### TOP OF MIND

🕳 By Gretta Palmer 🧸

Struggle is essential to human living; nobody ever promised a placement of the difficulties of life by conversion to the difficulties are more apt to introduce the higher judgment-centers of the mind, his dayloy-day difficulties are more apt to introduce the effort to aubdue his blief native and to atte up his shanglah will so that the clear should not be against the heart of any man.

As Bimerson told us, "When the makes him wonder whether those good works are worth his while. For the battle which is breaking his heart is a battle between temporal gods and God. It will never be settled short of conversion to the full news of the Faith.

Salien nature and to atte up his sweet wine of Love—Love that should him as the heart of any man.

The aight of the mind may be a share in the joy of Christ's birth-

Only at a few orises in his life

trouble his apirit, disturb equilibrium, he

drette Falmer towards doubt and settles them accordingly.

and settles them accordingly.

It is just possible that attempts have no purpose other than to will be made in the next session impede the functioning of legitimate for him, it is not a matter of clinging to Truth, but of tree sendor session to revise the Taft.

Hartley law, Irving Ives, the changed his mind on the rights ing to discover some truth as a sheady has mentioned this possibilities. It such an avent corporation of foreman and government prelide to action. Having no also abbility. It such an event comes solutes to guide him and no to pass the 38 proposed changes philosophical training to help laued by Benator Taft on May him choose this viewpoint on 6, 1949 likely will become the life from that, he is apt to agree basis of these revisions. with the author of whatever Senator Taft has made much book he has read last, and to try of these changes. He has conto accommodate his life to a difficulty declared his open mind-

That is the hideous predicament in which tens of millions of our compatriois find themselves today, They have never come to a final decision is to what is worth doing with their

THE BIG battles of our century are being waged in the higher brain centers of a bewildered generation; that is why there is so great a demand for drink and ments are as follows: drugs to send those troublesome brain centers to sleep. For this more strictly defined. The in- gaining weapon in the hands of is a highly theological age: the dependent office of the General a union official.

Man must worship some-thing if he is to liver shall to welf Or humanity? Or a vigue, counte energy! Or shall it be the Christian Delty, Who is True God and True

When this most fundamental of all decisions has not been

world at such a time as this is Board can appoint private arbitrators for jurisdictional strikes. It has taken Taff three years minded hereics who preach the joint control of welfare flust love? for love must have funds is no longer necessary, if the majoret dose not desire that the employer dose not desire that the employer dose not desire that control boards of inquiry may there are other cases when settlement of a dispute.

Those Without Faith Walk Without Compass

Etrugale is essential to human, As Emerson told us, "When the | and ignoring the dilemma which

Chly at a few crises in his life is uncertain as to way of helping need bandages so much as Bap tam when he is uncertain as to what God's will for him may be what God's will a Catho lice have a real lice have a real in the intellect that his difficulty in the intellect that his difficulty in the nearness of control of the sick in the nearness of the sick in the si mental "con- in the intellect that his difficulty encouragement; what he longs health; joy for the poor who know of joy for the nostrils in the spicy and pungent seek peace mental vone in the interest dist distinctive for is a spiritual surely that he their ability to show the charity of Christ in the good works that he does, Sourse: the Eucharist of Christ.

# mental A LOOK

To Taft-Hartley

large number of proposed changes as proof of his fairness.

Mowever, on close examina-Hon of the changes themselves it will be discovered that only Il changes are worthwhile, 15 are of minor moment, and 2 revisions may be more harmful to labor than the original amondments.

THE WORTHWHILE amend-The meaning of "agent" is

The pendity against employees engaging in a strike before the 66-day waiting period is repealed. Strikers would be allowed to vote in NLRE elections.

The provision which prohibits made by a man, then no other the Board from reinstating an individual if he was suspended by arrived at the Board from reinstating an individual if he was suspended or discharged for cause is elling to the the workers to strike the carmolac's duty to the the mandatory injunction in the carmolac's duty to the their plant from another struct.

Two as is land all we NO PROVISION has been

By A. C. Tuchy

of foreman and government workers; he still favors damage suits as a solution of in tricate labor problems; he still allows State anti-closed shop laws to take precedence over the federal labor law.

He seems to have made some concession to trade unions on the matter of the union shop, but been authorized by a majority of this amendment because he really power of union leaders.

Taft was wrong. The elections proved that the workers wanted the union shop themselves and put a powerful ban

he requires for computing union shop majorities.

THREE YEARS ago, Taft oft lawed all secondary boycotts, against a great deal of argument showing that this general ban

ever, he is a stubborn man. Every change he proposes in About made however, to free the law 1950 was auggested in 1947 but a state freit. of those legal gimmicks which he would not listen.

## Editorials •

Rt. Rav. Migr. Wm. M. Hart, P. A., V. G.

#### The Voice

So John the Baptist described himself, but the voice! He was giving answer to the messengers sent by the priests and pharisees out of Jerusalem. John was an outstanding person-age, gaining many followers from those who listened to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan.

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. Hence the questions put to John: Was he the Christ, the promised Messiah, the anointed one? Was he Elias? Was he the prophet? John's answer to these questions was: "No, I am not." Then the final question -- with some

emphasis on it: "Who art thou—that we may bring back an answer to those who sent us? Now John's answer: "I am the voice of one crying in the desert. 'Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Inn an."

standing as a spiritual leader with the Jews; | straight the way of the Lord!"

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. Announcing the divine merit of Christ as entirely overpassing John's poor standing: so hely, so worthy of all honor, so outstanding as the greatest figure ever to appear in the world-John not worthy to loose the strap of His sandal.

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 are hungry for such nourishmessage that announces the work of the Messiah. Away from all unfaith, away from The voice! The vehicle for announcing all sin, away from all that would mean disthe appearance of the Lord, the Son of God loyalty to Christ: thus does the Voice speak made man, the Christ. Not the Christ, not | to us, even as it spoke to the Jews of 1900. the prophet, but one to bank on his own | years ago. For all of us its message: "Make;

#### God With Us

Much more so than it belonged to the Mosaic love of the Redeemer made more clear and feel they ought to be. Others are dispensation. Hope for the realization of the promise of a Redeemer marked the Old Testament; the realization of that hope marks the New Testament. Christmas brought to Saints-all are ours in the joy of the First lacking zeal, and zealous men. earth the Son of God to be our Emmanuel, God with us.

For 2.000 years the world has had joy in our Emmanuel, God with us. Into all the Grace and mercy-timely divine help for

every age and condition of life in the Mass to mankind.

compelling through devotion to His Most driven away from the search for Sacred Heart; united with Holy Mother truth because they see that Mary and all the legions of Angels and knowledgeable men are often than to know a great deaf but to Christmas and in all the Christmas days that such as the Communists, have have followed. God with us! The greatest fact of all his-

tory: the birth of Christ. All the world nation of heat with light, of zeal unites in observance of this holiest time of 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, first through our Emmanuel, God with us, first through our mankind, has gone the grace and the word of faith lead in the celebration; they are joined tanity is a marriage between the interplay between the two, and interplay between the two, and interplay between the window out His personal ministry, and for nearly 2,000 all! No man can escape its impact. Our ideal and the incarnate, between that, as we grow in wisdom, our years through His Church.

Truth and Action, between the interplay between that, as we grow in wisdom, our prayer is that all men may come to a full the thought and the deed. The moral lives should become more understanding of all-that Christmas means Gospel of St. John tells us. "The subtly beautiful, but it is not al-

#### Christmas Joy For All

our neighbor's ills. He does not stinctively share in the joy of Christ's birth-

for all not yet of the household of the faith, natural and go over into the natural. in the promised opportunity to give glory to

is proffered to men of good will.

Naturally our Christmas joy breaks junction in his own actions, old, the rich and the poor, the baptized and through the supernatural sources to expres- when He prayed, "Father, for sion in our outward acts and words. Joy of give them for they know not the spirit begs expression in sensible out- what they do pourings of soulful music for the ear; of

in their ministrations to their needy breth- mince pies and cookies, with new candies refrain that those who sow in ren; joy for the baptized as they realize their proper to the season, is all in line with prop- the flesh will reap degeneration Taft Amendments Baptism and every grace comes from Emerican observance. All of the items of of the spirit that an overemphamanuel, God with us; joy for the unbaptized. Christmas programs start with the super- sis on sex destroys the mind's

#### Where Santa Enters

What would Christmas be without the "sersonified for our little ones in Santa Claus." children? I was in accordance with the love children, all our fundamental love for one us, to be our Emmanuel! another so essential to Christian living, and

No man need find fault with Christmas! of Christ for little children that they should giving, with all the overflowing joy of keep-has never been sound Christian be introduced to the joy of His birthday in ing Christmas! Our Christmas-keeping is in doctrine When the scholar Mu a manner fitted to their condition. All the full accord with the natural and supernatural retus, fell all among strange love that came to earth with Christ, all the reaction of normal human hearts to the great physicians, one of them lokingly love of Christ and His followers for little fact that Christ has come to dwell among said "Let us make an experi-

#### Christmas At. St. Stanislaus Church

how much of a concession it is bered by Monsignor Joseph A. Balcerak and remains to be seen. Originally, his flock at St. Stanislaus, because it marked the union shop could only be the completion of a gift prepared for the granted by an employer if it had Lord many years ago, a complete church and the eligible voters. Taft favored parish buildings. Cooperation of a loyal Polish congregation with a realous and resourcebelieved that American workers ful Pastor has completed the gift by lifting would in this way check the entirely the debt that rested on it.

Our Christmas congratulations to Monsignor Balcerak and his faithful flock! Spir-

Christmas of 1950 will long be remem- itual progress has kept pace with material. This Christian respect for improvement at St. Stanislaus Parish. A de- every living man, no matter vout congregation; reflecting the faith of how weak or sick or helpless their ancestors and the devotion to the Cath- he may be, is a glorious heirolic Church that has been synonymous with loom from Our Lord's life on Poland down the ages, is evidence of the this earth. magnificent spiritual leadership Monsignor Balcerak has united to his splendid financial Our world is shocked when administration of St. Stanislaus. Christmas Northern Koreans torture prisjoy to people and Pastor!

#### My Changeless Friend

question, What God shall I wor Counsel is abolished. The Board Now by eliminating the elec the series of spiritual meditations known as more unhappiness and tension jurisdiction over labor cases to Taft would deny union men this many. All the little books now have been permit unions to provide an emthe union shop, without altering
ployer with workers if they can, by fot or tittle the unfair method.

For Christmas giving and for personal and laity it still offers a most convenient purchase, Father LeBuffe's new edition of and satisfying course of short meditations. Your friends will appreciate a Christmas ship?" is the question causing is given more authorize the union shop, "My Changeless Friend," will appeal to gift such as this. You will do well to secure this new edition of an old-time favorite to than any of the questions we see State Boards. The ban on the weapon; at the same time, he regathered into a two-volume set that sells add to your spiritual library. Many thanks closed shop is relaxed at least to tains the election to deauthorize for \$5,00. The work has lost nothing of its to Father LeBuffe for making this new edi-

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New York — (NC)— The fate of many good people have taken the

MOST REV. JAMES E. KEARNEY, the world depends on who fills attitude of "Let George do it" Momber of the Audit the Rev. James Keller, M. M., vital jobs have fallen into the states in his newest Christopher hallons. Subscriber to National Catholic Foods. "Careers That Change Wolfare Conference Your World," published here by Doubleday and Company.

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MSGR. SHEEN WRITES.

Re-Examinine Christianity

The Twentieth Century is busily rescuing from the waste-basket of discarded and obsolete ideas the many precious Christian truths which the Nineteenth Centry threw into it. Now that paganism has been tried and found wanting, the world is at last prepared to re-examine Christianity and to discover anew its profound depth and mystery.

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later discov-

Men today are still, some of them, seeking in the novel and the untried for satisfactions which only the perennial truths will give. Their hearts ment as filmsy, man-made beliefs cannot provide. Their spirits cannot thrive without a fare that includes faith-a living faith that will bridge the broad gulf between knowledge and action, between the ideal in the mind and life as it is

Joy belongs to the Christian dispensation. His millions of homes in our tabernacles; the what they are and what they are and what they by its constant reminder that Many moderns are depressed fire without true knowledge.

> Truth became man. There was not action first, fol- aim at it.

lowed by knowledge: there was first Truth and then the living-Every nation, every age and condition, God and to make their own that peace which "Love your enemies," and then, on the Cross, realized this in-

ability to make sound practical judgments or to counsel others. Christianity teaches us the dig-

nity of the body - that it is not to be desecrated through carnal license, but honored as a shrine

CONTEMPT FOR the body ment upon this vile hody." Muretus indignantly answered him. "How dare you call that body vile for which my Lord deigned to die "

The intellectuals of our day oners and murder defenseless table of the man who set out in men; but it is only shocked at a row . boat such things because Christianity from his Eng- has taught it to prize the indilish home to vidual man is infinitely precious. explore distant America's Point IV program, our places; he constant contributions to the landed on a needy men and women of forstrange and eign lands are all off-shoots of fascinating a Christian tenderness for the shore, studied weak which is unknown to pagan the fauna and philosophies. flora with the

Christianity heals the unhapgreatest interpiness that comes from giving the body either too high or too ered that the land he had ex it also teaches the mind how to keep order within its house for if the reason is not humbled, in its sophomoric conceit, it will fall prev to egotism and rest contented with the small knowledge which it imagines to be wis-

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

moral excellence exceeds all knowledge and that it is better to know less living virtuously practice vice

Christianity does not confuse education with goodness, nor evil with ignorance - it knows that evil comes from the will, from Word became Flesh," the Divine ways so It is one thing to see a target, and another thing to

> When men live with no interior life, no understanding of their own natures, they are headed for one of two deathstions: despair or conversion.

A modern psychiatrist seeing the problem entitled one of his books, "Modern Man in Search

#### 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's 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 the Young Son The peace ours have not won; Let prayer succeed the gun In this thy hour!

Lady of Lina 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 'nois who die Bring peace at hand' H. C. MILLS

or any Church body. POPE ST CELESTINE V VACATED THE THRONE IN 1294 An Anchor was used To represent the CROSS to represent in Communication Commu of CHRIST in Catacomb of chers in Catacomb
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THE POPE IS FREE TO ABDICATE

without the consent of the Cardinals

The word NUN is derived from NONNA, the feminine form of

the Latin NONNUS, an old man.

LYING ON HIS BACK ON SCAFFOLDING, LABORED TWO YEARS PRINTING ME CEILING OF THE SISTING CHAPEL FOR LONG AFTERWARDS HE COULD NOT BEND SUFFICIENTLY TO SEE HIS OWN PIET !