of a Linguistic Institute at George Town, Guyana, British Guiana.

The institute will be the first of its kind in the Americas and will be under the direction of the National Academy of Sciences.

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Rare Collection Of Saints-Stamps Goes to Pontiff

The famous stamp collection of the Litany of the Saints which he put together over the past 30 years has been packed by Mgr. Ferdinand Cech, of St. Vincent's Church here for presentation to His Holiness Pope Pius XII later this summer.

The collection, valued at \$10,000, shows that God the Father has been honored on stamps from Greece, Brazil and Liberia.

God the Son has been pictured in various ways His Nativity on stamps for Italy, Estonia and Hungary. His Resurrection on a stamp from Easter Island, Christ the Teacher on stamps from Italy, Ceylon and Tripoli, the Eucharist on a San Salvador issue, and the Sacred Heart on a stamp from Bolivia. A representation of the Holy Ghost is on a Brazilian stamp.

MONSIGNOR CECIL found that the Blessed Virgin has been honored on some 200 stamps, used in more than 22 countries. Among the saints pictured on stamps are St. Gabriel, on 44 stamps from 15 countries; St. Peter, on stamps from Malta and Greece; St. Sebastian, on Belgian stamps; St. Olaf, on Norwegian stamps, and St. Cyril and Methodius, on stamps from Czechoslovakia.

Book Club Picks Buffalo Author

MILWAUKEE — (NC) — A fan-by-chronicle novel, "Days Beyond Recall," by Roger Dooley, will be the August selection of the Catholic Literary Foundation, Louise Altman, book club manager, has announced.

The review in the Forcast, the foundation's publication, says it is "a fresh, graphic picture of Buffalo in the days of the turbulent Irish First Ward of the mid-nineteenth century preceding World War I, and of the machine war of the time that followed it."

Court Denies Abbot's Claim To Chaplain's War Insurance

Newark — (NC) — Rejection by the Veterans Administration of a claim by the Rev. Abbot Patrick O'Brien, O.S.B., on the \$10,000 war time insurance policy of the late Rev. Eugene J. Folhemus, O.S.B., has been upheld in Federal Court by Judge Thomas F. Meaney. The brother and sisters of the late chaplain will collect the insurance.

Abbot O'Brien, head of St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, and St. Benedict's, Newark, had been named beneficiary of the policy by Father Folhemus, out of gratitude to the Benedictine Order.

New Paris Basilica To Mark Gratitude For Liberation

Paris — (RNS) — Construction will start in the fall of a new basilica here in fulfillment of a vow made by the late Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, during the raids which threatened the capital prior to the liberation.

The church will be built on the spot where the last German tanks crossed the city boundary as they fled before the liberating forces in August, 1944.

PARIS WAS being endangered, not only by air raids but also by possible artillery fire and German reprisals when Cardinal Suhard ordered relics of the True Cross, the Holy Nails, and the Crown of Thorns, which are kept in the treasury of Notre Dame Cathedral, to be taken to the square in front of the church.

There, kneeling before the relics, the cardinal prayed and solemnly placed the city under the protection of the Mother of God. Meanwhile, he invited Catholics of Paris to pray also for the Virgin's protection.

The basilica will be called the Church of Marie Mediatrice (Mary the Mediator) in thanks giving for the city's deliverance.

Trailer-Classes Dodge Legal Ban On Release-Time

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (RNS) — This city's religious education program on wheels is ready to make another advance when the public schools re-open in September, according to Andrew G. Bury, president of the Associated Churches here.

A pioneer in the field of conducting classes in religion in buses parked just off public school property, Fort Wayne is now ready for economy reasons to transfer its trail-blazing to religious education in trailer classrooms.

The plan, approved by the Board of School Trustees, calls for the use of three trailers. They will be moved from school to school in accordance with a schedule providing for more than 110 classes each week.

EACH OF THE mobile classrooms, to be moved by cars driven by three full-time religious training teachers of the Associated Churches, will be fitted out with blackboards, work tables and visual-aid equipment. All will be made comfortable in cold weather by heating systems.

The buses, used last year to comply with a Supreme Court decision outlawing religious instruction in the public schools, enrolled more than 3,000 children, a figure only slightly less than the number taking religious instruction here prior to the ruling.

Bishops Appeal Plan's Dismantling

Frankfurt — (NC) — Following a meeting of the Catholic hierarchy of north western Germany at Hildesheim in the Paderborn diocese, it was announced that the Bishops had approved the text of a letter to be sent to the Allied Military Government, dealing with the dismantling of various industrial plants in the Rhineland for reparations purposes.

The text of the letter will be forwarded to a group of Allied authorities, has been received.

The Bishops are understood to make representations which regard to the serious consequences the dismantling of large industrial establishments entails for the workers, who face unemployment.

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