

A Shot In The Arm



WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

Mary, the gentle Mother of Christ, the world's Mystical Rose of shimmering, absolute purity...

Perhaps in a later era some little gnome of an etymologist will develop a word for a Marie Weidman...

MARY HAS BEEN shut-out of the modern mind. She is regarded by many of today's heavy thinkers...

But in the twentieth century! Well, it is a lot of children on a Fortunate hillside want to believe in the power of the Mother of God...

How can the skeptics be expected to comprehend that Mary, the Morning Star has the power to destroy our enemies?

By Marie Weidman

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HERE IN America you could almost say that the Holy Virgin Most Pure has had to compete for the attention of us non-too-faithful, with the well-photographed exploits of pinkish platinum movie queens and other assorted tabloid personalities.

All the inordinate emphasis on the superficial elements of exterior attractiveness seem, every now and then, to embody completely all that rings false in our time.

It is becoming more and more necessary to insist that beauty is not synonymous with allurement, that beauty may pertain to higher and far holier things than the length of the eyelashes on Miss Pinocchio of 1950.

Standards are subtle, growing things and very often just adhering to them and their demands

Reach for the Rosary Not the Sleeping Pill

has wrecked human lives and personalities. Therefore when you get a lot of values implanted in hand letter and nurtured in the printer's ink of the tabloids, you get to appreciate, in a belated, finite fashion, just what Our Lady is up against in this century.

Beet as we are by all the insinuating and suggestive components of present day living, it is no wonder that we are an unspiritual people. Life tends to get crowded with the pressing problems, not of basic survival, but rather of how best to survive when you can only afford a new car, or a new sink, or even a new spouse, just once in a while.

Despite our apparent modern obduracy in spiritual matters, Our Lady Help of Christians has appeared a number of times well within our memory. Each time she appeared it was to the simple-hearted, the poor, the children. This fact alone should sober us spiritually.

Mary didn't make her pleas to any furrow-browed scientist, nor to any glittering figure of the beau monde, nor even to the man on the street. Indeed, forsaking the streets completely, she sought the child Bernadette at Lourdes, the naive Lucia at Fatima. And in Mary's Fatima message it is easy to detect her concern for our age. She still loves us, but it is later than we think. Even Mary is worried.

Editorials

Diocese Mourns St. Andrew's Seminary Rector Now Is The Time To Register Your Children An Interesting Book Gaining a Wide Audience

By Msgr. William Mc. Hart

To The Great Teacher

To the Great Teacher in heaven above has been called one who was a great teacher here on earth, Monsignor Edward M. Lyons, Rector of St. Andrew's Seminary. A gifted soul has been summoned to give an account of his career as an advisor of the young, a guide of chosen souls called to the priesthood, a skilled exponent of secular and religious learning.

Sorrow fills our heart at his sudden passing. The years of close companionship have bound us closely to one who summed up so fully our idea of what a good and zealous priest ought to be. Monsignor Lyons filled a place among our clergy most important. With zeal for all that belonged to the welfare of the Church, with an apostolic love for souls, with a happy realization of the dignity and power and excellence of the Priesthood, he was a natural choice for the position of Rector of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Our sorrow is tempered by the faith that dwells in us. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord! Surely the life of dedication covering twenty-eight years since ordination and twelve years of preparation was an ideal preliminary for the consummation that would come with death in the Lord. God's Church recognized and honored his capable soul and faithful servant in the preferences his Bishop gave him, and in his elevation by the Holy Father to the dignity of a Domestic Prelate. But his former students, his appreciative friends among clergy and laity, will remember him always as the humble, lovable, friendly, personable embodiment of all that a true priest should be.

To his family, his students, his army of priests whom he blessed so abundantly, our sympathy. To himself our loving prayer: Requiescat in pace!

School Registration

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester through our Superintendent of Schools, Father Mahoney, and through Pastors and Principals in the individual schools, will be accepting registration on May 8 and 9 for all first grades and kindergartens.

This announcement should remind parents of their obligations of entering all their children in the parish school. Even the kindergartens come under the law of the Church in this matter: Catholic parents are urged to register their little ones in the religious school where they belong.

The 8th and 9th of May should see a veritable army of new pupils listed for acceptance next September when the fall term of school opens. Parents who follow the Catholic program faithfully and loyally will be eager to claim for their children the essential values that are guaranteed them in a school that recognizes them as children of God, as entitled to learn of God and God's teaching as they learn of the things of this world.

Register your children next week in your own parish Catholic school!

Read 'The Cardinal'

We commend to the attention of our readers the current best seller known as "The Cardinal." Readers running into the hundreds of thousands have given it their most enthusiastic approval; 450,000 copies have already been sold. It is a most interesting story, covering the activities of the Church in almost every field.

Expedient For You

The resurrection gave Christ back to those who were His closest friends. For forty days joy was in the hearts of the Apostles because the Risen Christ was close to them, was with them. He gave them everlasting joy by being with them. They dreaded the moment when He would leave them, taking away the true cause of their joy.

It is expedient for you that I go! It is helpful, it is necessary, it is required. If you Apostles are to be masters of my teachings, able to preach my doctrines in all parts of the world, it is necessary for you to receive the Holy Ghost with all His special gifts for you as my Apostles. He will teach you, help you to remember all that I have already told you. He will be with you and your lawful successors in the Church, to protect you against error, to make you infallible when you deliver unto men in every age the deposit of faith.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

You Can't Dive into Water Without Getting All Wet

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

At our summer place on Lake George the only way to go in for a swim is to dive or jump off the dock...



Unusual and compelling circumstances? Poppycock! The writer of that editorial knows as well as you or I that when you mix in the affairs of foreign nations you cannot pick and choose, select or reject; you cannot make distinction between internal and external affairs.

TO TELL the full truth any nation that meddles in the affairs of another nation is risking ruin. That's the sort of thing that broke the Roman Empire and the British Empire.

As with the Roman Empire, so with the British. Once the English went in for foreign domination, they had to go in deeper and deeper. If there could have been a constant succession of Pitts, Foxes, Palmerstons, Disraelis, Gladstones, they might perhaps have met and solved the problems of a "World-power."

THE PARABLE popped into my head the other day when I read that our ambassador to Greece, Henry D. Grady sent a "strongly worded letter to Premier Venizelos warning him, in effect, that he must make his new government more representative of the popular will."

As for ourselves anyone who thinks the American Republic immune to the fate that befell Rome and Byzantium has forgotten the fable of the frog that blew itself up in the attempt to be as big as the ox.

But didn't they tell us when we went into the first world war and the second, that we could go in, do the job and come out again? Sure! Sure! They promised a lot Winston Churchill even told us that "we needn't come over at all. Just send us the tools." So we sent the tools, then we sent the men and we are still, ten years later, doing the job.

By intervening at all you invite and indeed create "unusual and compelling circumstances." They are going to pop up and plague you at any moment. In fact they are going to plague you until they plague you to death.

OUR OWN statesmen (them) also made some promises. They told us that whatever else we did in Europe Asia and Africa, there was one thing we would never do in the internal affairs of any other nation. So now, we have ousted Venizelos and installed Pleastras in Greece and we are interfering in the internal affairs of a dozen other nations.

In the newspapers on the very same day that Ambassador Grady had interfered in Greece, James D. Hester, head of the E.A.'s mission to Italy, complained of the Italian system of taxation, high prices, and "institutionalism" which he said "is what we call in America red tape."

But the primary purpose of this essay is to say that some of us as far back as 1939 were trying to tell the American people that once we abandoned our traditional isolationism and went in for interventionism we would have to intervene and intervene until intervention kills us. It is no pleasure but rather a pain to say "We Told You So."

THE TOP OF MY MIND

U. S. Payroll Bans God, Subsidizes Quackery

By Gretta Palmer

The noisy brouhaha that has been raised for the separation of Church and State is a good deal less in point than in phrase suggests.



NOBODY DENIES, even now, that there are situations in which government employees must give some kind of advice and help in the realm we know as spiritual. Nobody refuses them the right to do so—so long as the consolation they offer is certified as non-religious.

A psychiatrist, paid by the courts in Illinois or any other state, may try to patch up a broken marriage by preaching any unproved and nonsensical theory of human nature which he happens to fancy—so long as it is pitched in purely temporal terms. A state-supported employee may advise divorce as a "solution" to marital unhappiness (as many of them do) or he may urge that the unhappy man or woman be given "psychotherapy" (as most of them do).

THIS ATTITUDE has put the government in a position which amounts to the underwriting of quackery. We need read only a few issues of any newspaper to discover spectacular cases in which a non-religious solution

for human ills has failed. We cannot ask of any philosophy of life that it shall be automatically effective. There are cases of despair among believers, too a man who does not choose to cooperate with grace cannot be forced into happiness by a priest. But this we can surely say: for two thousand years the western world has made life bearable and even joyous by a faith which is now forbidden access to government support.

And instead of becoming merely neutral, the state encourages and subsidizes a new secular philosophy which does not, on the record, appear to be mending marriages or minds.

THE GREAT and grilling tragedy that underlies the situation is this: many of the psychiatrists we employ cannot define a "man" or describe to you his proper end.

God and His servants have been barred from the government pay-rolls in this country as certainly as in the Soviet states. But those who would do the priest's work have not been barred. Your taxes and mine are being used to teach and spread a conception of man that is opposed to every basic truth the Church has known and taught throughout her history.

But he must never hint that the unhappiness could conceivably be resolved by the only remedy that will ever work: the love of God.

A LOOK AT LABOR

Will 'Plan 12' Be the Downfall Of the Taft-Hartley Act?

By A. C. Tuohy

"Plan 12" represents no mystic numbers of astrology nor a radio mystery thriller nor a secret government document.

Plan 12 represents an attempt by President Truman to alter the Taft-Hartley law. It does away with the office of General Counsel to the NLRB as an independent agency and makes him subordinate to the Board itself.

Under the Wagner Act the General Counsel was an employee of the National Labor Relations Board. The Board investigated, prosecuted and judged cases of unfair labor practices. The job of prosecuting the cases was turned over to a General Counsel, but since he operated within the framework of policy made by the Board itself there was no conflict.

Senator Taft and his party-men felt that the Board could not both prosecute and judge cases and still be fair, so he made the General Counsel independent of the Board.

ACCORDING TO the Taft-Hartley law the General Counsel has six main powers: 1. He has the power of investigation and inspection of the labor practices of the employer.

scattered throughout the country.

3. He investigates charges of unfair labor practices.

4. He issues complaints against employers and unions regarding unfair labor practices.

5. He has final authority in prosecuting charges of unfair labor practices.

6. He undertakes any other duties imposed upon him by the Board.

BEFORE the enactment of the Taft-Hartley law, critics of the law said rather sharply that this provision would not work. These critics pointed out that just as soon as the Board and the General Counsel started to disagree, the whole work of prosecuting unfair labor practices would be delayed, since each party to the dispute was autonomous.

This is exactly what happened. The Board and the General Counsel (Robert Denham) have disagreed from the start and, as late as the disagreement has been public. They have disagreed over the meaning of the law itself, over the jurisdiction of the Board, over the issuing of injunctions, over the scope of the unfair labor practice provisions, and over many other matters.

in legal wrangling that helps neither collective bargaining nor labor peace.

THE NATIONAL Labor Relations Board is not a court of law. It is an administrative agency, delegated with the power to handle labor cases and made a part of the executive branch of the government. The sole reason for making it an administrative agency is to insure speed in processing cases. Labor friction and strikes will not wait upon the Board and the General Counsel settling some abstract problem of labor law.

The NLRB wants the Taft-Hartley law changed in this respect. Most labor unions and some employer groups think that the Wagner Act arrangement is not completely sound with his own provision, although he is opposed to making the General Counsel subordinate to the Board.

No one can say for sure what will happen when Congress meets to discuss Plan 12. It seems certain that some change will be made in the independent status of the General Counsel. Robert Denham has not helped his own situation any too well by setting out to be some sort of a "labor czar." The downfall of the Taft-Hartley law may well begin with Plan 12.

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