Look At Labor

By A. C. Tuchy

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er thinks are his right. Merely

to read the statements of busi-

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years would cause embarrass.

Almost everything from so-

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pensions, from housing de-

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Change the Conditions Which Spawn Communism

The American Communications their rank and file.

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tion recently hop election in New York among some ployees of Western Union. The left wing leaders

Zeal for Workman offed some 730 votes in favor of obligating

all Western Union employees to belong to the union to hold their

This action was taken by the velopment to hospital traurrank and file in apite of the ance, has been denounced at some time or another by Industrial leaders as Communist-in-soired. The Communists have expelled by the CIO, in spite of the fact that the leaders of the mien are known servants of the gained the publicity, if not the Party Line, and in apite of the isef that many, if not the ma-jority, of the workers were glory, of having initiated alment every piece of social legislation since and before Merkeri Moover, Is it any won-

Mere is a startling; if not an plarming, fact. Many decent American workers prefer a Communication to no union at all and a strong union ninder Communist control than a weak union with mon-Com-muniot but inerfective leader-

spoken, the worker in the shop Gallup. and on the assembly line still recognizes their zest in defend-

Communist shop stewards frequently have the reputation among inexperienced union members of giving more Real rivals. These Red isders effections iron out a worker's grievance with a devertion and an efficiency that make non-Conservation in the Jeastern took industries. These ich winger are mught to mentily themselves with their rent and the in every way and that seculty pays of at elec-

Communist victory in the CA or any other union is a reflection on the leadership of ion Communists who have over ployers and their labor leaders the majorities at their dis. are interested in their welfare and do not know how to and their problems, there will be that their majorities into action. Itew victories reported by The explanation of this failure unions like the ACA.

Guest Editorials

Congratulations

The news came to us is. cently that Father Maynard A. Connell of Saint Bernard's Sem inary, Rochester, has been appointed Rector of Saint Andrew a Preparatory Seminary to succeed the late Magr. Edward M. Lyons. We congratulate Father Con

important position and offer to him our good wishes and our prayers in his expanding career in sacerdotal education. Many of the students for the priesthood; of the Syracuse Diocese begin; their training at Saint Andrew's and we rejoice that the affairs of the Preparatory Seminary are under such competent direction -Syracuse Catholic Bun.

Imitation

Lay retreats have increased so remarkably of late that many people who hear of them think recent origin. As a matter of fact spiritual retreats are as old! as the Church fiself. In the carly days of Christianity thousands; retired permanently from the world and led a life of devotion on mountain aides or in desert places. They were the hermits of old and most likely the great

That is the essence of a retreat - withdrawal from the distractions of the world. In The Communists have done it lies largely in the gap that every age the laity went to monasteries for days of recoiled tion. St. Ignatius Loyola, the pa tron of the lay retreat movemen THE FAULT, however, is not gave his spiritual exercises to lay to be found only among labor groups, both large and small leaders. Business man, probably This we know full well from au more than anyone else, have thentic accounts of his blessed given left-handed credit to the life. Communists for many social

majority of them were lay folks

At present the movement has become more systematized. It is drawing imitators from other religious bodies. With great interest we read of the inauguration of a "Quiet Day" at St. Peter Episcopal Church in Auhurn, N. Y. Meditations and instructions begin at 8 a.m. and continue till the evening. The program follows rather closely our days of recollection. Time is allowed for private devalions and meditation.

imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Maybap these Meditations will lead those meditating to the one true Church. -Cleve land Universe-Builetin.

Was Wrong

Periodically The Messenger re ceives an advance press release Businesamen as a group have from the publishers of Life lever based their judgment of Magazine. The purpose of course rade unionism, social insurance, of these releases is to call our Eugranieed wages, welfare funds, attention to some specific article etc., on whether or not these or spread of pictures concern things were needed by or good ing the Vatican, the Church in e workers. They have rereneral, some ceres the methods by which the Com- stated all these improvements olic figure in a coming issue munists gain power in trade and quoted bankers and eco- We have made a practice not to unions, to feel anger at their nomiats as their authority, for get too enthused about these parintrigue, their lies and their getting the fact that bankers and ticular articles and pictures. As mean tactics. When the last economists know as little about a matter of fact we receive Life's word of criticism has been the pulse of the people as Dr. releases very coldly. We can't see why we should get so "het up" about a magazine which in NOTHING THAT was good frequently features something ing him, and their faith, however for the workers and for the worthwhile, but which devotes pocritical, in the cause of the people ever turned out to be bad much of its paper and ink to for the economy or for business. "drivel" and in some cases to

Recently I read where some leaddownright filth. ing economists have now decid-We were particularly disgusted ed that private pension systems recently with Life Magazine may be a boon to our economic when our attention was growth. Only a few months ago called to an article on the holdhese same economists and their ings of the Catholic Church in business sponsors were calling a certain Italian district. Life pubthe plans "economically un-sound," "wasteful," "inflationlished "statistics" and in the 'rti cle declared that in the district tionary," "socialistic." of Calabria of the 70 per cent The task that lies shead of of arable land, 20 per cent was both labor and management is owned by "powerful barons," annot to bemoan the success of ther 20 per cent owned by the Communism or to denounce Church, and only 10 per cent left its victories, but to change the

for the people.

conditions out of which Com-To be polite we say that Life Magazine made a mistake. Ac-When the rank and file work tually the Church land holdings ers realize that both their emin Calabria amount to two per cent - NOT 10 PER CENT! The two per cent figure was reported by Magr. Luigi G. Liguill, executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Magr. Liguiti in turn learned of that figure A HOLY YEAR PILGRIM WALKED FROM ALSACE through a report of recent FRANCE, TO ROME, PULLING A CARRIAGE CONTAINING HIS SED. Inscribed on the Carriage were the words of am MOTHING. studies nude by Gulacype Med-

ici, Italian eccaomich Furthermore, Monsignor Liguti pointed out the following very interesting fact. In Italy as a whole the Church land holdings amount to only 1.67 per cent. and this generally is small par cels well cared for and scattered throughout parishes of the counholdings of the Church.

Life made a mistake. Life was wrong. And many people today are still laboring under a false notion of the size of Churchowned land in Italy: - East St. Louis Mensenger,

Sage Advice

The Religious Bulletin of the University of Notre Dame deals out this sage advice to the young men on the campus: "It's better to seek counsel before marriage than to retain counsel after marriage."

The soul takes nothing with her to the other world but her education and culture; and these. it is said, are of the greatest serice or of the greatest injury to the dead man, at the very begioning of his journey thither.

Editorials

By Rt. Rav. Migs. Wm. M. Hart, P. A., V. Q.

nell in his promotion to this Expulsion of Bishop O'Hara

Rumania has added to its black record the new crime falsely accusing a renowned churchman of espionage, and ordering him to leave the country at once. Just what the purpose of making such outrageous charges, with all the earmarks of falsity so patently upon them, is difficult for sane men to understand.

Do the Commies expect anyone to believe that Bishop O'Hara is a spy, an undercover agent, a criminal? Do they expect anyone to believe that the representative of Pope Pius XII, undertaking a diplomatic and a religious mission for the Vatican, would spend his time in criminal activities of so low a nature as espionage?

Just what is going on in Rumanian Communistic circles that must be kept entirely secret? Just what are that the movement is of very the oppressors of religion and civic liberty doing that is not known to all the world? Does anyone suspect that there is any attempt to preserve liberty and justice for the down-trodden people of that unhappy country?

Supposing one did discover that the despoilers of just government are persecuting Bishops and priests and religious, oppressing all lovers of freedom, imprisoning true patriots, exiling those whom they do not imprison? In every country under heaven such a discovery could not be called news: into all the world has gone the curregit list of infamies of the Rumanian Communists. There is no need of espionage to discover the shame of these enemies of the Rumanian people.

Bishop O'Hara has done a good work during his career as a diplomat in this oppressed country. He comes back as a hero, acclaimed by all true lovers of liberty, honored for the near martyrdom he has undergone in obedience to his duty as a representative of the Holy Father and the Vatican. His enemies add just one more note to an unholy record of lying injustice in this latest act of Communist tyranny, God bless Bishop O'Hara!

The Authoritative Church

Unthinking enemies of the Church accuse her of being authoritative. They are unthinking, or they would realize that the Church of God cannot be otherwise than authoritative. 'The Church is Christ's society for teaching His doctrine, teaching it with authority, with Christ's authority. It is not like outside organizations which attempt to teach, but cannot teach with authority because they have no authority divine or human on which to rely.

Many teachers in Christ's time placed their doctrines before the people. They did not speak as Christ did: they made little impression on the people. Christ taught the people as one having authority. His authority was from the Father Who sent Him to earth to teach, govern, sanctify, save all men. He spoke as one having authority. His Church speaks with authority. Every hearer of of Christ's word can place unlimited faith in it; every man who hears Christ's Church can have undying confidence in its teachings.

Thank God for the authority with which His Church speaks. Thank God for your faith expressed so well by St. Thomas Aquinas: "Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius," ("I believe whatever the Son of God has said.") The authority of the Church is the authority of Christ.

All America unites as one with President Truman in opposing now the criminal aggression of the North Korean Communists against their South Korean neighbors. The President's action is taken to ward off the now three dioceses in the London: women dressed in sarts shot proper financing of parochial world war that will surely come if these criminals are larea, Westminster, Southwark with gold. The visitors speak schools but while he does that

The history of aggression in Asia and Europe shows only too well what the Followers of Stalin have in mind. One unjust and unprincipled conquest at a time; then a concerted attack on our country and on all the freadomloving world. Now is the time to resist, to oppose, to stop the program of organized murder, of oppression, of un-

May God bless our efforts, united to those of the other members of the United Nations, to drive war and warlike aggression from the face of the earth! Men are and of right ought to be free and independent. Freedom and independence are God's gifts to men. The enemies of God cannot be permitted to take from their fellows the enjoyment of these gifts.

Averting war! President Truman calls on America to take its place at the head of all who are willing to fight the enemy of freedom now, that the world in the years ahead may be delivered from the scourge of a new world May the patriotic services of our men-in-arms lay the

foundation for a lasting peace over all the world. May the enemies of peace see the warning of what will happen if they continue their piecemeal assaults on individual countries. A united world will rise up against them to control their warlike aims. That united world has now asserted

The Will of My Father

The will of God. This is the test. The test for our own soul, the test for all who would strive to direct our soul. Is my own soul-obedient to the will of God? Is it true to God's will as expressed in the ten commandments? Is it eager to follow every direction of grace as coming from the will of God? To enter into the Kingdom of God, my soul must do more than merely say, "Lord, Lord." Its one and only means of attaining salvation is to do the will of God the Father.

The will of God! This is the test for all who would guide and direct my soul, Individuals and groups of individuals, unorganized persons and those united in religious groups, must measure up to the rule given by Christ—are they in accord with the will of God? The will of a human preacher, of any religious leader, can have no validity as a means of salvation. The will of God alone must prevail.

The world has its prophets, true and false. The true ones are those who act in accordance with the will of God. The false ones are those who do not act or teach in accordance with God's will. By their fruits you shall know them! The true child of God will at once reject any teacher who acts or speaks against the will of God. One Church, one Faith, one Baptism, all in keeping with the power of God's will which established them. He who acts or speaks against the Church and Faith and Baptism given us by the will of God is truly a false prophet. Beware of them, says Christ! Follow the will of God as the only means of entering into the Kingdom of Heaven!

False prophets are deceivers! They are out to fool you. They dress in sheep's clothing; inwardly they are ravening wolves. They can bring you no good, only harm. Beware of them! Seek ye the Kingdom of God, and His justice—and the one way to seek God's Kingdom is by following always the will of God.

Centennial

Archdiocese Of New York 100 Years Old By RICHARD REID

Editor, N. Y. Catholic News

The centennial of the Archdiocese of New York, which will be

observed with a Pontifical Mass offered by His Eminence Cardinal Spellman at Old St. Patrick's Cathedrai Wednesday July 19, is an indication of the antiquity of the Church here. It means

Richard Reid that the Church in the New York area had made such progress a century ago that the Diocese of New York merited archdiocesan digni-

The diocese was erected in 1808, when there was but one archdiocese and four dioceses in the country, all erected that year. The Archdiocese was Baltimore, formerly the Diocese of Baltimore, including the United States as it was then constituted: it was established in 1790. The dioreses erected in 1808 with New! York were Boston, Philadelphia and Bardstown, Ky. Cincinnati and New Orleans were made! archdioceses at the same time as New York

Their seniors as archdioceses in addition to Baltimore are Oregon City, 1846 now known as Portland in Oregon, and St. Louis, 1847 San Francisco, which never was a diocese, was established as an archdiocese in 1853, Every Cathothe Archdioceses of boston, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Sante Fo were founded in 1875, Chicago eiled alone is in 1880, St. Paul in 1888 and a part of a Dubuque in 1893. All others were single, vast pil erected within the past 25 years. grimage con-

time that the Diocese of New spot of holy York became an archdiocese, the ground, drawn hierarchy was established in by the same motivation and mur inal American colonies.

land and Wales was directed by Vicars Apostolic, one in 1685, four in 1688, and eight in 1840. The Catholic population was estimated at 160,000 in 1814, about 1400,000 in 1837, and 800,000 in 1851. Cardinal Wiseman was the first Archbishop of Westminister. there was then one Province with 12 suffragan Sees.

with 14 suffragan Sees: the Catholic population is 2,754,149, with 6.643 priests. London 50 years Holy Door a foot ahead of dom Son evene has to explain, for ago had less than 50 churches brown skinned, bearded prests the tenthousandth time, what and 200,000 Catholics. There are from India who lead physim the Charle holds about the churches and 633,665 Catholics.

There has been substantial growth of the Church in England and Wales, but not the astonishing growth we have had in the United States. But England has not had our gigantic flood of immigration.

In 1850 the Diocese of New York; which included the area; ters of the temporal order. now embraced in the Archdioceses of New York and Newark and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Paterson, had a Catholic popula tion estimated as 200,000; most of today's Trenton and all of Camden were then in the Dio laxing experience You do not cese of Philadelphia. These 200, realize how frequently you have 000 Catholics were served by 99 to stop and explain yourself at priests and 67 churches. Now home. You are not aware of there are in this territory 3,695, how much of our American 695 Catholics, 4,592 priests and energies are spent in combatting 984 parishes.

more Catholics within an hour's in the Faith. drive of St. Patrick's Cathedral No conversation with an Italian

The Issue

There is no other choice for our Government officials now than to recognize the enemy that seeks to invade our nation from without and to weaken it from within.

washing and excusing the enemy within. The office holder, the politician, the radio speaker, the school or college teacher, the member of labor or of management who teaches or upholds Communism is just as much an enemy of our nation as the paid Soviet agents who take over, or try to take over, free men everywhere. This is the time for true unequivocal, consistent patriotic leadership and unless this is of fered the American people will not have the confidence, unity and determination to save their country and preserve civilization One ray of hope plerces the black cloud of war in Korea: the cope with atheistic Communism may compel more Americans to turn to the promises made by Our Lady of Fatima and seek peace, through prayer and rep-

aration, directly from the Prince

of Peace, Christ the King.

-Brooklyn Tablet.



Top Of My Mind

By Gretta Palmer

Our United States Is Still a Mission Country .. Ours is a sociable thesis to leach the alphabet to

Church, and the sociability is of those around him a dozen times course, nowhere so evident as a work it is not a mere matter as here in this of heing surrounded by Protest Jubilee Year

lic visitor, even if-he has travverging on the One hundred years ago, at the same small

England and Wales, Previous to muring the same prayers. It the Revolution, the Vicar Apostolic of London had jurisdiction tian, the solitary wanderer of over the Catholics in the 13 orig. John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" who had to go it on his Before 1850 the Church in Eng. own; and one pities, too all the men of good will and kindly hearts outside the Faith who lack this supernational bar-d of friends.

binding them which does not tories day. The absurdities of a exist between a Cathor and even his dearest friends or side butted set the learned men who the Church. That fact is made pause to answer these picayune immensely obvious here this intruths are taking time away year. Balkan peasant girls wear from the pursual of new truths ing costumes from the days of for a vitering our horizonal Charlemagne, walk through the Brentwood, with 550 varied languages, cross them he is giving up his chance of selves in a dozen different ways

any of these national groups, will make the same responses. human thought if he serves at Mass, and in the same Latin words his an cestors used a thousand years ago. The differences that exist between Catholics of all ages are accidents, are trivial mat-The bond that binds them all is the substance

THAT IS WHY, to an Amerlean Catholie a visit to any Cath olic country is an immensely re errors that simply do not exist There are more than a million among a population brought up

(including lower Connecticut) is ever halted while you pause than in all England and Wales. to explain that there are some quite respectable intellectual Italy there is no pale, no bar arguments for the existence of rier to an understanding of God. No Spaniard or Irishman fundamental things. It matters wastes his companion's time by very little in what language the asking, "Why does your Church street signs are written, if every disapprove of birth control?" In street leads to a church, and a Catholic land there are no de every church is Catholic. fenders of euthanasia, for mixedup moderns maintaining that our monal standards should be re-We no longer can afford white vised to fit the findings of the Kinsey reports.

> SEEN FROM a distance, the predicament of the American Catholic thinker is a sad one: he is in the position of a learned man, forced to drop his doctoral Catholic.

ati's for most of the people in the United States today are not Professants They are neopagans who have forgotten the first principles of philosophy which the ancient pagans knew. And if you query the pro-

fessors of bur secular universities, who teach young minds, or the psychoanalysts who try to cure older minds, you will find a large majority of them unable to talk seriously to you on any matter involving first principles. It is not that they do not share the Catholic definition of man and his goal on earth and his capacity for arriving at truth; it is that they have no answers, heretical or orthodox, to the questions at Oli serious American Catholic

For all Catholics of all coun thinkers mist devote their mentries and all centuries are the energies to combatting errors friends. They have a deep hond which were answered in Aris-But any boy, plucked from profilem in theology whose solu ation would entited the stream of

> IN (ATHOLIC countries, there is a single well-marked enemy. the communist, who hates the Church In secular America the Church has also to defend her truths from kindly well-meaning critics who do not hate her at a., but who would harm her by their bungling -confusion about her unless set right

America is still a mission country, but of a very curious kind, where the prospective converts "know all about" the Church, and know it all wrong The vast, good-hearted ignorance of what the Catholic believes is an invisible pale that sets all American Catholics apart; and it can be destroyed in only one way: by the conversion of America.

In a Catholic country, such as

It does not matter what any other pligrim wears or whether he can read or write, whether he is clean or dirty, black or white, traveling on foot or in an isotta limousine, if his steps, like yours, turn towards St. Peter's dome. He shares your joyful premises. He is your friend. He is another



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