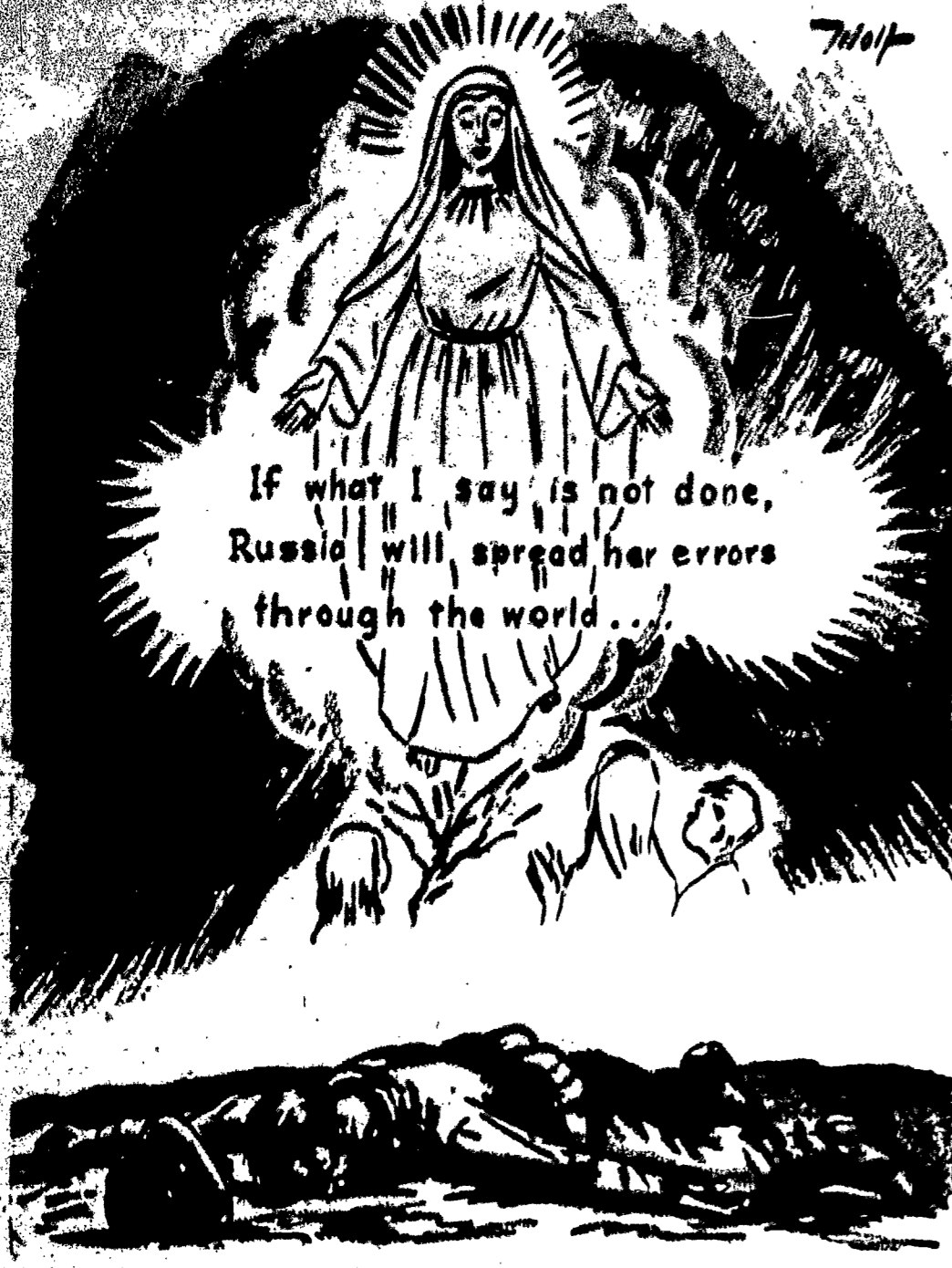


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THE TOP OF MY MIND

Those Without Faith Walk Without Compass

By Gretta Palmer

Struggle is essential to human living; nobody ever promised a painless solution to the difficulties of life by conversion to the Faith.

As Emerson told us, "When the real gods come, the half-gods go."

When a conversion is complete, the conflict will disappear from the higher judgment-centers of the mind where theological disputes are formed.

Only at a few crises in his life when he is uncertain as to what God's will for him may be will a Catholic have a real conflict.

There is no way of helping modern man by appealing to the intellect; less august than the intellect itself, for it is within the intellect that his difficulties lie.

In a day like ours, the works of mercy cannot stop short of the essential, single platoon to our neighbor's ill.

A LOOK AT LABOR

Taft Amendments To Taft-Hartley

By A. C. Tuohy

MUT THE man outside the Faith has no such ready recourse; for him, it is not a matter of clinging to Truth, but of trying to discover some truth as a prelude to action.

It is just possible that attempts will be made in the next session of Congress to revise the Taft-Hartley law.

Senator Taft has not changed his mind on the rights of fortman and government workers; he still favors damage suits as a solution of intricate labor problems.

That is the hideous predicament in which tens of millions of our compatriots find themselves today.

However, on close examination of the changes themselves it will be discovered that only 11 changes are worthwhile.

He seems to have made some concession to trade unions on the matter of the union shop.

THE BIG battles of our century are being waged in the higher brain centers of a bewildered generation.

THE WORTHWHILE amendments are as follows: The meaning of "agent" is more strictly defined.

Now by eliminating the election to authorize the union shop, Taft would deny union men this weapon.

Man must worship something, if he is to live; shall it be himself or humanity? Or a vague cosmic energy?

THE PROVISION which prohibits the Board from reinstating an individual if he was suspended or discharged for cause is eliminated.

It has taken Taft three years to make that one concession. As a lawyer, he knows that there are other cases when secondary boycotts have been held just by the courts.

THE CATHOLIC'S duty to the world at such a time as this is not to join with those fussy-minded heretics who preach "let love" for love must have an object and a goal.

NO PROVISION has been made, however, to free the law of those legal gimmicks which

Every change he proposes in 1950 was suggested in 1947 but he would not listen.

Editorials

By

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The Voice

So John the Baptist described himself. He was giving answer to the messengers sent by the priests and pharisees out of Jerusalem.

He was preaching — which was a work needing God's sponsoring; he was baptizing those who accepted his message — which needed authorization on the divine level.

Then the final question — with some emphasis on it: "Who art thou—that we may bring back an answer to those who sent us?"

The voice! The vehicle for announcing the appearance of the Lord, the Son of God made man, the Christ. Not the Christ, not the prophet, but one to bank on his own standing as a spiritual leader with the Jews;

but the voice!

And what a message this voice carried to all his hearers! A message deprecating his own position, his power as a preacher, the work he was doing for men's souls leading up to his baptism of penance; contrasting his own poor merits with the supernal dignity of the Lord.

The voice is speaking to men, inviting men to accept Christ as the Redeemer, to listen to and follow His teaching—to find their salvation through adherence to Him and His doctrines.

In this Advent season, the Voice is calling men. Calling men of faith to better service of Christ; to men of no faith to heed the message that announces the work of the Messiah. Away from all unfaith, away from all sin, away from all that would mean disloyalty to Christ; thus does the Voice speak to us, even as it spoke to the Jews of 1900 years ago.

God With Us

Joy belongs to the Christian dispensation. Much more so than it belonged to the Mosaic dispensation. Hope for the realization of the promise of a Redeemer marked the Old Testament; the realization of that hope marks the New Testament.

For 2,000 years the world has had joy in our Emmanuel, God with us. Into all the world has gone His voice; into every country under Heaven, to every race and nation of mankind, has gone the grace and the word of our Emmanuel, God with us.

Grace and mercy—timely divine help for every age and condition of life in the Mass and the Sacraments; nearness to Christ in

His millions of homes in our tabernacles; the love of the Redeemer made more clear and compelling through devotion to His Most Sacred Heart; united with Holy Mother Mary and all the legions of Angels and Saints—all are ours in the joy of the First Christmas and in all the Christmas days that have followed.

God with us! The greatest fact of all history: the birth of Christ. All the world unites in observance of this holiest time of the year. The children of the household of faith lead in the celebration; they are joined by their separated brethren. Christmas is for all! No man can escape its impact. Our prayer is that all men may come to a full understanding of all that Christmas means to mankind.

Christmas Joy For All

Every nation, every age and condition, must have a share in our Christmas joy. The sick and the well, the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the baptized and those who are being called to Baptism through the power of our Redeemer—all instinctively share in the joy of Christ's birthday.

Comfort for the sick in the nearness of the Great Healer; joy for those who are well in the nearness of Christ to keep them in health; joy for the poor who know of Christ's bounty to them; joy for the rich in their ability to show the charity of Christ in their ministrations to their needy brethren; joy for the baptized as they realize their Baptism and every grace comes from Emmanuel, God with us; joy for the unbaptized, for all not yet of the household of the faith, in the promised opportunity to give glory to

God and to make their own that peace which is proffered to men of good will.

Naturally our Christmas joy breaks through the supernatural sources to expression in our outward acts and words. Joy of the spirit begs expression in sensible outpourings of soulful music for the ear; of lightome ecstasy, in varied form and glittering color with green hangings of evergreen, wreaths of holly and glorious poinsettias, for the eye; and the accompanying joy for the nostrils in the spicy and pungent odor of the Christmas decor.

Christmas feasting with its turkey and mince pies and cookies, with new candies proper to the season, is all in line with proper Christmas observance. All of the items of Christmas programs start with the supernatural and go over into the natural.

Where Santa Enters

What would Christmas be without the children? I was in accordance with the love of Christ for little children that they should be introduced to the joy of His birthday in a manner fitted to their condition.

Christmas At St. Stanislaus Church

Christmas of 1950 will long be remembered by Monsignor Joseph A. Balcerak and his flock at St. Stanislaus, because it marked the completion of a gift prepared for the Lord many years ago, a complete church and parish buildings.

My Changeless Friend

For Christmas giving and for personal purchase, Father LeBuffe's new edition of the series of spiritual meditations known as "My Changeless Friend," will appeal to many.

Father Keller Book Urges Working In Vital Fields

NEW YORK (NC)—The fate of the world depends on who fills the jobs in certain vital fields. The Rev. James Keller, M. M., states in his newest Christopher book, "Careers That Change Your World," published here by Doubleday and Company.

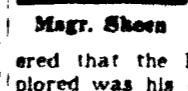
These vital fields, Father Keller says, are education, government, communications, labor relations, social service and library work. It is of extreme importance, he continues, that jobs in these fields be filled by persons of high Christian character and competence. For, he warns, too

MSGR. SHEEN WRITES . . . Re-Examining Christianity

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The Twentieth Century is busily reeling from the waste-basket of discarded and obsolete ideas the many precious Christian truths which the Nineteenth Century threw into it.

The intellectuals of our day are repeating G. K. Chesterton's fable of the man who set out in a row-boat to explore distant places; he landed on a strange and fascinating shore, studied the fauna and flora with the greatest interest—and only later discovered that the land he had explored was his own England.



Men today are still, some of them, seeking in the novel and the untired for satisfactions which only the perennial truths will give. Their hearts are hungry for such nourishment as film, man-made beliefs cannot provide.

Just as stomachs may become sick from food that is too rich, so minds are sometimes spoiled by trying to absorb over-sophisticated doctrines for which they have not been prepared: "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Many moderns are depressed by the disproportion between what they are and what they feel they ought to be. Others are driven away from the search for truth because they see that knowledgeable men are often lacking zeal and zealous men, such as the Communists, have fire without true knowledge.

THE VERY essence of Christianity is a marriage between Truth and Action, between the ideal and the incarnate, between the thought and the deed. The Gospel of St. John tells us, "The Word became Flesh," the Divine Truth became man.

There was not action first, followed by knowledge; there was first Truth and then the living-out of truth. Our Lord preached, "Love your enemies," and then, on the Cross, realized this injunction in his own actions.

THE CORRECTIVE for the misery that haunts the undisciplined man is never found on the couch of any psychoanalyst where many today misguidedly seek peace.

But running through Scriptures like a warning bell is the refrain that those who sow in the flesh will reap degeneration of the spirit; that an overemphasis on sex destroys the mind's ability to make sound practical judgments or to counsel others.

CONTEMPT FOR the body has never been sound Christian doctrine. When the scholar, Muretus, fell ill among strange physicians, one of them jokingly said, "Let us make an experiment upon this vile body."

This Christian respect for every living man, no matter how weak or sick or helpless he may be, is a glorious heirloom from Our Lord's life on this earth.

Our world is shocked when Northern Koreans torture prisoners.

To Mary, Queen of Peace

Our Lady, 'tis to thee, Vanguard of Liberty To thee we pray Our country's patroness In peace and war a distress Protect us now and bless Without delay!

Our Lady we all know That in thy blue eyes' glow There is the power To plead from thy Young Son The peace our lives have won; Let prayer succeed the gun In this thy hour!

Lady of Lipa Lady of Fatima Put out the flame Of global wars and lust. Of hatred and distrust; Let youthful soldier dust Be not our blame!

Dear Lady, grant that we May raise thy Rosary Above our land; May it resound on high Drown out the battle cry; Replace the boys who die Bring peace at hand! H. C. MILLS

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