

Bishop Kearney's Appointments For the Month of February

- Thursday - St. Patrick's, St. Monks Sodality Mass - 7:00 A.M.
Monday - University Club, Annual Banquet of Knights of Columbus Speakers' Bureau - 7:00 P.M.
Friday - St. Mary's Hospital, Mass and Blessing of Throat of Patients - 8:00 A.M.
Saturday - Nazareth Academy, Operetta - 8:30 P.M.
Wednesday - Columbus Auditorium, Lecture by Rev. James Keller, M.M.
Thursday - Nazareth Hotel, St. Elizabeth Guild Luncheon - 11:30 P.M.
Hotel Seneca, Annual Banquet of Ancient Order of Hibernians - 7:00 P.M.
Sunday - Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York - Address at Communion Breakfast of Newman Clubs Province Meeting.
Ash-Wednesday - Diocesan Building Chapel - Daily Lenten Mass - 8:30 A.M.
Friday - St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations - 8:30 A.M.
Saturday - St. Joseph's, Annual Mass for the Catholic War Veterans - 8:00 A.M.

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LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

Many Are the Substitutes For a Bold, Bad Lie

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

There is an old test to the effect that "soldiers die for their country but diplomats lie for their country." A friend of mine, formerly an ambassador, makes an exception to this second part of the facile anti-thesis. He explains that one diplomat will not be foolish enough to lie to another, because, for one reason the other diplomat being himself schooled in the art, knows a lie when he hears one.



Fr. GILLIS

But suppose the case not of a diplomat dealing with others of his own profession, but of an elected representative of the people or one of his appointees, dealing with his own people. The electorate on the whole are honest folk and disposed to believe that others are as honest as they themselves. So they are often guard not only against lying but against double talk, deceit, concealment of facts, motives, political plans.

TAKE FOR example, the explanation given for our failure to send an ambassador to Spain. That country, we are told, hasn't trial by jury, or the habeas corpus act, or popular elections. Not any one of those statements is false. But to offer any or all of them as the real reason for refusing Spain out of the comity of nations is dishonest.

OF COURSE we have known all along why Russia is recognized and Spain is not. But to this day there has never been a peep from the White House or the Department of State as to the real reason. Not until Senator Brewster of Maine came out with what he said were "reasons known to every member of the Senate" did we get the truth from anyone in high office.

For the Holy Year

While all the world is welcoming the Holy Year as a year of civil and religious striving for peace; while men of every faith are rejoicing at the inauguration by Pope Pius XII of the Holy Year of 1950; while men are invited to make the Holy Year a great opportunity for a return to God and the things of God, the voice of the enemy of the Church is raised in a new attack on all things Catholic. The press reports the reading last Sunday in the Methodist churches of the country of a message from the bishops of that church, severely assailing the Catholic Church for its stand on schools, for its alleged conniving to overthrow our accepted American culture, for desiring public support for its parochial schools, for allegedly subscribing to something less than the American doctrine of freedom of speech, of belief, of the press.

The letter expresses fear of what our religious schools will do to our country in the matter of dividing its people and hindering natural development of its culture. It admits our right to have our own schools, but laments that we should insist on having them. It fears the Catholic "threat" of clericalism.

Thinking men will have little time for the bigoted spirit that produced this diatribe, this unjust attack on our Catholic American people. The history of our country is only too eloquent in recording the patriotic services of clergy and laity of the Catholic Church to our beloved America. In peace and in war, the graduates of our religious schools have given their country the best that is in them, have served in high and low places the interests of liberty as set down in our constitution, have in great numbers paid the last great tribute on the field of battle.

Our schools are no danger to America. They are in the earliest American tradition from which the public school system is an irreligious deviation. Our catechisms and other texts are open to all. No catechism I ever have seen teaches any doctrine that would be against American liberty in any form.

For the Holy Year - by way of contrast to the reaction of men of good will, we must have the vicious and unfounded vapors of those whose hatred for Catholicism is no proof of their Americanism.

Treason In High Places

There are many criminals sentenced for their misdoings, whose plight merits little attention from the ordinary citizen. The usual thought of them is that they are being dealt with in justice, and their punishment is being meted out in accordance with law.

But a crime against our country, committed by one to whom the government has entrusted the responsibility of an intimate and important station in the State Department, cannot pass by without arousing our interest, and our very patriotic condemnation.

Just what mental aberration, what unreasoned and unreasonable judgement, would lead a man to abjure his American loyalty and seek to aid the worst example of dictatorship the world has ever known, is for the experts to look into. The facts speak for themselves: a jury has convicted Alger Hiss of perjury in denying that he stole government papers and gave them to the representatives of Communist Russia, and in denying dealings with Whittaker Chambers after a given date.

Every true American will feel a deep resentment against the man who has so sought to harm his country and bring harm to all its people. Every true American, be he high or low in his official position, should be quick to make known this resentment. The high regard in which the betrayer was held by fellow-officials, far from palliating his criminal acts, only makes them more heinous. A way with treason in high places!

Church And State

One of the guarantees of our Bill of Rights is that there shall be no establishment of religion. The early Americans had fled from the places in Europe where each ruler granted freedom of religion to those of his own belief, and denied it to all others. Persecution and tyranny were motives that led thousands to our land of liberty. The founding fathers sought to preserve their new nation from such establishment of religion by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

That a Supreme Court Justice, as well as many learned lawyers and students of our government, would object to the reading into this Amendment what they feel on historical grounds was never intended by those who wrote the Amendment, is an indication that their position should be given a full hearing. The matter never will be settled by calling it a Catholic movement; it can and should have our attention solely on its merits. Catholics do not object to separation of Church and State; they object with other Americans to the misinterpretation of the doctrine.

A Great Storm

Man is never more helpless than when at the mercy of the elements. How frail his little craft appears when all the might of the wind and the waves engulf it in an unrelenting grasp! The storm spoken of in the Gospel was no ordinary one, no small disturbance; it was a great storm.

Little wonder that the disciples in the boat should awaken their Master and speak strongly of their plight. Peril was at hand; their boat went down into the trough of the waves time after time, hesitated in the depth, and barely came back, only to be assailed by a new series of mammoth waves. Drowning was so close at hand; their prayer a natural one: "Lord save us; we are perishing."

"Why are ye fearful?" Christ did not make little of their danger, did not say the storm was not a danger to them. Christ did make little of their faith in Him, which should have assured them that His power to help them would save them from the threatened danger. Christ showed that greater faith in Him should have been in their hearts, even the threatening engulfment of their boat and all its occupants should have aroused them to absolute confidence in Him, their Master.

"O ye of little faith!" Then He gave them a new manifestation of His power. He commanded the sea and the waves and there came a great calm. The wind and the sea obeyed the voice of their Master! In all the storms that assailed the Church in the world, the Master is ever at hand to guarantee the safety of the Church and of all its members. May He never have occasion to blame us for lack of faith in Him!

Where Does He Go From Here?



WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

By Marie Weidman

Either through dire dyspepsia or sheer malevolence toward the American division of the so human race. Our journals and observers think this country is in a rather helpless and hapless state at present.

Surely that swarming nebula is known as the American public has taken all the inky maledictions possible from the so-called "sober and astute" political writers.

They go on listing our obvious defects, our acknowledged stupidity - from the depths of an aspirin-soothed despair they revile our age, the fact that we are so inept at governing ourselves and that because of it we shall all probably go up in a puff of atomic vapor. How sober can you get?

WELL, YES, admittedly we're in for it. And it's a far simpler thing to lampoon Lillenthal, Mr. Truman, the UN, or even the boll weevil than it is to suggest a better plan of action or to point out that God is on the side of good people everywhere. Deep pair is easy; it's the hoping that comes a bit hard.

Risks, who would care to risk a cliche to say that Hope is a great virtue? So, does Drew Pearson know that Hope is more vital than the hydrogen bomb or that Faith in the Eternal is more important than the latest fact-pack in foreign policy? Someone on the luscious fringe may have mentioned it, but somehow it doesn't have any news value.

Despite the usually destructive "penetrating analyses" of our writers, despite the higher browed criticisms of lack of depth to our culture, this same U.S.A. is

the recognition of Spain because Spain is a Catholic country." That was said six months ago. On January 11, John Kee, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, once again mentioned the word "religions" in connection with our attitude towards Spain.

OUR GOVERNMENT now at long last realizes that the co-operation of Spain is indispensable if we are to prevent Russia from occupying Europe as well as Asia. So we will descend to suggest that the UN admit Spain to their august assembly in that there is also a piece of pretense. The UN is our creature. We support and sustain it. The pretense of our waiting upon the will of our subordinates is only another form of dishonesty.

The simple fact is that we ruled Spain out to please Russia and that we have kept Spain in order to please certain American representatives in the UN, among them Mrs. Roosevelt, who in this matter followed the Communist line.

And now comes the abandonment of Chiang and of China, together with the writing off of Formosa. Instead of being given the truth we are handed a lot of fraudulent explanations and justifications of the conduct of our State Department. Senator Taft said in his speech on Formosa: "The basis of our foreign policy in the last three or four years, if there has been any consistent foreign policy, is to contain Communism where it is and prevent any single step of advance."

MR. ACHESON replying to the objection that by running out on our friends we "lose face" in the Orient, retorts that he never put much stock in "face-saving." The fact remains that in the eyes of some 800 million Asiatics face-saving is of primary importance. Losing face may hasten our losing these hundreds of millions.

The Writers of Doom Are Upon Us Again

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W train our youth, regardless of its heterogeneous quality, to the deeper more meaningful traditions in life. We can also establish an American Catholic culture, different from anything yet evolved, that will survive our present dilemmas, criticisms and afford comfort to the oppressed.

Although we understand a certain degree of the European repugnance at our sleek efficiency, our hollow pragmatism and what appears to be a degree of spiritual emptiness, yet we know that if any seeds of a new era are to be generated, it will have to be in America, and, nourished by, of course, the most advanced processes.

It is clear to reflective Europeans that only by infusing from the American spirit can their culture be kept from withering into the bleakness of history. In some ways we are equipped to shelter what remains of Old World thought, although it seems as if only in a time of crisis do we really gaze fully on our country's reflection and resources.

WE WILL FIND that American effort to establish a strong cultural pattern has not been futile. So often, in an important

THE TOP OF MY MIND

On What Authority Do You Base That Nonsensical Notion? By Gretta Palmer

It is wryly wonderful to see how the modern world comes back in one aspiration after another, to seek for things which its rebellious ancestors thought highly of. It is as if they broke up that splendid thing called "Christianity."

We are now Gretta Palmer asked to bend our wits to the frantic task of establishing a Federation of Europe... and it is inconceivable to me that the committee which was set up to look after that matter, that there was, for some centuries, a European Federation known as the Christian West.

THE MODERN man has eyes which are astigmatic towards the past; he has a hazy notion that the world reached its majesty in 1789 with the French Revolution, that all which happened earlier than that may be conveniently lumped under the title of "the Dark Ages." Modern man suffers from a curious conceit the concept of imagining that no one who preceded the discovery of electricity was fully human.

And by this standard Neanderthals and Australopithecines, Job and Solomon - would all have been judged as inferior to the 1920 citizen enlightened enough to read Collier's and to tune in on Winkler as a form of Sunday amusements.

Now, there is nothing quite so difficult to answer as a widely-held but never-stated assumption. The lies men take for granted, as being beyond question, cause the greatest trouble in the end. Truths do not require such enticing wrappings whenever we are asked to believe in a thing because it is "universally agreed" that it is so, we had better examine its contents with a more-than-ordinary care.

TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

There's No 'Revolution' In Demands for Better Living By Richard M. McKeon, S. J.

When you read the next paragraph with its fiery and inspiring words and wonder who was daring enough to utter those words, ask yourself if you would be willing to speak similar words when you hear the labor movement condemned as intrinsically wrong.

FOR FEW people today realize that there was a supreme crisis in industrial relations about the year 1900. But for the fact that one outstanding American clergyman had the courage to fight for the rights of labor, we fear the results would have been disastrous to the cause of the church and to the welfare of countless souls.

The crisis centered around the Knights of Labor, the first real national labor movement, founded by Uriah S. Stevens in 1869. Secrecy was even in its infancy; its growth, for opposition was most hostile. In 1873 this secrecy was dropped.

The Knights of Labor believed that all workers should be organized in one big union on geographical rather than craft lines. Thus skilled and unskilled would work together for their mutual benefit. By 1880 the Knights had reached the height of their power and numbered about 700,000 members.

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One man saw the terrible situation ahead if this came to pass. That man was Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore who had just been advanced to his high office. He it was who spoke so bravely to his fellow-bishops. He demanded a full investigation of the organization, he conferred with its leaders, he consulted President Cleveland, and finally was persuaded that there was nothing in the movement hostile to the government and the church.

Against him turned the capitalistic world, bishops, the press, and he who had been proclaimed a short time before as a great patriot and clergyman was now denounced as a radical and anarchist. And even today we hear the same condemnation of the clergy who are engaged in the program of the social order. Time marches on-but how slowly.

CARDINAL Gibbons went to Rome in 1887. He was determined to carry on his fight for justice. In face of the strong opposition the task seemed impossible. Did Divine Providence aid him? For his defense of the movement written in a letter to Cardinal Simeoni was copied by a news reporter and flashed to American and European papers.

The tide turned in his favor, the decree was revoked, and the XIII agreed the American workingman for the ranks of organized labor.