

THE TOP OF MY MIND

We Give Ourselves Away By the Things We Give

By Gretta Palmer

Every gift we give is a given-way of what we give. The thing we choose is a clue to our scale of values...

and such natural benefits as freedom and justice were required. But we are always aware of the fact that these are higher matters compared with remedying the greater sufferings of our age...

more precious offering—social equality or a knowledge of the Faith that will give a measure of social equality in time?

Occasionally, as a Government, we try to give away to others intangible values that Americans have been taught to prize...

They give what they themselves hold most dear and most dear, that is the law to which all kindness must conform...

IN SUCH an atmosphere, social prejudice steals away while the white Catholics are concerned with nobler matters...

A LOOK AT LABOR

Is Profit-Sharing Labor's Next Move?

By A. C. Tuohy

Meet people recurrently ask: What does labor want? Forty years ago most workers were agitating for the living wage...

company's profits. "Ability to pay" became a watchword among labor leaders.

management wanted capitalism. British workers preferred socialism. The workers, being in the majority, repulsed capitalism...

The answer, while still real in the future, may be gleaned from some of the rumblings that have gone on in labor circles since the war.

THE LAST depression imbedded in the consciousness of American workers the suspicion that the product of American industry was not being fairly distributed...

PROFIT-SHARING has deep roots in American soil. The first profit-sharing plan goes back one hundred years. In 1946 nearly 800 American firms were operating such plans...

THE NEXT GOAL of trade unions will be either the guaranteed annual wage or some form of profit sharing. And since employers will find the former demand more formidable, it is this writer's guess that profit sharing will assume the greater part of labor's thinking during the next few years...

Wage rates and prices cannot long continue to spiral without a breakdown of the economy. But having adequate wages, workers might justifiably begin to consider profit sharing as an alternative to inflation.

However, profit-sharing plans, no more than pension plans, no longer can be handed down from the front office in the belief that workers will accept the proposal eagerly or even, gratefully...

Ever since the war American unions have made a great to-do about the socialization of present day corporate profits. The jubilation of every one of the four post-war wage rounds inevitably was based on the size of the

Eric Johnston, an advocate of profit-sharing, made this effective argument: "British

It must be understood, however, that profit-sharing is no gimmick or cure-all for our economic ills. Most plans have failed because they were not plans at all. But it will be interesting to watch the profit-sharing crusade begin when wage and welfare demands reach their saturation point.

NOW THAT THE INK IS DRY



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Editorials Not 'What Must I Do?' But 'What Can I Do?' According to the Order of Melchisedech A Double Jubilee of Import to the Diocese By Msgr. William M. Hart

The Catholic Way

There is a Catholic way of life. It is a way sanctioned by ancient Church custom. It is based essentially on an understanding of the meaning of membership in the Church. It is the reaction of the individual to all that faith means to him...

The Catholic way of life? Ten commandments, seven capital sins, particular duties of one's state of life, seven sacraments, four cardinal virtues, three divine virtues, actual grace, sanctifying grace, sacramental grace, the grace of final perseverance, sanctification, justification, salvation.

The riches of the Church must be daily drawn upon—frequent Communion instead of the last minute fulfillment of the Easter Duty Precept, personal devotion to Mary and the Saints, association with others who seek all that their religion can give them...

Priests Forever

New laborers in the Lord's vineyard! New Other Christs to preach to the children of men! New Shepherds of souls! New priests raised up to be the hope of the Church in the days ahead!

By the laying on of hands in Holy Orders, Bishop Kearney ordains them. Laying on of the hands of the priesthood is part of the rite carried out in all solemnity as the older priests impose consecrated hands on the head of each candidate...

Jubilee Of Divine Word Fathers

The Diocese of Rochester is happy to have part in the celebration of the double Jubilee of the Fathers of the Society of the Divine Word, the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the society and the 50th of its beginnings in America.

The Jubilee emphasizes the importance of lives dedicated to God and His Church in the religious life. Into the far places of the world priests and brothers of the Society of the Divine Word go as apostolic messengers answering the call of God.

May the Society of the Divine Word continue to be a strong arm of the Church of God in winning souls to the faith! May the St. Michael's Mission House share fully in the growth and development of the great parent organization that has accomplished such wonders in the fruitful years since its founding...

All Power In Heaven

To Jesus Christ, Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, true God and true Man, Saviour of mankind, all power in heaven and on earth has been given. This supreme and infinite power belongs of right to the Most Blessed Trinity. To the Three Persons in One God we owe our Creation, our Redemption, our Sanctification.

Faith in the Blessed Trinity, One God in Three Divine Persons, was to be the foundation of all Christian teaching. Men by faith were to know how fully their earthly life in its creation and in its constant support was to depend on the Trinity—men were to enter on the supernatural life of Christians through Baptism, which the Apostles were to confer—"Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

What Makes a Communist? Remember Original Sin

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

There are two reasons why I return again today to the question, "How do Communists get their way?" First, the former dissertations in this space produced more reader-reaction than any other contribution on any other theme in years.

lecturers have said it. Time and again I wrote it in the editorial pages of the Catholic World over a period of 25 years, and heaven only knows how many times I have said it on forum platforms.

But I have an idea, even if it doesn't give my mind—or anyone else's—complete satisfaction. The idea is that the growth of Communism is due to the decline of religion.

Rossi is particularly concerned to demonstrate that the strength of the party in any country rests not on its advocacy of measures to alleviate economic ills, but on its appeal to fundamental psychological or religious needs inherent in all mankind.

THE HUMAN RACE is incurably religious. To put that statement even more accurately, we might quote Father Daigains who spoke of "the inveterate mysticism of the human heart."

"The Communists are aware," he writes, "that even the meanest of men, those, for instance, who distribute handbills, or turn the crank on the duplicating machine, have a deep-felt need for intellectual certainty. Like everyone else they wish to be on the side of Truth; and because this is so the movement as it shapes the character of its militants, gives them something to believe."

This is no new idea. Hundreds of writers, preachers, platform

MISS UTLEY amplifies the idea: "Human dignity requires that a man feel that he is of some importance in the scheme of things. In the past, religion met this deep-felt want; today Western man seeks a substitute. Men want to belong to a community;

to feel that life has meaning and that their labors have a value beyond that of earning a living and producing a profit for their employers.

Well, there you have the explanation, as nearly as anyone can give it, of the seemingly insoluble problem. The only word I would add to those of Mr. Rossi and Miss Utley is the familiar statement of Voltaire: "If there were no God we should have to invent one."

If that doesn't solve the problem—if the question still remains, "But why?"—the only answer is to be found in the doctrine of Original Sin.

WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

Another Graduate Crop To Test Its Culture

By Marie Weidman

Once again this is the season for the annual commencement speakers, who, with cliches all polished and poised, abound in good will and noble intent, will step out onto platforms a little over the land.

ward to a great increase in the numbers of these unlettered but degreed folk, as the pressure becomes constantly greater from employers who fondly hope that college graduates are bound to be more efficient and productive.

WHILE IT IS true that young hearts are always beautifully full of hope and promise, today's crop of graduates seems more sophisticated and sleeker than ever, as they mask their natural exuberance behind blasé facades of bored manners.

SO, LET'S face it. Americans indulge in higher education (which is not so high for many reasons, if not above, at least beyond the desire to "follow knowledge like a sinking star.") The prestige of it all, the "contacts" so dear to the American heart, the satisfaction of parents in giving offspring what they deem a fitting training, are all vital factors in our educational and social patterns today.

ity stand a good chance of having their values changed and possibly raised. The Catholic college, having on hand definite Christian philosophy and standards, welcomes the spirited challenge given by fertile young minds which, though they may resist, somehow get the shining mark of Catholic thought left upon them.

WHEN THE guest speaker emerges from behind the podium, should he not remind his young listeners that they must always at least Catholic college graduates? Should they not add here forever to Catholic teachings, viewpoints and opinions. They are the hope of our Church in America. And perhaps they should be shown that if just possibly, a little culture shows through, it would not be totally out of place.

To act and to think Catholic is a very great deal to expect of the classes of 1950. They must be capable of it, though. If other generations are to follow.

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