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COMMUNIST ANY ENEMY OF STALIN'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE!



WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

What Weekly Gazette Do You Buy And Not Read?

By Marie Weidman

During black magic, delivery... or Evil Eye Finkle, those who read this newspaper will have to un-wrap and open it to see, at least, the week's Catholic events and reflections.

...from the secular... Best of course this is but a minor consideration - it is how we take our Catholic stand that matters.

...statements and attitudes of the Catholic Church are vital to the whole Christian world. Federal Aid to schools, divorce, birth control and communism are all many-faceted subjects the exposition of which is best done at the hands of a Catholic Press.

It is 60 such a pity, then, that we cannot recount the progress of our Catholic Press to those who wouldn't touch a Catholic publication with a ten-foot tabor.

What we are concerned with is interpreting the news and events of the Christian world... Church's views on every aspect of human life which touches on morality and conscience.

ALL ALONG we may have missed the encouraging fact that American Catholicism is a pretty big thing. Our unity, clear thinking, our firmness regarding dogma which gives no room for doubt or vacillation is always a source of wonderment and perhaps annoyance to those who regard us as something left over from the Middle Ages.

Through the years, under the leadership of priests and laymen skilled in the technique of journalism, our papers and periodicals bear the imprint of latest methods and formats which contribute to outwardly attractively. There is no stiffness; we have many new and magazine-like stands up well on any newsstand against the stiffest competition, commanding pa-

...The 'I'll never be caught reading that stuff myself' attitude of so many strictly secular-minded Catholics would never indicate that we have a body of Truth to promulgate which can save the world. Our Church is the greatest single spiritual force between the West and Com-

...Catholic Press Month is not a time when editors sit back and bask in reflected glory. They only want to remember that if you take a Catholic paper, READ IT. Unlike Folkenstein's Shell Magazine, you don't have to "take" our papers. But if you do, read them.

THE TOP OF MY MIND

English Non-Catholics Want To Bargain With Rome

By Gretta Palmer

The Times of London has been... of letters, now issued in a pamphlet called "Catholicism Today," and a mere glance at the contents will be sufficient to enlighten any Englishman outside the Church.

...are discussing... In their occasional lapses into plain English... the matter of whether heretics may become Roman Catholics without giving up the idols they now profess.

...a few slanderers. We have our Ku Klux Klan and our Paul Blanshard. But we do not, thank Heaven, have men and women who wish to drive a hard bargain with the Church before they will entrust her with their souls.

...As the Times' dispute gains in momentum, the parade of learning, learning, words like "fraternalism" and "ecumenism" are tossed about as if one were saying, "Scat!"

...The time is now ripe, we are told, for re-examining the relations between Rome and the other Christian bodies. Rubbed of its polite forms, this seems to invite the Holy See, to eliminate from the Catholicism and from Catholic practices whatever the Protestant world dislikes, in order that we can all again, become one Christendom.

...BUT THE really endearing thing about non-Catholic Americans... is the thing which makes them the greatest mass of potential converts in the modern world. It is this: they know that if they are to be a "people" between themselves and Rome, they are the ones to do the approaching. They know that in "re-examining the relations" between the Papacy and their lives, the examination of conscience will be a one-sided affair... their side.

...WHAT ARE they talking about? All these are... the Church in this country, and

Editorials

A Great Work Done - A Dream Realized Both Sides Must Unite for Common Good God's Instrument To Preserve a Nation By Mrs. William M. Hart

St. Margaret Mary Dedication

Long will the historical records of the Diocese of Rochester cherish the memory of the solemn dedication of the new St. Margaret Mary Church. The event marks the formal opening of a large and beautiful church building. It speaks of the healthy growth of religion under the spiritual direction of the Reverend Charles J. Bruton, founder and first pastor of the parish. For Bishop and Pastor and people, it tells of the fulfillment of plans made many months ago, the realization of hopes that long have dwelt in their hearts.

Sweetly and prayerfully the consecrating psalms and ritual orisons will resound throughout the stately edifice, as Bishop Kearney officiates in full episcopal regalia, the priests' choir making the responses to the Bishop.

Holy water is sprinkled over walls and entrances, incense wells up in an odor of sweetness. Holy Mother Church petitions Almighty God to bring special help to all who shall visit this church, to pray within and to assist at Holy Mass. Warm hearts feel a new glow of happiness in the faith that has meant so much to them, that has led them to raise to God this new fane under the patronage of the great Apostle of the Sacred Heart, St. Margaret Mary.

And now the dedicatory sermon is preached by the Bishop. The work is done; the church, already completed in material beauty to be a lasting architectural prayer to the Creator, has now received the official and final dedication to complete its dignity as a spiritual entity. It is now a building set apart from all other buildings. It is now a House of God. It is now the dwelling-place for the glory of God. It is now the tabernacle of the Most High God, to enshrine forever the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

To Father Bruton and his Assistant Priests, to the Sisters and laity of St. Margaret Mary Parish, to the Bishop under whose direction and patronage the new church has been erected, go the good wishes and congratulations of all the diocese.

A great work has been done, a fond hope realized, a permanent tribute of faith to God has been raised up. Great praise is due the contractors, the architect, the artisans, the building committee, who have conceived and carried out the plans that have been realized through their devoted skill and industry. May God give all connected with the dedicatory services length of years in which to worship Him in the new St. Margaret Mary's Church.

End The Coal Strike

That is the prayer of every patriotic American! End the coal strike! It is no credit to the employees that their unions have not been able to meet the employers in a conciliatory manner productive of industrial peace. Nor is it any credit to the employers that they have preferred to find it impossible to secure for themselves and their workers and the people of the country in general the advantages of effective collective bargaining. For the sake of better things in the coal industry, the strike should be ended through a more sincere effort to deal collectively on the issues involved.

The President now has taken action with the appointment of a fact-finding board. May it bring labor peace, through getting the opposing sides to face publicly the reasons that have made ineffective all efforts to draw up a new contract.

Abraham Lincoln

Immortal is the memory of the Great Emancipator! As long as men shall people this earth, the memory of Abraham Lincoln shall be in benediction! A man of the people, humble in origin, called to head the nation in its most trying years and to bring it to safety through a bitter Civil War, he stood before the world as a man raised up to be God's instrument to preserve us a nation.

New material now offers itself for the study of lovers of Lincoln. New books will be added to the myriad editions long since given to the world. To the four score and seven years Lincoln spoke of in the Gettysburg Address have now been added a new four score and fifteen years. Lincoln grew to greatness in the earlier years; Lincoln has grown in stature in these later years. Lincoln will make a greater appeal as scholars reveal more and more of the spirit that made him great!

Our devotion to the memory of the greatest of our Presidents should be real. It should be no empty tribute to greatness in the abstract. It should be the vivid appreciation of his civic virtues united to a sincere effort to imitate them. Nearness to Lincoln should make us better Americans; nearness to Lincoln should banish from every American heart all prejudice, all bias, all bigotry. Liberty and justice for all! Unity of purpose! Devotion to the right as God gives us to see the right! May the spirit of Abraham Lincoln continue to inspire the hearts of the American people!

Men From Every Town

It was no little group that listened to Christ's parable of the sower and his seed. It was a crowd, a very great crowd, a crowd made up of men from every town. They were gathering about Jesus, they were resorting to Him. Human curiosity prompted some to hear more of what this new preacher had to say; here was an eloquence men did not often experience. Here was a message weighted with power and aglow with solemnity, here was one who spoke with authority. Grace moved them closer to Christ, faith welled up in their hearts, they believed in Him!

Men from every town, a very great crowd of them! How Christ looked into the soul of each one! How He longed for the salvation of each one! How happy He was to give them the beginnings of His teaching!

And what a message! Christ dealt with the whole content of faith, the complete deposit of revelation. Faith as the beginning of all true service of God was up for consideration. Faith sown in the heart of man, even as seed is sown in the field. Christ is the sower; Christ's word is the seed. All seed can fructify, can bear fruit; all seed also can fail to germinate, to grow up into mature vegetation. How aptly Christ shows men how the sown seed can produce diverse effects in their hearts, in accordance with their own reaction to it.

By the wayside - the devil takes the faith from the hearts of those who are beginning to believe, that their faith may fail and not save them. "On the rock" - fall from faith in time of temptation. "Among thorns" - choked by the cares of the world. "On good ground" - fruit in patience.

May Christ help us to have a right and good heart and to receive the seed of faith, and from it bring forth fruit in patience.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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ACCORDING TO TRADITION ST. MATTHIAS IS BURIED NEAR TRIER, GERMANY - THE ONLY APOSTLE'S GRAVE NORTH OF THE ALPS.



In AZPEITA, SPAIN, birthplace of ST. IGNATIUS, the villagers say the Rosary together every evening; one side of the street beginning the prayers, the other answering the responses.

THE TERM HOLY YEAR ORIGINATED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (LEV. XXV) - IT WAS THE YEAR CONSECRATED TO GOD AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY 50 YEARS AND WAS MARKED BY THE LIBERATION OF SLAVES.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

'Euthanasia' - A Long Greek Word for 'Murder'

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

Since the incident in New Hampshire when a physician eased a patient out of this world with an injection of air into the veins and the other episode in Connecticut where a girl killed her father to put him out of pain, there has been an uprush of discussions on the subject of euthanasia - a long Greek word for a short simple one - murder.

People don't like that word "murder" in such circumstances. So they have thought up still another name for it, not quite so euphemistic as euthanasia. They call it "mercy killing," a good example of an argument, indeed of an ethical principle skillfully conveyed in four short syllables. It is to be noted, however, that no matter by what name it is called, killing for the ostensible reason of mercy remains morally and thus far legally - murder.

Ultimately we have to appeal to the example of Christ on the Cross, and to His "hard saying": "Where I am there shall my disciple be. The disciple is not above the Master." Christ was on the cross the disciple may at any moment be stretched upon the cross. When he is called upon to suffer pain, even to the degree of agony the disciple, like his Master, must not refuse to accept it.

WE CANNOT present an altogether convincing argument against euthanasia unless we resort to the supernatural. Natural reason and what is called "common sense" are insufficient. They are valid to a degree, but not definitive.

THE IDEA OF sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of others is essential to true Christianity. Yet that idea is not so much as referred to in most places, especially in the secular newspapers when such a question as that of euthanasia comes up. It is as though we were forbidden to mention the higher, deeper, more supernatural, even mystical aspects of the religion of Jesus Christ.

HOWEVER, as it happens the people in general can see the beauty and the virtue of sacrifice in circumstances which occur at most every day. A week or two ago the death of a priest hero was reported and the story of his heroism rehearsed in the daily press. The police had cornered a madman who had shot and killed several people. At bay on the top floor of a tenement house, he threatened to shoot anyone who approached. The priest went up the fire escape, argued with the madman and finally went in the window and disarmed him.

WE MUST have recourse to a doctrine - a difficult doctrine - of our religion, the doctrine of sacrifice, and expiation.

Only a few days ago I had to make an attempt to convince a mourner at a wake, sister of the deceased, that it was not unjust or unkind of God to have asked her brother to bear a heavy cross. He had been both deaf and blind, and had toward the end endured terrible pain after a long series of surgical operations.

SO WITH all the saints and martyrs. They say with St. Paul: that they don't consider their life valuable. As for pain and anguish, they take it when it comes. Some of them seek it and pray for it. All of us Catholics protest again and again that ours is the religion of the cross. We say every day accepting, even welcoming, the cross, "I will not refuse the cross as the Cyrenian did."

Businessmen of Quebec Form 'Christian Club'

Quebec City, Canada - (INS) - A "Christian Industrialists Club" devoted to the promotion of Roman Catholic social doctrine, has been formed here by 35 Quebec businessmen.

Mrs. Charles-Omer Garant, Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec, attended the club's inaugural meeting and expressed his approval of the business group's goal of applying Christian principles to commercial enterprise.

MEMBERS AGREED upon the following statement of purposes: (1) To establish an information and study center able to give assistance to club members. (2) To awaken businessmen to their duties as Christian employers; (3) To spread the idea among all economic enterprises; (4) To promote cooperation among employers' and workers' associations; (5) To seek mutual assistance among businessmen and Christian citizens.

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That's religion. That's Christianity. No other consideration, no other argument will suffice in the last analysis against the practice of euthanasia.

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