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October Motto: The Rossry Ascendent

Columbus: One of God's Instruments Modern Argonaute: One Day To Rome By Migr. William M. Hart.

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The Rossy' Assendent

Many thousands of devout sonis were present at the losary Observance in Red Wing Stadium last Friday eveing, and many more thousands took part in the services over the air through the courtesy of Station WVET.

The outdoor sanctuary and Rosary Shrine made a significent setting for the pageant of military and Holy Name units with the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John, the elergy and monignori.

Bishop Kearney in an inspiring sermon, set forth the light includes of the prayers and meditations of the Rosary. while representative laymen led the great congregation in the telling of the beads of each decade, heads reproduced in lighted red roses shout the illuminated statue of the lusen of the Most Holy Rosary high up on the altar shrine. lonsignor Craugh in messured depth of resonant tone called and explained briefly each of the five sorrowful mysteries.

Jerry Vogt at the organ and the Aquinas Band were a magnificent addition to the truly religious program. Jessica Dragonette gave a special glow to the prayerful occasion

in her singing of the "Ave Maria,"

Flickering lights on the Outdoor Sanctuary spoke of the devotion to the Queen of the Holy Rosery, symbolized the are of love for Mary burning in each heart, were reproduced in thousands of tapers held by all that vast army of sithful. The rythmic rise and fall of the yellow flames of 30,000 tapers gave outward expression to the faith and hope and love of God and to the devotion to Mary that welled up in prayerful hearts. Family groups were the rule, each one numbering one or more members of the Holy Name Society, the Rosary Society, the Sociality and other

The Rosary Ascendent! It sent a thrill into one's soul to see all the devotion of Rosary Month united in one great expression, to note the prayer of individuals multiplied so many thousand times at this Shrine of Mary, to sense the mearness of Christ and His Blesson Mother to petitioners gathered together in His Name. The Rosary has been a power in the Church. The Rosary has been a power in the world. The devotion of Bishop and priests and people continue to make it a power for peace in the Church and in the world of today. May each of us help to make our motto: "The Rosary Ascendent."

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The heart of the he ulgued to the conversion of pagan peoples. To all obstacles, all threatening dangers, superatitious fears of the unknown s, the saintly Columbus was led on by faith and hope and religious determination to give the constant order: "Sail and on and on!"

Columbus gave the world a new land with a promise literary critica freedom for unfold millions. Columbus gave to the are saying that Church a new increment of faithful children who more than America just mede up for the defection of unwerthy Catholics who fell cannot produce away in the religious revolution of sixteenth-contury Europe. even one good He was God's instrument, sarmest and daring in his quest Catholic novel. a new way to the Indies; missing his actual goal, he Sweetness for a men way to the Indies; missing his actual goal, no docan't make a man to mankind the riches and the blessings of a new land, best seller, and sur American land of freedom.

Modern Argonauts

Remember when monetary prizes of many thousands Guild. The ordinary reader veers of dollars together with the prize of public acclaim and away from virtue in his choice fame were gladly awarded to the first to fly across the ocean! of novels he feels there is Not so long ago. Yet keen competition and the desire to hundred pages of haloed characed gives the world today national and international air ters apouting sanctimonious lines that make it their daily work to span the oceans, to cliches tuniess, of course it is shorten traveling time between confinents to a day or less. three hundred pages of blase pletely with whatever young peo what constitutes a Catholic nov.

Today we stand ready to greet our clerical leaders from cosmopolites scintillating sin). Ramira as they return from the ahrines of Europe: in only is less days they have done what took their predecessors watry months to accomplish. Today we send into the ancient schools of Rome two young priests who seek training as future Professors at St. Bernard's Seminary; and we send them as modern argonauts by sirplane, reaching their destination in less than one full day.

Modern Argonautal Peter and Paul of old sought out Reme as the center of their religious mission, spent months writers seem to reflect elements try reads and buvs, it looks as ly harp-playing humanity still of Catholic Trade Unionists. and years in traveling to their destination. Patrick and in modern life which are quite if any volume with a Catholic has to people the Catholic nov-Beniface and Austin carried the fallh of Rome and of Peter far removed from us - even motif showing thru at all no cl. and Paul to Ireland and Germany and Britain. Long jourmays were a large portion of their missionary careers. Today's man-of-God journeys far, but finds his journeys shirtened in time by modern methods of travel.

Russia And The A-Bomb

The Church appeals snew to men to outlaw war and all that leads to war. The occasion is, the announcement that Russia now has the A-Bomb. The Church knows that the world would be far better off if there had been no wars of aggression. Such wars show by their results they are not good for the victor on the vanquished. De-Tensive wars offer no choice to those who are attacked. Must men proceed rally along the road that means

ultimate destruction of humanity? God's grace can prompt them to stop before the A-Bomb crases the human race. We pray God may grant mankind that grace.

Am I by tod?

Every sensible believer in God will ask himself sooner or later the question: "Am I invited to a place in the Kingdom of Heaven?" He should look for the answer to his question to Christ and to Christ's Church. He will find the answer a definite affirmative one. "Am I inwited?" "Yes, you are invited."

To the Chief Priests and the Pharisees, Christ in today's parable gave clear information on His Church ca earth and in heaven. He compares His Church, the Kingdom of Heaven, to a marriage least given by a great Many were invited and refused or neglected the lavitation More were invited were urged to accept the invitation and finally the invitation was made so extenwho that all were called. Some were good, some were cold, some were poor, some well office some were old,

ung. All were invited The Kingdom of Heaven is like to this marriage these. All are invited to attend All will be provided with the robe of sanctifying grace the wedding garment

were as pleasing to the Master. The King Same of the State of the King of the State and the soul rejecting His call and all One who neglects to don All of the control of

Better Come Quietly * ...



Where is the 'Down-to-Earth'

By Marie Weidman -

Who ever reads a Catholic; movel? Against a waiting wait

of rejected manuscripts many requisite for

the Literary Marie Weldman nothing so deadening as three

So year after year we go on reading Sigrid Undset in all her leaden majesty, Evelyn Waugh with all his cypicism --- both the clever and the unclever - Graham Greene, Bruce Marshall.

Somehow the efforts of these pear to be on some level remote unpardonably naive. from our own.

has seen fit to set down in fic told'), likes and buys the robust tion form the crass adolescence historical novel, the psychoanaly of America - its sadness, its tic tale, the stories of "modern"

THE TOP OF

MY MIND

pable of putting, for instance, known as stark realism - the ten about it. characters at a High Mass or starker the better, the more We should like in a setting of a Catholic college campus without making the whole effort look as if frightened off by fictionized particular it had been newly dipped in 'Freudiana and buxom heroines. maple sugar? Harry Sylvester did try it in "Moon Gaffney" but he submerged his whole effect in vitriol so that the net

red pencil waving editor. It is hundred seventy nine. not wholly lethargy however

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THE READING public iso WHY IS IT, then, that no one many of whom are women, we're love and marriage, because they | world,

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The triumph of good over and Walter evil, at least in the American Reuther." by novel, seems pretty dull stuff; Irving Howe nor do we any longer want and B. J. Widour stories with a beginning, ick. middle and end. For the most ' Like So it looks as if our Faith, as situations tend to remain static oned with in American socie we live it, has no depths to it and undeveloped throughout. We ourselves happen to like it

ple there are who, having el It need not be a group of official family achieved an A in their creative dreary, "holy" people in poverty, English courses at college, re smiling in the ugly face of every and this is the particular point of solved to write the great Ameri evil the misguided author concan Catholic novel. Most of these ceives in twenty chapters. This today's column that authors probably have been frightened use the vices of these ceives in twenty chapters. This Widick and Howe are not all probably have been frightened was the vogue at one time, and by the best seller lists. Not that since none have been produced ways discerning. They are some to these many years, we still in their occasional references to accept it not now at least In such a litary but as an to these many years, we still in their occasional references to accept it not now at least indication of just what the counthhink that this type of practical, the program of the Association and that's probably one of the

Let's stop talking about proel. Let's build up a stockpile of a few more ordinary ones

Commissars and Grandmother; Red Ridinghood Meets a Wolf stand the position of ACTU with

By Gretta Palmer

The education of an over-opti- his own, that little differences this world, and that every man us. mist is strikingly portrayed in with them could be ironed a tyou meet is not won over by a the new motion picture "The Red by a bit of good will on both salesman's smile. This is quite sides. Danube,"

control.

based on the Bruce Marshall novel "Vespers in Vienna." It shows a highminded Millitary Government officer in Rome, securely Protestant, se

curely certain that on his Gretta Palmer mission to Vienna he will get along with the Russians quite as pleasantly as he did with the Italians.

Communism as a moral evil quite as appailing in the phil-There will be a certain amount of give-and-take, a delicate adusiment of viewpoints, but with shocking enough to justify a a little good will on both sides. war, Many Americans appear the Communists officials will to believe that the Nazis formturn out to be decent enough feled an exception to the human lows. For, after all, they are race and that with their defeat human beings, too. all men reverted to a normal

The rest of the picture shows geniality. the rude awakening. The M.G. officer does not really need the choaching of the charming and witty Mother Superior (our old say that men's beliefs and philtriend Ethel Barrymore) to dis osophies have quite a lot to do cover the difference between 'es with how they act—that Little Red Ridinghood had better learn. soon, to tell her grandmother

THE LEARNS for himself that and the wolf apart. It has faced the general aims and purposes the sad fact that good will does of the Italians were similar to not aways breed good will in

a large discovery for Hollywood a to offer us.

moral code whose essential aims If there was even an illuscan never be acceptable to this tration of the Thomistic prindecent man. A d before the film; ciple that man loves evil only is ended, our easy going liberal; in the guise of good, it is sureis prepared to ruin his career to ly here in the devotion and prevent the Russians from redutifulness of those Communcovering Displaced Persons who lists who murder innocents in prefer death to a return to Soviet the belief that they are doing a service to mankind.

Now, it is true enough that sins are no monopoly of those who worship evil in the guise of good. Men who prefer a true philosophy can also offend, but that is a later lesson for the liberal-optimist to learn. He will have made great progress towards the truth if, from this picture and more like it. he learns that human beings do not all move in the same moral twilight, independent of the beliefs they hold

There is the fierce and brilliant daylight of the saint who serves the God he sees. There is the blind blackness of the falsely indoctrinated man whose light within . him is darkness. And it is well that some millions of Americans may now learn to distinguish

YOUR HEARTS

LIFT UP

Japan Drops Villain's Role; Clamors for Catholic Faith

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

hones un moral cruel hyprocitical or on the other hand, decent. consciention s . ctean · ilving. hard - working. peace · loving. and anything etae the ex pert in pro-

Fr. Gillis paganda wishes to convey For good or for bad, with the build-up or the amear, the public relations agent with plenty of cash can confirm our opinion of a man, an institution, a gov ernment, a race, or he can turn our opinion upside-down and

The particular instance I have in mind at the moment is that of the Japanese people Years ago it was held to be the thing to "run them down" The rumor ran that in Japan the bank tellers were all Chinese because the Japanese couldn't trust their wn to handle money

The natives of Nippon were (we were told) a race of agnosties, the only such race known to history, they had no talent merely imitative monkeys, for were sneaks and spies, and the Nisel were traitors to the land that had naturalized them.

WHEN OUB soldiers came back from the jungle after combat with the Japanese, we had One Japanese Catholic gentle, offer the greatest opportunity to what purported to be evidence man said to Bishops O'Hara and Catholic mission effort

it to say that the Japanese for crucified." a hundred years were given a more encouraging report from "bad press" in America

But back in 1906 when the Paulists had the privilege of entertaining the saintly Bishop Beriloz of Makodste in our house in Chicago, I said to him one day, "We have heard that the Japanese as a race are skeptics, agnostics, as well as amoral: what about it?" "Not my people, not my

people," said the good Bishop who had intimately known the Japs in the north for a quarter of a century. "It is a miracle." he continued, 'when we make a convert, but Christians or parans, the Japanese I know are a simple, decent, honest God-fearing people."

THEN CALLS the war and with it the tremendous barrage of hostile comment, not only 'upon the war lords but upor the people of Japan.

But when the end camewhen we had condemmed the Japa as cruel, had done the most cruel and, in the judgeand no originality but were ment of many Catholic moralists, the most wicked thing cruelty they were gorillas, they ever done in any war, the dropping of the stom bomb-we began to hear stories of the supernatural, even mystical, spirit in which the Japanese took our victory and their defent.

Those who create and con of the crueity and perfiely of the Ready. "We people of Japan had trol public opinion can persuade Jay fighting men. Not to multi-sinned, we deserved the punishus that a whole people is dis- ply the counts in the indictment ment of God it came and we points of comparison, suffice accept it in the aparit of Christ a generation or two perhaps for I hink I have never heard a

THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T

any mission field in the world than that of Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith when he returned from Japan It corroborates a statement made by another good triend of mine a Columban Father in Japan that "we could have a million converts if we had the priests to bring them

EVERYWHERE-from Kagoshima, where St Xavier landed. in the extreme south, to Hakodate on Hokkaidon the northernmost island the Japanese seem to be clamoring for the faith. It is an immensely heartening phenomenon and incidentally, a correction of the old tibel of the Japanese

We may soon share the judgement of St. Francis Xavier himself who called the Japanese "my delight" and said (40 years ago) "They are the best people who have yet been discovered, and it appears to me that there will never be found another people among the unbellevers superlor to the Japanese."

It must be added that death prevented his atempt to evangelize the Chinese But it is good at any rate to have his eulogy of the people who now seem to

THE **YARDSTICK**

The "Unfinished Personality," Will He Get Off the Fence?

One of the best proofs that the only because it "saw Reuther American Catholic Novel? tabor movement in the United merety as a leader in an anti-States is coming of age is the Communist fight." Or again, fact that so

many books

"The LAW

Fr. Higgins part modern characters and the UAW are a force to be reckas if Eternal Truth were so trite with the sorry shambles break but even those who don't will it never even could challenge a ing off in mid-air at page eight profit from reading what a couple of discerning commenta-The fault does not lie combeen greatly confused about particularly flattering to Reu majority of ACTI members ther and the members of his

times confused, as for example

LIKE MANY other self-styled 'liberals." somehow or other they seem to have come to the ducing a "great" Catholic nov- conclusion that Catholics are not and cannot be "radical" that they are by definition "conserva tive." They don't come out and which will show American say this explicity, but we rather Catholicism to the rest of the suspect that this is their basic point of view the major premise from which they draw their conclusions about ACTU.

How else explain the fact that they fail so completely to under regard to Reuther and the L'AW! They are not malicious nor are they bigoted; but they are confused. Or so it seems to

The Detroit ACTU, they ibli us, supported Reuther, but

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- By Rev. George G. Higgins

the ACTU people "supported Reuther against the Stalinists because they would like to root all radicals, genuine or false, from power; now they apply pressure on Reuther from the right."

This is another case of sem antics What is a "radical"? The authors don't tell us explicitly but it would probably be safe to guess that their own definition of a "radical" is one who advocates independent tabor political

A "BADICAL," in other words is one who believes in the establishment of a non-Communist labor party which would place its major emphasis on the polmajority of ACTU members don't happen to believe in the establishment of a labor party not for the present at least Therefore the ACTU isn't 'radi

Logical enough if you are willing to accept the major prereasons the authors have writ ten a book about him To them he is still an "unfinished person ality " Presumably they are hoping to persuade him to get off the fence and declare him self irrevocably in favor of the establishment of a labor party

Be that as it may, ACTU certainly did not support Reuther merely as an anti-Communist. ACTU supported Reuther because it favored his Industry Council program which, according to our own

definition of the term, is even more radical than the politi-

cal approach of a labor party. In the words of its official organ, ACTI supported Reuther in the General Motors strike of a couple of years ago- and, curiously enough, Widick and Howe remind us of this themselves—because "if Reuther succeeds in forcing the GM, one of the coun try's largest industrial empires to redivide the fruits of its production, the day of gigantic profits in American business will be done

"Every union will then insist that the profit and price structure be examined in collective bargaining and wage increases be absorbed out of profits if possible. The result ma, not be the end of capitalism but it will certainly be the beginning of a new kind of capitalism."

Radical or conservative? Right or left? Take your choice and then let's call a moratorium on semantics and an get down to

Top Surgeon Religious

London - (NC) - Known as one of Britain's top-filett surgeond Peter Flood became a Religious this week as he pronounced his temporary yows at the Benedictine Priory at Ealing, West London suburb. Brother Peter left the world over a year ago to enter the community,

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