

Christian 'Middle Way' Called Only Answer To Social Problems

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Some (By Airmail) — The time has come in the history of civilization when it is necessary to reject both of the opposing false social systems, the system of class materialism with its revolutionary violence and the system of class selfish liberalism with its studied ignoring of the place and plight of the great majority of men, according to Bishop Antonio Tedde of Ales, Sardinia.

storm of energies which demand a reciprocal compensation and utilization; their isolation makes them reciprocally and equally dangerous.

withdraw from this function without endangering its own existence. Labor, on the other hand, is the irreplaceable collaborator of capital, to which it cannot oppose the mad denegation of destructions without exposing labor itself to consequences both chaotic and threatening.

Reds Rename Christmas, Easter Holidays

BY MAX JORDAN

Berlin (NC) — Insofar as the name is concerned, there will not be any "Christmas" vacation in the Soviet zone of Saxony this year, according to an announcement of the communist-run Department of Education at Dresden. Instead it will be called the "winter" vacation.

Similarly, "Easter" vacation will be abolished, according to the same agency, and be replaced by a "spring" vacation. The measure is fully in line with similar orders issued elsewhere in Soviet ruled territories.

IN THE CITY of Merseburg, near Halle which is fairly close to the American zone border, a 17-year-old technician had the courage to take a stand against godless propaganda in a communist group to which he forcibly belonged. He was taken to the local Soviet commandant's office and reprimanded severely.

It is inhuman, he declares, to close the doors and windows in order not to hear the cry of hunger, and to wrap oneself in the adoration of money destined to generate more money. Money must beget well-being for the fraternal community, he says.

At C. P. A. Executive Board Meeting



The Executive Board of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, Inc., held its annual meeting in the Journalism Division of Fordham University, New York, where the new national headquarters is located. Pictured on that occasion are: (front) Andrew McGivney, Chicago; Rev. Joseph Carroll, S.J., "America"; Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Reno; J. L. O'Sullivan, Dean, Marquette University College of Journalism, Milwaukee; Rev. Alfred Barrett, S.J., Executive Secretary; Frank A. Hall, Director, N.C.W.C. News Service; (rear) F. A. Pink, "Our Sunday Visitor," Huntington, Ind.; Rev. Albert Nevin, M.M., Maryknoll; Humphrey Desmond, "Catholic Herald," Dayton, Ohio; Rev. Paul Buzzard, "Catholic Digest," St. Paul, president of the Association; George Pfaffum, Dayton, Ohio; Magr. John Randall, Catholic Courier, Rochester, N. Y.; and Ray McCorney, Philadelphia.

Doctors Blame Diseases On Birth Control

Cincinnati (NC) — Birth control was spotlighted as a major cause of disease and sterility in women by a pair of Tulane university physicians here this week.

Dr. Curtis Tracy and Dr. John C. Weed of the Tulane School of Medicine, New Orleans, also told members of the Southern Medical Association at their 43rd annual session here that the hectic pace of modern woman's life is responsible for the rise of endometriosis one of the most crippling of female diseases.

AND THERE is "general agreement," they added, that one of the causes is "the use of contraceptives, delaying the normal function of child-bearing."

For women who wish to avoid the ravages of endometriosis they had a proven preventive child-bearing: "Other than pregnancy," they said, "there is little the medical profession can offer these women in a conservative, non-surgical way."

They also reported that at the clinic they had encouraged early child-bearing to young women with symptoms of the disease in its "early stages."

"ANOTHER FACTOR" which favors the development of the disease in so many women," they said, "is the increased tension under which the average woman lives today. The emancipation of women from the protection of the dominant male of the 19th century, with the necessity and urge to make her own way, has created a state of tension in which the features of the disease become evident."

"The female executive of the school teacher the club woman with many responsibilities, and the housewife keeping up with the Joneses are all more susceptible to endometriosis than the woman who devotes herself completely to home and family."

Daily Catholic Radio

St. Paul, Minn. (CIP) — The world's smallest independent republic, Andorra, located in the Eastern Pyrenees between France and Spain, with an area of 191 square miles and a population of 5,231 has a daily Catholic radio program for an international listening audience.

Stork Catches DP Plane In Trans-Atlantic Crossing

New York (NC) — When a Scandinavian Airlines plane left Bremen, Germany, it had a passenger list of 56 displaced persons, but when it put down at Ldewid Airport, Long Island, there were 57 aboard. It seems that the stork caught up with the plane some 750 miles out of Prestwick, Scotland.

THE STORK visited Mrs. Leokadia Robiecki, a 36-year-old Polish DP, and presented her with her fourth child — a girl. The plane was met at the Long Island airport by officials of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, who sponsored the Robiecki family, and mother and daughter were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital here where latest reports are "everything's lovely."

The child was delivered in the rear lounge of the DC-6 plane on instructions radiated to Capt. Thor Stenard of the airline by Dr. John Rowell at the Prestwick airport. Right after the news of the new passenger had

'Howling' Success

Oshkosh, Wis. (NC) — More than 300 infants and preschool children made their first mission at Sacred Heart Church here and the event was termed a "howling success." During a mission for the men and women of the parish a special hour was set aside for the youngest members of the parish.

HONORA in the emergency also were passed out to Barbara Wirmgren, stewardess of the plane and to Mrs. Stepanka Boukowsky, a Polish DP enroute to Chicago, who had given birth to a child just two weeks before.

Reports that Mr. Robiecki was looking for a job because he had lost his sponsor were emphatically denied by Magr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director of War Relief Services, N.C.W.C. As soon as the state of the mother's health permits her to travel, the Robiecki family will be sent to Dahlgren, Ill. to work on the dairy farm of John Stelle, former Lt. Gov. of Illinois, the original sponsor of the family.

Monument Set To Fr. Ryan Confederacy's Poet-Priest

New Orleans (NC) — The construction of the monument to the Rev. Abrams J. Ryan, who was a chaplain in the Confederate army and who is known as "the poet-priest of the South," was laid on the closing day of the 56th annual convention of the general order of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Very Rev. Thomas J. Shields, S.J., president of Loyola University of the South, gave the invocation and the benediction, and Gen. Allison Owen of New Orleans spoke on Father Ryan's life.

The monument, gift of Louisiana Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will bear on its face a crucifix, a half-furled battle flag of the Confederate States and the last four lines of Father Ryan's most widely known poem, "The Conquered Banner."

"Furl that banner, softly slow! Treat it gently, it is holy for it droops above the dead. Touch it not, unfold it never! Let it droop there, furled forever, for its people's hopes are dead."

Methodist Hospital Gets Federal Aid
Fort Wayne, Ind. (RNS) — Government authorities have approved a \$61,900 grant-in-aid to the directors of the Methodist Hospital here for the construction of a new unit. Clyde J. Covert, board president, announced.

Social classes are not water-tight compartments," he declared, "but all-powerful gener-

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GIVE GOD THIS HOME
In Sira—a beautiful little island of Greece—the Daughters of Charity have gathered the orphans of the late war from the streets and given them shelter... Impoverished by the sacrifices they have made—their new turn to America—for a benefactor who will build a Chapel for them and for these waifs of God... They need one thousand dollars... Can you give God this new home... where every day your name and needs will be wrapped in children's prayers... Make it a memorial—for self or for one you love

ANOTHER MAGDALEN
On Calvary—the converted Mary Magdalen—once the scarlet woman of the gospel story, stood beside the holy Mother of our God... In Beirut the Sisters of the Good Shepherd are helping other Magdalenes—to walk and stand beside Our Lady... Monsignor McMahon writes "I beg our friends in America to come to the aid of these good sisters—for they are heavily in debt"... Your contribution—five dollars—fifty or a hundred will bring Another Magdalen—back to Christ and Mary.

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George has finished three years of his Seminary Course. His own people can help him no longer... But three years remain before he can stand at God's altar—an anointed priest... Will you adopt him? He promises remembrance daily—and a share in every Mass and labor of his priestly life... He needs one hundred dollars a year for the next three years... So little can accomplish so much for him—for you—for the Church—and for God

DANIELLE—JUSTINE—OR LOUISE
These three novices of the Sisters of the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary are waiting anxiously for Christmas... They have asked the Divine Babe to find sponsors—who will provide for their two years of Novitiate—and enable them to consecrate their lives to His service... Would you help the Holy Child to answer their prayer?... Three hundred dollars for each novice will pay all expenses for two years... And for Christmas—you can have an Adopted Sister—in Christ... The offering may be sent in installments—if you wish.

TOO LONG FORGOTTEN
All our theologians agree that no suffering on earth—be it on hospital bed, from incurable disease, or in prison camp—can equal the anguish of a Holy Soul in Purgatory... Yet—One you love—may still be suffering there... Do not let this month of the Holy Souls end—without some very special remembrance of your beloved dead... An offering for Holy Mass—a membership in our Purgatorial Society—one dollar yearly—twenty dollars in perpetuity—that most efficacious gift, Thirty Gregorian Masses (thirty dollars)—these are the best means of aiding loved ones gone—and now too long forgotten.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT
Early last December an old friend came to our office—and said "I have come to do my Christmas Shopping." He had seventy-six names, and to each he had us send a Gift Card and Mass—the perfect Christmas gift... We send our lovely Gift Card in time for Christmas—telling your friends and loved ones in what you have chosen for them this wondrous gift—Christ's Mass... Send us the names and offerings—and we will do the rest.

FOR ADVENT
Advent begins next Sunday, Nov. 27th... It is a time of preparation! A lovely Advent gift is the Mass Book, without which no Mass is ever said... Bishop Khedane in Ethiopia, Bishop Paul Hinde in Baghdad, and Bishop Naimo in Beirut will welcome this gift for Christmas... It costs us twenty-five dollars.

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