

LAST QUARTER!



WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

By Marie Weidman

Right up, folks, anyone can play God. — doctor, college girl or Protestant clergyman. All you need to assume the role of the Almighty. Judge... I've done it several times (presumably, a parent) who is usually ill. I'm called that "mercy" killing is a wonderful and a hygienic. Marie Weidman: who hypodermic syringes... "Smoking the opium of our dis-empowerment in the spiritual and the depth of our moral chaos where we have to remind certain of our disempowered, intellects that it is still wrong to take another's life."

However, following as it does upon the similar act of a doctor on a patient and upon the renewed fervor of the euthanasia enthusiasts, we simply have to start all over again, from where we left off the last time, to say that it's wrong to murder a person, regardless of whether or not he happens to be aged, idiotic or cancer-ridden. Only a faithless, disillusioned state of human development would have the presumption to interfere with the Divine Plan. Only those who are totally cynical and embittered would be able to so violate human dignity and rights by interfering with the Creator's prerogative of calling back to Him the souls He created. Certainly we have enough real and terrifying problems to ponder without also taking the responsibility of ruling who should be relieved of his life. NO ONE REALLY cares if the murdering Betty Co-Ed of last week's tabloids goes unscathed back to her studies or not, as the meanwhile banks in the phony warmth of photographers' flash bulbs. It's just that she and the doctor from New Hampshire and all the steeking sentimentality their acts aroused, together with the jury's acquittal of the girl, will make it that much simpler to convince the simple-minded and the totally heartless that the most ad-

Pull Up a Hypodermic, Anyone Can Play God

Editorials East Rochester Mourns a Scholarly Priest Let Us Stand for American Brotherhood Time to Begin Changing Souls for Better By Msgr. William M. Mori

Rev. Bernard J. Gefell Death last week brought to an end the earthly career of the Reverend Bernard J. Gefell, Pastor of St. Jerome's Church of East Rochester. Most of his years as a priest were spent in the parish he founded and administered. His church was under the patronage of one of the great writers of the early days of Christendom, one of the greatest biblical scholars the Church has seen. It would seem that Father Gefell was himself under the spell of St. Jerome. His love for the intellectual side of life, for the learning of ecclesiastical and civic scholars, for tomes of ancient and modern lore, could never be fully stated. Books were not merely his hobby, books were part of his priestly program for every day. He arose to anticipation of new joy in the hours of reading that awaited him in the midst of his parochial duties. He retired at night content in the promise of further reading when day should return. St. Jerome hovered over the parish at East Rochester; St. Jerome inspired also the Pastor of the parish. Forty-eight years marked the fulfillment of the priestly vocation that came to Bernard J. Gefell as a pupil of St. Michael's School in Rochester. Ordained in 1902 by Bishop McQuaid, he gave himself to the spiritual and intellectual enjoyment of the graces of the ministry, applying himself with all zeal to the exercise of his natural and supernatural faculties for the instruction and sanctification and salvation of his people. Devoted to the interest of his young men and women, he left as the closing achievement of his life the East Rochester Civic Center. All of East Rochester, priests and laity throughout the diocese, were united with their Bishop in mourning the passing of this scholarly priest. Young men of the diocese will thank him down the years for the memorial library dedicated to their use by one who lived with it and in it and for it. To his family our sincere condolence on his death, and our prayers for him: May he rest in peace.

For American Brotherhood

Nowhere on earth is there a country more clearly dedicated to the idea and practice of brotherhood than our own United States. The earliest State Papers make a clear declaration of man's dignity as a creature of God, of his inalienable right to life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness, of his God-guaranteed equality with his fellows, of his right to govern himself in the exercise of freedom God has blessed him with. Nothing can ever rightly interfere with that freedom. In the exercise of it our forefathers founded the first schools of this country, religious schools, schools in which American freedom of religion was implemented by a curriculum where God and the faith of God's people had a proper place, an honored place. That freedom was honored further in later years when conditions introduced the non-religious school: religious parents retained the right to enter their children in religious schools, with no diminution of their Americanism—rather with a new emphasis on the love of God and of country that would warrant the heavy burdens they assumed as their American children might be trained in the best American tradition of religious education. For American Brotherhood, Catholics gave full support to the government in furnishing public schools for Americans who wanted them: for American Brotherhood, Catholics built up American schools in their parishes at their own expense to teach religion as an indispensable part of the schooling of religious American boys and girls. For true Americans there can be nothing that will destroy the idea and practice of Brotherhood. For those whose Americanism is something less than that sponsored by our founding fathers, there may be leanings toward words and acts that would stigmatize Catholic children as second-grade, not to be surrounded with the advantages and services accorded their fellows in public schools. The Constitution and the Supreme Court still protect our Catholic children in their equality with others, in their right to equal school-bus service, to medical, textbook and lunch advantages proffered by the state or national government for the benefit of children. We fail to recognize the considerate and just application of the doctrine of American Brotherhood in those who would labor to deny our children the equality they possess as citizens of the United States. For American Brotherhood let us all stand! For American Brotherhood let us insist on equal treatment for all our beloved children!

For Spiritual Betterment

Let us change our souls for the better! This is the burden of one of the prayers proper to Lent. Our worldly career is dedicated to constant striving for virtuous living. Temptation and worldly influences may keep us from full attainment of our object. Hence, the need for checking up, particularly in a time such as Lent. Let us change our souls for the better; Ash Wednesday is a good time to begin. Let every Lenten day bring us closer to God!

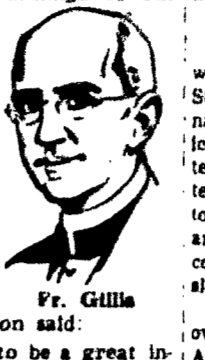
Delivered To The Gentiles

Christ foresaw all that He was to suffer at the hands of the Gentiles. God has revealed what godless men would do to destroy Christ and all His works. The prophets foretold the sufferings and death of Christ, and now to His twelve Christ foretells that He will be delivered into the hands of the Gentiles, will be scourged and spit upon and put to death. Not a happy prospect to put before His Apostles! But a necessary program in God's purpose for fulfilling all that was needed for Man's redemption. Men of today face fearfully the future with its threats of A-Bombs and H-Bombs. Christ's Apostles were ready to object to the program of suffering and death that confronted their Master. Christ, filled with divine power, merely prayed that the will of His Father might be done. Men of today might strive to avoid the terrors of the future by a greater dependence of God, by more prayer that the forces of evil in today's world, might be curbed by God's intervention. Lord, that I may see! May Christ head our blindness that we may see! Man loves to rely on his own power, neglecting to pray for Divine help which is essential to any lasting peace among nations. Man's prayer for peace will be more powerful with God and God's saints, when it includes a real spirit of sorrow for sin and purpose of amendment. Delivered to the Gentiles! To those who knew not God or God's justice. To those who in communism and paganism deprive men of all rights, are ready to put Him to death. Christ overcame the Gentiles when He rose from the dead. The Risen Christ can aid us in our need, by overcoming all the powers of present-day Gentiles who would destroy us.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

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

We had a few words in this column not long ago about inconsistency in the dealings of our Department of State with foreign countries. The instance cited was our hostile attitude toward Spain and China in contrast with our favoring Greece and Russia. Being asked to explain, Mr. Acheson said: "There seems to be a great interest in many quarters in trying to point out a logical inconsistency. They say if you do so and so in Greece, why don't you do so and so in China. The idea is that we must always act exactly the same way in every country in the world. That, I think, is not a helpful way of discussing foreign policy and it is a false trend."



Is Consistency for 'Little Men' Only?

Acheson's mouth, though Mr. Andrews seems to have reason to do so. We simply say that the present tragic condition of Europe and Asia is due largely to the fact that the United States of America under two presidents and at least two secretaries has followed an inconsistent foreign policy. In the same passage on "Consistency" (from the Essay on "Self-Reliance") Emerson does mention "little statesmen" who worry about being consistent, so I suppose we are to understand that big statesmen, like Mr. Acheson, have no such worry. If that is what Emerson really meant, he was a more dangerous visionary than most of his admirers have thought him. BE THAT AS IT MAY, the attempt to run the affairs of the nation, still more of the world, by saying one thing today and another tomorrow can lead only to anarchy. That was the principle on which Hitler and Stalin worked. They swore allegiance to each other one day and were at each other's throat the next. So of Russia and Japan. Is that the kind of thing we Americans must now be prepared to do? In fact we have done it twice, at least—once in Yugoslavia and once in China. Mikhailovitch used to be our man. We checked him and took over Tito who then executed the man who had been our man. Also Chiang Kai-shek was our man. Now we have jettisoned him because to hold him would no longer be "in accord with American interests." Is that what we are to call statesmanship? And Justice? And Right? How about Mr. Acheson? BERT ANDREWS, Washington Correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune, suggested in his column of January 15 that Mr. Acheson's disregard of consistency may have been inspired by Ralph Waldo Emerson's familiar dictum: "With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do." That was a familiar sentiment with Woodrow Wilson who, by the way, used to add the still more familiar phrase of Emerson, "consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." But we must not put the Emerson sentiment into Mr. Acheson's mouth.

THE TOP OF MY MIND

By Gretta Palmer

The name of Heywood Broun is back in the bookstores. He is the author of a biography which does not show Broun's conviction that Al arrived at this convention a mere delegate from the State of New York—a mere Also-Ran of the previous campaign. But he was introduced. "And there was," wrote Broun, "for a split second that curious humid hush which comes just before the wind sweeps over the valley and the lightning begins to shoot its fangs at chimneys and tall maples. Al stood there with the wind of popular acclaim beating around his head and shoulders." Al was known to everybody there as the man who had been kept out of the White House because he had wanted to take his religion with him. Al was the man who wouldn't deny his Catholic God to win another ten million votes, or so. But Al was also the man who wouldn't be frightened out of running by all the tides of bigotry or all the fulminations of the Klan. If he could achieve the highest office, he would be a good Catholic in the Presidency, as he had been a good Catholic in the Governor's mansion of New York. And if he failed, he had failed. Let Broun take over "I don't know how he felt about it, but any man would be a fool to swap those minutes for a term, for two terms, for an eternity in the White House. When did 20,000 blooded, or at least my fairly tepid newspaper judgment assures me that he isn't going people ever reach out in that way and pat a President between the shoulder blades and cry out to him, 'Ataboy!' My cold and one other, never had a misgiving. We'd like to go along."

Heywood Broun's Debt to Al Smith

By Gretta Palmer

AL SMITH had run for the Presidency four years earlier, you will remember, and had been snubbed by the electorate. So it was as a Party failure that Al arrived at this convention a mere delegate from the State of New York—a mere Also-Ran of the previous campaign. But he was introduced. "And there was," wrote Broun, "for a split second that curious humid hush which comes just before the wind sweeps over the valley and the lightning begins to shoot its fangs at chimneys and tall maples. Al stood there with the wind of popular acclaim beating around his head and shoulders." Al was known to everybody there as the man who had been kept out of the White House because he had wanted to take his religion with him. Al was the man who wouldn't deny his Catholic God to win another ten million votes, or so. But Al was also the man who wouldn't be frightened out of running by all the tides of bigotry or all the fulminations of the Klan. If he could achieve the highest office, he would be a good Catholic in the Presidency, as he had been a good Catholic in the Governor's mansion of New York. And if he failed, he had failed. Let Broun take over "I don't know how he felt about it, but any man would be a fool to swap those minutes for a term, for two terms, for an eternity in the White House. When did 20,000 blooded, or at least my fairly tepid newspaper judgment assures me that he isn't going people ever reach out in that way and pat a President between the shoulder blades and cry out to him, 'Ataboy!' My cold and one other, never had a misgiving. We'd like to go along."

TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE Is the 'White-Collar Worker' Finally Going to Organize?

By Richard M. McKoon, S. J.

In the 11,000,000 office workers of the nation the unions are seeking the new goal of organization. A I. O. U. (I am an office worker) there are special unions for white collar workers, their members are not very impressive. How many plans for organizing have been made? Surely strike you before a full when statistics for 1947 show the average office worker receiving \$36.00 a week while production wage earners got \$22.00. No wonder that interest goes out in complaint. AGAIN the white collar worker's ambitions and capable has his eye on advancing into management. He is willing to endure temporary hardships and so is not too concerned with his immediate job except as a stepping stone to such an employer where he can help establish a union. It would hinder his advancement. Implicitly he anticipates that of the year-long contract. MANAGEMENT knows that there is little or no competition for the services of the office worker, but it will fight to retain skilled mechanics. Now management is realizing that something must be done to improve the morale of the office worker. Inefficiency, loafing, discontent, and constant fault-finding means less profit for the company. To offset the threat of a union being formed, many benefits of unionization are being offered to employees. The unions resent this practice as they do free riders out in the factory. WITH MORE routine and mechanization to office work, women are very rapidly taking over jobs formerly held by men. Many are merely waiting to "run a home rather than an adding machine." Consequently the turnover is bound to be greater. But what about the millions of men and women who will remain in the white collar groups for many years? No wonder, then, they are afraid to leave their jobs. They are afraid of the loss of organization and that the competition is higher in the unorganized. Let the three tips for greater union action: 1. so with the unions set an example by having dues unions among their own employees.

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The LONG TOWER CHURCH (St. Columba's), DERRY, IRELAND. NO TOWER. ST CATHERINE'S MONASTERY, MT SINAI, EGYPT, believed to be the spot where Moses received the TEN COMMANDMENTS, is reached by 3,500 STEPS. Present day pictures of Paul SS PETER & PAUL are probably actual as they witnessed the event. The DIRT BITTER THAN WHITE OR BLACK. based on a modern theory found in Columbus.