

Editorials

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Christ With Us

Christ's activities on earth did not end with His Resurrection and Ascension. Rather, these activities had their real beginning when Christ ascended into Heaven.

because of Christ. The world is constantly sided toward a career of holiness because the Risen Christ dwells in His Church.

Christ with us! Christ remains with His Church. Christ continues to act on the world through His Church. Christ speaks to us and inspires us through His Church.

Every day, every age enjoys the continuing application of the wisdom of Christ and the mercy of Christ to all human conditions.

The world is Christian today because of Christ. Men and women lead Christian lives

Our Brother's Keeper

The spirit of Cain sought to escape responsibility for his brother's welfare. "Am I my brother's keeper?" The spirit of Christ

ricula of studies will be provided to meet the needs of the new school body. Catholics will want to help Bishop Kearney in this new project

Bishop Kearney announces the opening of a new Catholic school for retarded children in the building of Our Lady of Victory School on Andrews Street.

Father Mahoney, Superintendent of Schools, will seek needed funds for the new work in a drive to be undertaken during the next fortnight.

Our Catholic Women's Club

Four Bishops of Rochester have found in the Catholic Women's Club a source of ready help in caring for charitable, social, cultural and religious interests in the Episcopal city.

its sponsoring of Camp Madonna for girls at Canandaigua Lake, its religious and educational projects and its ready response to every call of religion and charity

Its members have grown from year to year, until today it is a real cross-section of Catholic womanhood in Rochester.

The Annual Dinner of the Club paid honor to Bishop Kearney as its Patron and afforded the Bishop a welcome opportunity to tell the officers and members of his appreciation for the splendid example of Catholicity in action they are giving.

Our Lady Of The Valley

The first unit of the Trappists quietly arrived last week in the Genesee Valley. They came to establish a firm and abiding foundation of what St. Benedict called "A City of God on earth."

No history of the Genesee Valley would be complete without mention of the name of Mary Jemison. The tremendous influence exercised by this woman is well known, and she is remembered as "The White Woman of the Genesee."

These men of penance and prayer lead a life made sweet through sacrifice. While truly mindful of their own salvation, they forget not sinners in a sinful world.

To this Mary the new monastery will be dedicated under the title of "OUR LADY OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE GENESSEE VALLEY." From this new shrine of the Mother of God, Salva Regina after Salvo Regina will echo and re-echo in the Valley in praise of Jesus and Mary.

The coming of this cloistered order into our diocese will bring untold blessing for our clergy and laity as well as for our community and country.

May these prayers fill and make smooth for all the "valley of tears" of the prayer, "Hail, Holy Queen," and may God's grace crown with success the efforts and labors of these men whose motto is and who are giving "All for Jesus through Mary with a smile."

Joy In Christ

Joy belongs to the Risen Christ. Joy belongs to all His children. Chief among these were His Apostles. They shared with Christ a career of sorrow and suffering.

belongs to the Church of Christ. Its earliest Apostles went forth bravely to preach the Gospel of the Risen Saviour. They had joy in this Gospel because of its power to bring grace and salvation to the souls of men.

Because the foundation of their joy was a lasting one, their joy also was to remain as a permanent possession. "Your joy no man shall take from you."

Day after day gave them new occasions for joy in the large number of converts won to the faith of Christ. Surrounded by privations and hardships, subjected to persecution and suffering, they could find in their hearts no room for lasting sorrow because of the joy of the Risen Christ that dwelt permanently within them.

Joy belongs to Christ. Joy

Ireland Increases Aid To Missions

WASH. (NC)—Almost every diocese in Ireland has increased its annual contributions to the work for the propagation of the Faith. Canon Fitzgerald of the Dublin diocese, president of the Irish Missionary Council, told a meeting of the National Council of the Propagation of the Faith here.

Yank Soldier's Gift In Japan Wins Conversion

Kyoto, Japan — (NC) — An unidentified American soldier's gift to a Japanese worker three years ago has been instrumental in the conversion of a young girl here.

"This girl met some soldiers on a street car not long ago," reports the Rev. John C. Murrett, Maryknoll Missioner from Buffalo, N.Y. "After staring at the Miraculous Medal she wore, she reached into the folds of her kimono and pulled out a similar medal. She explained that an American soldier had given it to her brother three years ago. She had been wearing it ever since, without knowing what it meant."

When the Sisters finished explaining the medal's significance, the girl decided to learn more about their religion. She went to a parish church regularly for doctrine instruction, and recently was baptized Catholic.

"Today Catherine is one of the most enthusiastic workers in our Legion of Mary," says Father Murrett. "But I don't suppose that generous GI will know this until he hears it in Heaven."

Gretta Palmer

Winning Friends For the Church

A good Catholic may make many converts—but hardly by example alone. Unless he talks about the Faith, and unless he prays for the conversion of those outside the Faith, he is apt to lose his winning universal admiration but no souls.

Gretta Palmer A bad Catholic keeps nobody out of the Faith, unless he distorts the Church's teachings in his talk—and a good Catholic may effect the very same salutary result if he misrepresents the Faith and makes the Church seem other than she is.

BAD THEOLOGY scares away far more converts than bad conduct: no one imagines that becoming a Catholic would make him identical with some other Catholic. But everyone wants to know what sins the Church would force him to give up.

A bit of bad theology appeared in the newspapers the day after the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. condemned "the so-called 'innocent' forms of gambling, such as legalized racetrack wagers, betting on athletic events, lotteries, bingo and the like."

That is the kind of statement which is apt to make modern men and women stay away from the churches in droves. It is suggestive of the prudishness and Puritanism identified with the very word "religion" in many pagan circles today.

It fortifies the suspicion felt by many people that Christianity is a spillover and a killjoy that it would be dangerous to come too close to any body of Christians because they would immediately "deprive me of all my fun." And the use of the word "Christian" in such phrases as "Women's Christian Temperance Union" or the NCCUSA has made a whole generation priest-hate.

PAGANS of our age cannot distinguish between Catholic and sectarian principles. They have a vague notion that whatever any Christian believes, a Catholic believes too—only more so. They think that if a \$2 bet on a horse makes Baptists and Methodists raise their eyebrows, it will spell hell fire to a priest.

And since they cannot themselves see anything sinful in bingo or betting, they decide that all Christians, Catholic and Protestant alike, are victims of a strange frenzy or letting anyone enjoy himself in a normal human way.

Our apologists are made very difficult by the fact that the Puritans in America have hung a tag that spells "sin" on so many things that are not sins at all.

A whole generation associates the cheerful word "Christian" with drabness and dreary hymn-singing and with mixed memories of the Scopes trial in Tennessee—in which they imagine, someone or other showed that Christianity was a quaint anachronism in our day.

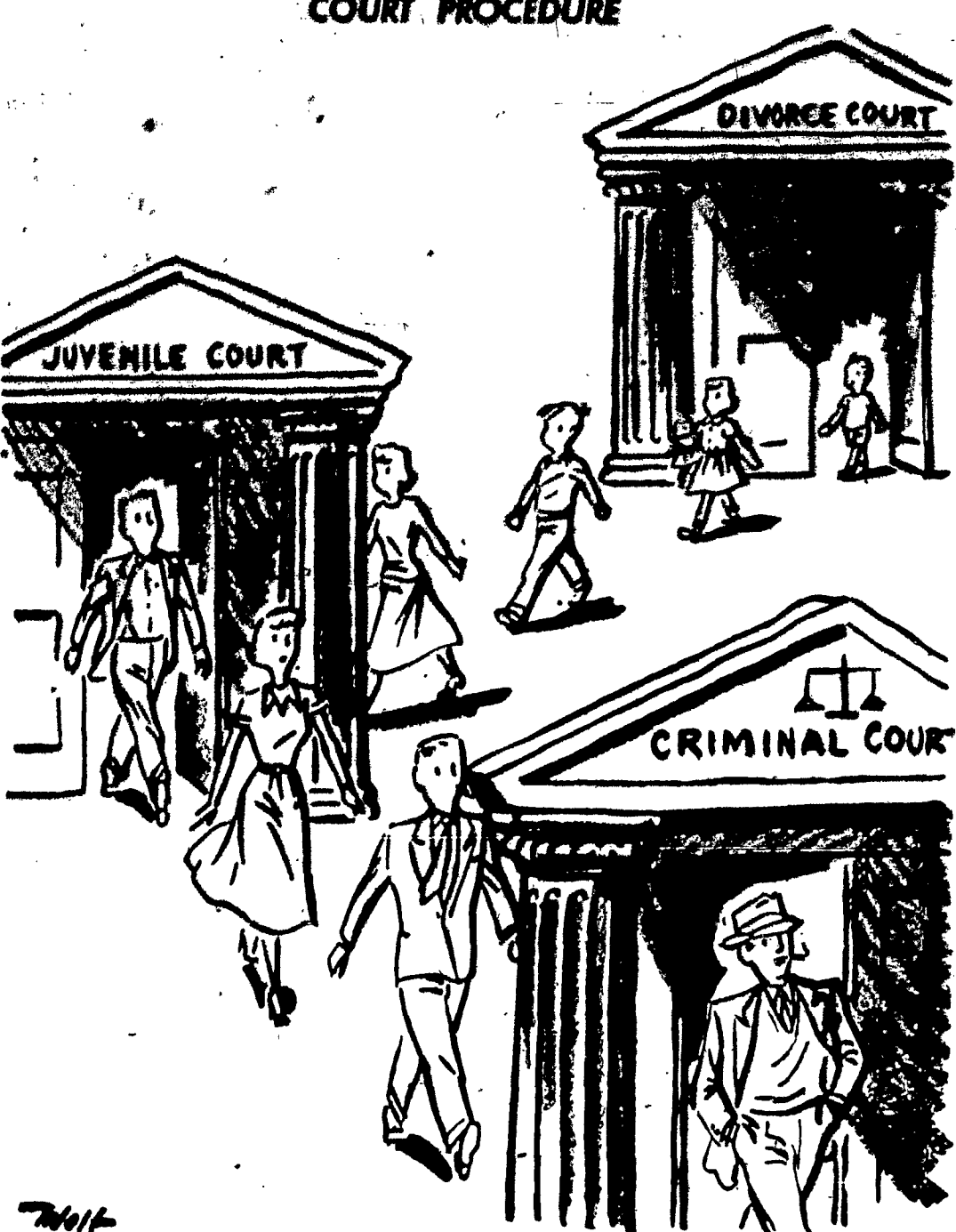
GAMBLING is not a sin. Making love is not a sin. Drinking a cocktail is not a sin. Smoking a cigarette is not a sin. Sunday baseball is not a sin—and neither is dancing nor laughter nor bright-colored clothes. To say so will win more friends for the Church than almost any other apologetic in our age.

Nobody who is decently humble objects to the company of sinners—he has spent all of his life among sinners and liked them fine. But a great many moderns are terrified of finding themselves in the company of sinners.

And the convert-to-be is not nearly as apt to ask, "Are these Catholics good enough for me to join them?" as the humbler question, "Are Catholics' standards so rigorous that they would never let me in?" They aren't and we might say so often.

Venezuela Priests Caracas, Venezuela — (NC) — The need for more priests in Latin American countries is so great that Archbishop Luca Guilhermo Castellio of this See has called on the faithful to pray for more of them.

COURT PROCEDURE



Monsignor Sheen

During the past year the Soviet Union used up 40% of the speaking time in the United Nations while the United States used only 4%.

In these loquacious moments and in the deliverance of their press the Russian people and the Soviet government are one. As evidence they submit that practically all elections show the same Ivory Soap purity of ninety-nine and forty-four one hundredths percent in favor of the Communist regime.

Many new notions have been introduced which are in contradiction with one another; for example, the egalitarianism in which everyone is equal because a "comrade" has developed into a hierarchy wherein Generals wear ten medals one for breaking each of the Ten Commandments—while Stalin himself wears more gold braid than Admiral in "Pinefort" and calls himself a Marshal.

Furthermore, the original adoration of the masses has also been abandoned in favor of personal merit wherein the proletariat is disinherited.

THESE AND many other changes are much more significant than is generally suspected. Despite the mechanized propaganda, the psychological conditions for accepting the Soviet system are not the same as in the days of Lenin.

Then the doctrine was novel and had the great appeal of expectancy and hope, the same as it has in China now. But in Russia today, the doctrine is already old and there is no hope. The people can no longer be told how Communism will work. They know how it does not work. The leaders themselves do not believe their own propaganda as did the followers of Lenin.

In addition to the scepticism of the masses there is the more serious rupture developing between the political clique and the intellectual elite.

THE POLITICAL leaders are of the old Marxist school, trained in police methods with no knowledge whatever except their Marxist indoctrination and its facile

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A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuohy

Unionization of New York Policemen

The opposition of Mayor Impellitteri and Police Commissioner Murphy of New York City to the unionization of policemen is not something new among public officials. Commissioner Murphy based his position on three arguments:

(1) A cop could not belong to a union and remain loyal to his public trust; (2) a cop has nothing to gain from trade unionism; (3) anyway, Mike Quill, who threatens to form a policemen's union, is no good.

If the fight against this unionization program in New York was based solely upon rational argumentation and an evaluation of the pros and cons of the subject, even the most rabid pro-labor supporter would have little to criticize, except the arguments in question. Unfortunately, Commissioner Murphy introduced into his speech before a Protestant Community Breakfast a note of hysteria and intimidation when he inferred that if the New York policemen organized, some of them might lose their jobs.

It seems to me that the position of the New York public authorities beclouds, rather than clarifies, the whole question. Trade unionism of its essence substitutes collective bargaining for individual bargaining. It represents an attempt by workers to obtain better conditions of employment collectively when individual and private efforts have failed.

Certainly no one can object to policemen seeking to improve their working conditions by collective negotiation rather than by graft, lobbying, sinister political influence, and behind-the-door machinations.

Since even policemen possess the dignity of free human beings, it is right and proper that they have some voice in the determination of the conditions under which they work. Otherwise, they are deprived of fundamental rights guaranteed by law to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker.

TO MAINTAIN that collective bargaining by policemen over conditions of employment would tend to encourage disloyalty and public derelict is incredible. Certainly, depressed wages and unsolved grievances plus political favoritism is more conducive to bad police morale than trade unionism.

As far as the strike weapon is concerned, no one in his right mind contemplates the possibility of such action. Policemen may not strike, but this is no reason why they cannot organize for purposes of collective bargaining.

As far as impartiality in labor disputes is concerned, it seems to me that it is the function of the police department to so indoctrinate and train its employees that impartiality becomes unlikely. As a matter of fact, if policemen have been partial to anyone, the course of labor disputes, they have been partial to employers.

The disloyalty argument has been used constantly in our history against the organization of workers, of foremen and supervisors, and of civil servants. The wildest fears of employers and government officials never have been realized in other instances; why should they be realized in the case of unionized policemen?

Firemen, policemen and other government workers belong to unions in other places without disrupting public order by strikes and picket lines. Are policemen to be trusted less than other citizens? Are they less conscious of their social obligations?

EVEN IF A policemen's union did not immediately reap rich financial rewards for its members, its existence would be necessary and justified merely on the basis of grievances adjusted. Human dignity requires that injuries and injustices to workers be rectified and adjudicated fairly, charitably, and expeditiously.

Certainly cops have grievances, and up to now they have to depend on the local ward heeler, quadruplet state farmer and departmental insider, all of which are geared to protect the powerful official rather than the simple traffic officer.

Commissioner Murphy is on more solid ground when he questions the propriety of Mike Quill being the leader of a policemen's union. This is really a debatable subject. Had he made Quill the sole subject of debate, he might have been entitled to a better hearing. But it occurs to this writer that Murphy would oppose any union leader no matter how qualified, temperate, and socially responsible.