

Editorials

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R. I. P.—Reverend Emmett F. Magee

A priestly career of twenty-nine years ended last Monday in the death of the Rev. Emmett F. Magee, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church of Spencerport. Born and raised in Auburn, Father Magee attended St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary and was ordained in June, 1922. His first thirteen years as a priest were spent as assistant at Corpus Christi Parish. In 1935 he was appointed to St. Michael's Church of Lyons, and in 1942 he was appointed Pastor of St. John's Church at Spencerport.

sick, his care for the aged and dying helped many a soul on its way toward Heaven. To his spiritual qualifications he added a business sense which is still evident in the fine financial condition of the parishes over which he presided.

Bishop and Clergy and people will mourn the loss of our dearly beloved brother in Christ. Called at a relatively early age, he has fulfilled a ministry that usually would be measured by priestly work covering many more years.

Animated by the love of God, filled with the love of his brethren, Father Magee was a pleasing personality, a tried and true friend to all. To his sorrowing father and other members of his household we extend our deep sympathy and our promise of prayers for his priestly soul. His memory shall be in benediction, particularly to the parishioners of St. John's Church of Spencerport. May he rest in peace!

Joy For The Sisters Of Mercy

With the offering of a Pontifical Mass of dedication by Bishop Kearney on last Monday, the stately new chapel of the Sisters of Mercy was consecrated to a career of service for years to come.

The Mass was offered in honor of Our Lady of Mercy and praised her for her work in winning souls from the slavery of paganism. The prayer meant much to all the Sisters of Mercy, past, present and future, because it reflects so clearly the mercy they have shown to the sick, the training they have given to the very young, the higher education they have sponsored for uncounted thousands of young Catholics. Their influence will always be a potent factor in delivering from all the dangers of modern

paganism the souls of our beloved youth.

It was a day of joy for all the Sisters of Mercy. Veterans of many years standing in the Order joined with the professed Sisters of younger age and with the most recent graduates from the Novitiate. Friends of the Sisters, parents of pupils whom they have trained in grammar and high school, were present in numbers along with priests from practically every parish in the Diocese to give added joy to this happy occasion.

May the beauty and spirituality of this splendid Chapel be an inspiration to many a girl who asks for and follows faithfully a vocation to this dedicated life as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy!

True Americans

There have been millions of true Americans. Our Founding Fathers laid down the principles that have guided our people in every age into American lines of thought and action. They will have millions of followers in the years ahead; but among all the great Americans, Washington and Lincoln stand forth as admirable models of all that good to make a True American.

Humble faith in God as Creator of all men, willing acknowledgment of the equality of all men before God, public profession of the right of all men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, are written indelibly into our Declaration of Independence and are developed in detail in the Constitution of the United States.

The True American is one who is guided by American principles. Surely the spirit of Washington, Abraham Lincoln, hovers in this month of February over all our citizens. Americans of every belief, of every type of national origin, of every walk in life, vie with one another in their love of the brethren and in their zeal to show justice and charity in their dealings with other Americans.

Religious hatred, pagan-like yearnings for the persecution of Catholics, Protestants, Jews are the mark of men who are not True Americans. May Washington and Lincoln guide and direct us to the real spirit of brotherhood, which is the right of all our millions of True Americans.

Let Us Build!

Faith in God, an intense consciousness of God's goodness, with an accompanying realization of God's gifts to man, call for a worthy expression. Peter and James and John were not content to look on Jesus and Moses and Elias and to hear the words that passed between them. They wanted to give living expression of their joy in the Lord, their love and respect for the writings of Moses and the prophecies of Elias, by building tabernacles in their honor. Let Us Build! Let us make ready three edifices dedicated to the honor and glory of God and to the veneration of Moses and Elias.

Let Us Build! Men in every age have been prompted to build for the Lord. Men first built altars of sacrifice, perhaps in the great outdoors; later they erected buildings of ever increasing scope and beauty.

David longed to build a Temple for the Lord; Solomon carried through to the finish his purpose expressed in the words: "Let us build." The second Temple of Jerusalem, the one in which Our Lord was presented, in which He spoke at the age of twelve, from which He drove the buyers and sellers, was the work of faithful followers of Jehovah, who in their zeal to our Lord cried

out, "Let us build."

Let Us Build! How zealously and how faithfully have Catholics of each new generation made use of this expression to indicate their intention to honor God by churches in every part of the world, dedicated to His honor and glory. The great Vatican Basilica in Rome stands as a model of every church. Its magnificence is closely followed in the great Temples of our famous cities. Its sanctity is reflected in even the humblest Chapel erected by the hands of man.

How our own Diocese has imitated the great builders of old in the number and excellence of the church edifices it has erected in the past few years! Let Us Build! Just as the faith of Christ continues, just as the love of God's Sacraments and God's words comes down from generation to generation, so does the Church of today cry out in all of its members: "Let Us Build!"

And every Catholic who has been privileged to help build a church to God continues to hear at all times the voice of the Father sounding over every such shrine: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him."

Look At Labor

By A. C. Tuohy

The railroad industry is fast becoming a "hot" industry in the eyes of the laborer. It is the most turbulent of the past four years. Unless some solution is found, the pattern of conflict which has characterized the coal industry for these many years threatens to be duplicated throughout the rail yards of the country.

This is an unfortunate development for many reasons, not the least of which is the importance of railroading to the American economy. It is regrettable also because for so many years collective bargaining and the railroad was a model for never and how nature industries.

Hysteria adds, it must be remembered, that the railroad industry is among the most conservative and respected unions in the country. By comparison with some of the Brotherhood leaders many Republicans could be called names. If, therefore, they were to be struck at this time, they would be called traitors and Moscow sympathizers.

IT IS TRYING to analyze the modern "baiting" of the railroad workers themselves. It is good to know something about them. For

the most part, they are mature men, who have given many years of their lives to railroading. Any one of them could pass for our father or older brother.

These men have a great deal of pride and independence, are rugged and fearless, have worked on their jobs when working conditions were hazardous and the pay poor. Many of them have been denied the privilege of a normal family life, since they spend so much of their time on the road. They are hardly youths walking around with a chip on their shoulder.

Nor can they be called impatient irresponsible men. Their wages and working conditions have not improved to the same extent as the steel and auto workers. They still work forty-eight and more hours, when other workers work forty. Some of their antiquated working rules impose hardships on them that would not be tolerated in strongly organized heavy industry. Then, too, the mechanization of railroading has made many of them fearful for their jobs.

The present dispute has gone on for several years and has become involved in the quagmire of politics, as if the econ-

omic and social issues were not complicated enough.

With wage freezes a present reality, the chances are that the grievances of the workers would be lost in the shuffle. Every one from Charles Wilson down has recognized these grievances, but no one has given any assurance that they would be solved in the next two years, any more than the railroads have agreed to solve them satisfactorily in the last two years.

IF EVER an industry needed an industry council to solve these and future problems, the railroad industry does. The Railway Labor Act is not working, no will it work under present conditions. An Industry Council composed of representatives of the carriers, labor members, and public (not necessarily government) members, might work more effectively.

At the present time unresolved disputes lead to the picket line. An industry council could be organized, in which the workers would have some voice and which would serve the common good of the industry rather than the interests of private parties.

If the Industry Council System is ever to be tried in this country, the railroad industry would be a good place for experiment.

MOSCOW DICTIONARY: People's Court



Gretta Palmer

Trying to save the English language from corruption is one of the more tiresome tasks of honest men in days like ours. Even the A. U. T. League, in an official statement issued within the last three years, actually swept aside the definition of "censor" given in any dictionary then available as "out of date."

Words, according to this concept, have an obsolescence rivaling that of typewriters or women's hats. There is a 1951-model "democracy," and a 1952-model "freedom" is presumably in the drawing-board stage.

Words thus have become expendable; a politician who discovers that "liberty" is a tear-jerker with the public, can tear it up and replace it with "freedom," even when he is urging us to imitate the practices of a slave state. Sometimes the switch is made so brazenly that the public readily catches on: the phrase, "the truly democratic elements of" any country, is now pretty generally recognized as the left-wing euphemism for the sympathizers of the Soviets. "Peace" is another word which also is known frequently to be twisted, as used by Red propagandists. It always means surrender to Soviet demands.

THE LATEST word to be the subject of a direct attack is "heresy." Blandly putting aside

all the precise definitions of its meaning—the meticulous distinctions drawn by theologians between heresy of the material and formal sorts—the liberal writer, Carey McWilliams, has come up with a brand-new, latest-model, jet-propelled "heresy," equipped with a brand-new, automatic escape-hatch.

His book, Witch Hunt, was recently given a sympathetic review in the New York Herald Tribune by one Vern Countryman, who told us:

"Mr. McWilliams understands the theory and the technique of

heresy hunting as few do today. He has followed it through "loyalty programs," un-American committees and university purges. From the records of these various proceedings he argues that the belief in heresy is a belief that there are good ideas and bad ideas and that problems are merely the result of bad ideas. The belief in heresy is a form of intellectual predestination utterly incompatible with a belief in freedom. The more we yield to the anti-Communist hysteria, the more we minimize the differences between democracy and Communism, the more we are compelled to borrow and apply the methods of the police state."

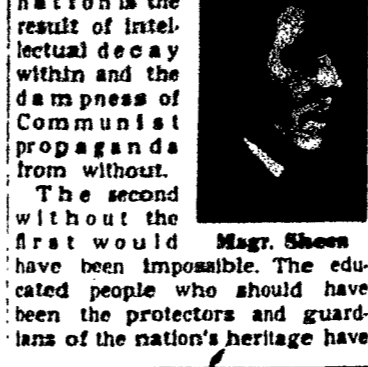
NOW THE most arresting portion of this fascinating excerpt is the Herald-Tribune reviewer finds it quite normal and acceptable that Mr McWilliams should

Monsignor Sheen

Thirty-seven out of every one hundred people in the world today are under the domination of the Communists. The land that occupies one-fifth of the earth's surface today controls over one-third of the living.

The outstanding feature of this tyranny over souls is that it has been achieved to a great extent without the Russian soldiers ever crossing their borders. The conquest has been effected through boring from within, or through the tactics of the Trojan Horse.

As rust in iron is due to an internal factor of decay and the outer factor of moisture, so too, Communist infiltration in a nation is the result of intellectual decay within and the dampness of Communist propaganda from without.



War of Words Leads To War of Ideas

Magr. Sheen have been impossible. The educated people who should have been the protectors and guardians of the nation's heritage have

arrive at his definition of "heresy" from studying loyalty programs and university purges. It is interesting to find the semantic alchemists trying to pervert the meaning of the word instead of the more forthright and appropriate term of "reason."

To theological illiterates—a class comprising at least 85 percent of the general public—the word "heresy" is a pretty cloudy thing at best. It is words like this, which are floating about, loose from their moorings, which can be captured and given a new 1951 significance in many minds, if we are not alert.

BUT WHAT on earth even Mr. McWilliams can mean by calling a belief in heresy "a form of intellectual predestination" time will have to teach us. Is "predestination" being groomed for a new meaning, too? Its stodgy, unimaginative definition in Webster's... "to be destined beforehand" throws no light whatsoever on the meaning of this baffling phrase. Perhaps "predestination" is predestined to be given a new, unfavorable connotation in the 1952 fashion show of words.

Mr. McWilliams does not recognize "good ideas" or "bad ideas." But he and those who share his attitude are no amateurs in their choice of "good words" and "bad words." Nor are they restrained in such a choice by previous usage. And this can be a very serious thing.

The war of words leads to the war of ideas. And the war of ideas prefaces the war of bullets and bombs. And if we wish to win, we had better, here and now, lock the dictionary door before the words like "heresy" are stolen.

Submission

Out of the realm of all existence Thou hast created me: To know, love and serve Thee With all my entity. Out of the endless tribes Adamic With days timed upon the earth Thou hast forged for me a soul Intense with immortal worth.

As Thou saw it fit and proper To make this being mine, I accept it; but for safe-keeping Regive it to be Thine. I trust not in free-will; Thy slave, rather, would I be To taste within this life The rewards of eternity.

—H. C. MILLS

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Peace Will Come Neither From The 'Right' Nor 'Left'

If it be inquired as to who will be the leaders if the intelligentsia are repudiated, the answer is, the spiritual-minded men. For two centuries the world has been trying to solve its problems, both under Capitalism and Communism, on the basis of the question: "What do I possess?"

But this problem of how to increase possessions will give way under spiritual leaders to the question: "What am I, and how can I perfect myself?"

THE OLDER slavery concentrated on men's bodies, the new slavery attacks their souls. That is why the intelligentsia were needed—to mould by psychological restraints. But the day is coming when the remnant that have not succumbed to Communism, will arise to affirm that they have souls to save, then will civilization be reborn.

Peace will come neither from the "right" nor the "left." On the "right" are the sleepers; on the "left" are the dreamers. But in the center are those who stay awake in obedience to the Divine Command: "Watch and Pray!"

'Dignity of Man'



The above poster, issued to publicize the projects and programs of a state council of the Knights of Columbus, has for its theme "The Dignity of Man." It was suggested by the chaplain, Very Rev. Thomas A. Brandon, O.S.C., Vicar General of the Crosier Fathers in the United States. The sketch was designed by James J. Russell, Catholic Activities Chairman of the Indiana State Council, K. of C. It will appear on all council stationery, posters, book marks, prayer cards and all publicity material.

Lenten Regulations

1. All the days of Lent, except Sundays, are fast days. The Lenten fast ends at noon on Holy Saturday.

2. All between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusively are obliged to fast, except the sick and convalescent; women in delicate health and condition; those to whom fasting would cause grave injury to health, or produce such illness or exhaustion as would interfere with their daily duties; and those whose occupations are of a very laborious and exhausting nature. Those who doubt whether they are excused or not should consult their confessor.

3. Those obliged to fast may take only one full meal a day. This meal may be taken either at noon or in the evening. The law also permits a light breakfast as well as a lunch at midday or in the evening. No other food is allowed.

4. During Lent every Wednesday (except the Wednesday in Holy Week), every Friday, the second Saturday and Holy Saturday until noon are days of abstinence. However, by special privilege of the Holy See, working people and their families are obliged to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday, Fridays and Holy Saturday until noon. On all other days of abstinence those of the family who are obliged to fast may eat meat at their principal meal; those not obliged to fast may eat meat at any of their meals.

5. Those who are excused from fasting or abstinence during Lent should practice self-denial in some other way.

6. In all Churches having a resident pastor there will be a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings, and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Pastors in charge of two churches will give a sermon in each church during the week.

7. Parish parties or similar activities on the church premises are to cease during Lent.

8. The time for complying with the precept of Paschal Communion extends from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

+ JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

On Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, and on St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17, the Most Reverend Bishop grants to the faithful of the Diocese a dispensation from the Lenten law of fast and abstinence.