

Editorials

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Bishops' Charity Appeal

Our people have an opportunity in the Bishops' Relief Collection on next Sunday to minister to their needy brethren in Europe and the Eastern Countries. The Bishops' Relief Fund is placed each year in the custody of the Holy Father to purchase food and drink, clothing and shelter for hundreds of thousands who still suffer from the effects of the last war.

Commentators continually tell us that great portions of the world suffer from undernourishment in the best of times they have not sufficient food. Driven from their homes, deprived of their ordinary means of making a living, the unfortunate victims of conditions following the war look to the Holy Father for needed help.

The Holy Father has not failed them in the past, nor will he in the future. The Catholic people in the United States, answering the annual appeal of their Bishops, enable Pope Pius XII to find homes for many

thousands more. The charity of Christ prompts us to be generous in ministering charity to our needy brethren. God's blessings in constant abundance have been with us. Prosperity is present in every part of our country. God's goodness to us will remind us that He wants us to be good to our brethren.

Our generous gift to the Bishops' Relief Fund next Sunday will go to form part of the total amount dedicated to European and Eastern Relief. The Relief Envelopes is already in our hands. Bishop Kearney's message has come to us, and with a prayer for our suffering brethren in every part of the world we prepare a gift for all in need.

As we assist at Holy Mass on next Sunday we add to our devotion a note of sacrifice in the worthwhile donation we drop in the basket for the benefit of the hungry and the homeless in Europe and the Eastern Countries.

False Teeth And Specs

The lofty ideals of the Labor Government in England are sinking to a new low. Community of goods to a great extent, free medical care, free hospitalization have headed the list of services the Labor Government has been extending to all its people.

There has been over these Labor years a shortage of food in England. People have been called upon to tighten their belts. Criticism of socialism-medicine has come both from patients and doctors. The Labor Government with its high ideals has weathered every conflict, but now it seems to be on the verge of falling from power because of the argument over False Teeth and Spectacles.

Labor Minister Bevan has resigned from the Cabinet. A new election seems to be in order which may spell doom for the Labor Government.

There are no statistics to indicate a general decay of natural teeth and a breaking down of earlier plates and dentures. Perhaps low quality food gives more wear and tear to

artificial than to natural teeth. At any rate the Government refuses to furnish any more free false teeth. Perhaps a good pair of glasses will help a man get a better view of the men in the reduced size prescribed by the rationing rules. But the Government refuses to furnish glasses free.

Today the Labor Government faces the greatest crisis of its career and all because of False Teeth and Spectacles. The loss of a great battle was once traced to its beginning in the loss of a horseshoe nail.

May the impending change in social service to its people enable a new Government to minister wisely and fully to every need of the English people. Buying their own false teeth should help their appetites. Paying for their own glasses should help them to a better view of the things God provides for them in their country. Many and varied are the reasons that have brought about the fall of Governments. The Labor Government is the first to blame its fall on False Teeth and Spectacles.

A Dream Emerging

A drive over the East Avenue-Fairport Road enables one to catch a first view of the new St. John Fisher College. Foundations have been laid, steel work has been installed and the side walls are rising in stately dignity toward the sky.

The president, the Very Rev. John Murphy, O.S.B., is supervising the work of construction with the assistance of the Rev. Francis Ruth, O.S.B. The faculty has been appointed; registrations in large numbers are being made for the opening in September. The first Catalogue of our new Men's College has been published and sent to those interested. Young men from local schools and many from points more or less distant are being enrolled for the first classes.

The people of the Rochester Diocese are very happy to see close to realization the hopes and plans they have cherished for this new project. Each new view shows the edi-

fice growing toward completion. The Basilian Fathers are adding new hours of study to the preparation they already have made for conducting this School for Men.

The new building will stand as a lasting expression of thanks to all who have helped to build it. Benefactors in all walks of life have given generously that our boys may have a college worthy of its great Patron, St. John of Rochester. Many pledges have been paid in full. Many payments continue to be made looking toward an early fulfillment of the promised pledge.

Hopes realized in the accomplished erection of the first college buildings will prompt new registrations and also will prompt every benefactor to place in Father Murphy's hands all amounts still due. Future years will find the visitors of today reminiscing on the joy they have in seeing the gradual approach to perfection of the new St. John Fisher College.

In My Name

Christ exhorts His Apostles to use His authority and His invitation in praying to the Father—"In My Name." Christ makes no limited promise that the Father will answer prayers said in His Name. He makes His promise unlimited to include every petition they would make. The Father will give them anything that they ask in the Name of Christ.

Christ has included here all the conditions that belong to prayer. He knows that His followers will pray with attention, their minds on what they are saying, with the humble sense of their dependence on God, with a great de-

sire of the favor they ask from God, with full trust in God's goodness, with perseverance. Through these conditions they make their prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Christians will be careful not to change Christ's promise. Superstitious persons, unworthy of the name of Christians, will strive to add their own limitations and extensions to the promise of Christ. Christ promised to answer every prayer. He did not limit His promise to prayers said over nine days or thirty days.

Where Christ has placed no limit, we should not attempt to place one or to allow others to prescribe limits for us. Trust our prayers shall be heard.

Look At Labor

If management has accomplished anything in its long American development, it has learned to identify its own goals and needs with the public interest.

What is more, management has somewhat successfully indoctrinated the national community with the idea that what is bad for business is bad for the public. It is not surprising, therefore, that in any conflict between government or labor and business, initial public sympathies usually are extended to industry.

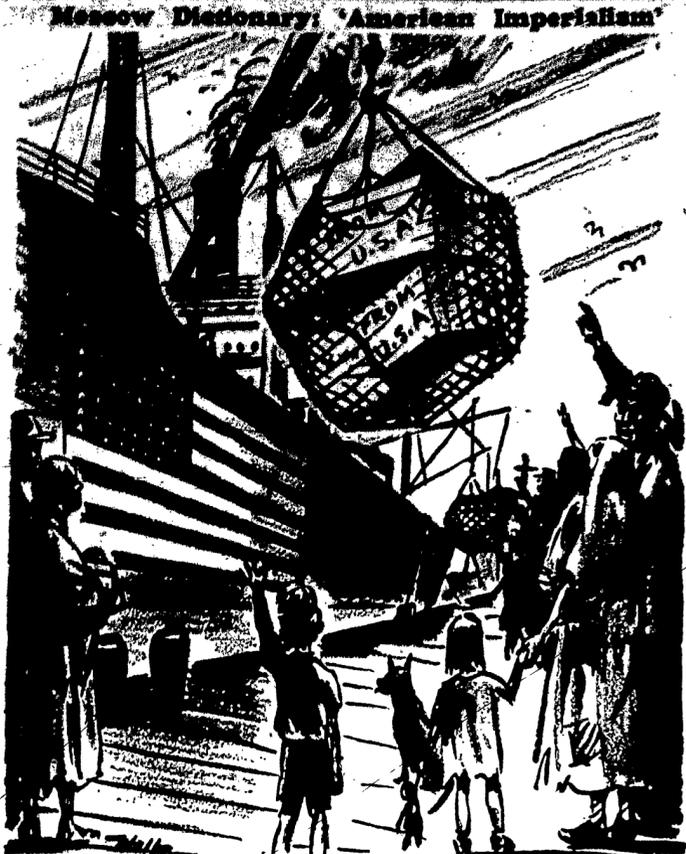
The latest conflict over the new Wage Stabilization Board is a case in point. The President's advisory board is made up of 23 members, 11 from labor and 12 from industry. The board has just issued its report. It states that the government has a right to control the price of goods and services. It also states that the government has a right to control the wages of workers.

By A. C. Tuohy

The position of industry on this point was rejected by the majority of advisory board for many reasons, reasons which, due to World War II experience, seem compelling.

IF WORKERS are to be restrained from striking for patriotic reasons, the balance of power in industry is definitely on the side of management. Consequently, grievances are bound to arise over seniority, promotions, discharges, and the like.

As such management resents the War Labor Board, labor resented it more. The rash of strikes in 1946 can be explained in great part by the feeling among American workers that for the war years industry benefited from the war to a far greater degree than workers. Not all the demands of workers can be met during mobilization, and labor, like industry, will have to forego some gains and some privileges. However, this does not mean that labor should be reduced to the status of its pre-Wagner Act servitude.



Monsignor Sheen

The chief cause in inner unhappiness is egotism or selfishness. He who gives himself importance by boasting is actually showing the credentials of his own orthodoxy. Pride is an attempt to create an impression that we are what we actually are not.

How much happier people would be if instead of exalting their ego infinitely, they reduced it to zero. They would then find the true infinite through the rarest of modern virtues: humility.

Humility is truth about yourself. A man who is six feet tall, but who says: "I am only five feet tall," is not humble. He who is a good writer is not humble if he says: "I am a scribbler." Such statements are made in order that there might be a denial and thus win praise.

Rather he would be humbler who says: "Well, whatever talent I have is a gift of God and I thank Him for it." The higher the building the deeper the foundation; the greater the moral heights to which we aspire the greater the humility. As John the Baptist said when he saw Our Lord: "I must decrease; He must increase."

Flowers humbly depart in the winter to see their mother roots. Dead to the world, they keep house under the earth in humble humility, unseen by the eyes of men. But because they humbled themselves, they are exalted and glorified in new springtime.

ONLY WHEN a box is empty can it be filled; only when the ego is deflated can God pour in His blessings. Some are already so stuffed with their own ego that it is impossible for love of neighbor or love of God to enter. By seeking their own constantly, everyone disowns them.

But humility makes us receptive to the giving of others. You could not give unless I took. It is the labor that makes the giver. So God, before He can be Giver, must find a taker. But if one is not humble enough to receive from God, then he receives nothing.

A man possessed by the devil was brought to a Father of the Desert. When the saint commanded the devil to leave, the devil asked: "What is the difference between the sheep and the goats whom the Lord will put at His right and His left Hand the day of Judgment?" The saint answered: "I am one of the goats." The Devil said: "I leave because of your humility."

Many say: "I have labored for years for others and even for God, and what did I get out of it? I am still nothing." The answer is, they have gained something; they have gained the truth of their own littleness—and of course, great merit in the next life.

One day two men were in a carriage. One said: "There is not enough room for you here in this seat." The other said: "We will love each other a little more, and then there will be room

Reducing Ego To Zero

From a spiritual point of view, he who is proud of his intelligence, talent or voice, and never thanks God for them is a robber; he has taken gifts from God and never recognized the Giver. The ears of barley which bear the richest grain always hang the lowest.

The humble man is never discouraged, but the proud man falls into despair. The humble man still has God to call upon; the proud man has only his own ego that has collapsed.

Pope Begg Donations To Bishop's War Relief Fund

With a reminder that "the homeless, the refugees and the impoverished victims of war in Europe and other parts of the world lift up their voices begging you to continue your benefactions toward them." His Holiness Pope Pius XII has appealed to the Catholics of the United States to continue their support of the Bishop's Fund for the Victims of War.

The Pontiff made his plea in a message to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, in which he paid warm tribute to efforts of the Hierarchy and their faithful, "with admirable generosity and often with great personal sacrifices . . . to better the sad lot of their less fortunate brothers and sisters."

"The need for relief and resettlement is still very great," the Pope pointed out, and "today there are large sectors of the human family in dire distress."

Goal for the drive has been set at \$5,000,000. Operations of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Bishops' far-flung overseas relief and resettlement agency, are dependent upon the success of the campaign.

Text of the Holy Father's message follows: "To Our Venerable Brethren The Archbishops and Bishops of the United States of America

"Foremost amongst the benefactors of suffering humanity during these tragic years have been the Catholics of the United States, who, through the relief organizations sponsored by you, Venerable Brethren, and through their contributions to the charities of the Holy See, have, with admirable generosity and often with great personal sacrifices, made valiant efforts to better the sad lot of their less fortunate brothers and sisters."

"In Our abiding solicitude for the material as well as for the spiritual welfare of all men, We cannot fail to derive comfort and consolation from the knowledge of the noble part that Our devoted children in the United States have played in this mission of mercy, and, from a heart full of paternal affection, We give expression once again to Our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

"You are undoubtedly aware, Venerable Brethren, that, notwithstanding the passage of time, the need for relief and resettlement is still very great, and that even today there are large sectors of the human family in dire distress. To you and to your noble-minded priests and people, the homeless, the refugees and the impoverished victims of war in Europe and other parts of the world, lift up their pleading voices begging you to continue your benefactions towards them.

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- W A Y
- 1 Tuesday — St. Charles Bernease Convent, Low Mass — 7:00 a.m.
 - St. Mary's Hospital, Nurses' Capping Ceremony — 4:00 p.m.
 - Corpus Christi, Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - St. Francis of Assisi, Family Henry for Peace — 10:00 p.m.
 - 2 Wednesday — Aquinas Institute, Bishop's Oratoricals — 8:15 p.m.
 - 3 Ascension Thursday — Aquinas Institute, Low Mass for Diocesan Catholic Students Mission Crusade — 9:30 a.m.
 - Chamber of Commerce, Address at Opening of Community Chest Campaign — 6:00 p.m.
 - 4 Friday — St. Monica's — Low Mass, the St. Monica Sodality — 8:00 a.m.
 - St. Bernard's Seminary, Students' Conference — 5:30 p.m.
 - 6 Sunday — St. Joseph's, Low Mass for the Police Holy Name Society — 6:30 a.m.
 - St. Joseph's, Solemn Mass "Coram Episcopo", State Convocation of the New York Grand Commandery, Knights of St. John — 8:00 a.m.
 - St. Monica's, Solemn Mass "Coram Episcopo" for the success of the Rochester Community Chest — 11:00 a.m.
 - St. Jerome's, East Rochester — Confirmation — 3:15 p.m.
 - St. Louis, Pittsford — Confirmation — 4:30 p.m.
 - Annunciation, Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
 - 7 Monday — Mercy High School, Annual Concert — 8:15 p.m.
 - 8 Tuesday — Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
 - 9 Wednesday — Nazareth College, May Day — Low Mass — 9:00 a.m.
 - St. Joseph's, Penfield — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - 10 Thursday — Holy Angels Home, Low Mass and Confirmation — 9:00 a.m.
 - St. John's, Greece — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - 12 Saturday — St. Joseph's, Mary's Day Mass, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae — 12 Noon.
 - 13 Pentecost Sunday — Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass — 11:00 a.m.
 - Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Adult Confirmation — 4:00 p.m.
 - Corpus Christi, Adult Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
 - 20 Sunday — St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen — Centenary Celebration — 11:00 a.m.
 - St. Mary's, Horseheads — Confirmation — 3:00 p.m.
 - St. Casimir's, Elmira — Confirmation — 4:30 p.m.
 - St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira — Graduation Exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital Training School for Nurses — 8:00 p.m.
 - 21 Monday — St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira — Low Mass for Nurse Graduates — 7:00 a.m.
 - Mercy High School, Sodality Reception — 2:30 p.m.
 - Nazareth Academy, Alumnae Banquet — 8:30 p.m.
 - 22 Tuesday — Holy Cross, Charlotte — Dedication of Wayside Shrine — 8:00 p.m.
 - 23 St. Helen's, Gales — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - 24 Thursday — Cenacle Convent, Corpus Christi Procession — 7:30 p.m.
 - 25 Friday — Academy of the Sacred Heart, Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Magdalene Sophie — 9:00 a.m.
 - St. Thomas, Irondequoit — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - 26 Saturday — Niagara Falls, Address to State Convention, Knights of Columbus.
 - 27 Sunday — St. Joseph's — Low Mass for the Firemen's Holy Name Society — 7:30 a.m.
 - St. Stanislaus, Bradford — Confirmation — 11:00 a.m.
 - St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell — Graduation Exercises — 3:00 p.m.
 - St. Cecilia's, Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
 - 28 Monday — Villa Marie Academy, New York — Commencement Address.
 - 29 Tuesday — Mercy High School, May Day — Low Mass — 9:30 a.m.
 - St. Patrick's, Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - 30 Wednesday — Sampson Air Force Base, Memorial Day Mass and Confirmation — 9:00 a.m.
 - St. John's, Fort Byron — Confirmation — 2:00 p.m.
 - St. Hyacinth's, Auburn — Confirmation — 3:15 p.m.
 - St. Michael's, Penn Yan — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
 - 31 Thursday — Nazareth Academy, May Day — Solemn Pontifical Mass — 9:30 a.m.
 - St. Dominic's, Shortsville — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.

Gretta Palmer Truth Is No Chameleon

"Why is there so strong a Communist movement in the Catholic countries of our day?" A good question, demanding a studied answer.

Men and women in Catholic countries have grown in an atmosphere of faith in absolutes. They believe that the persuasion of any demagogue who plays their heart strings prettily—for they have no unchanging principles against which his words can be judged.

But that is not the way that voters think in countries where the Catholic tradition of thought remains unbroken. There is no relativity of truth among people brought up to accept the catechism as being just as reliable a guide to truth as the multiplication table, which they learn at the same age.

AND THAT, I think, is why Communism flourishes, for the moment, in some of the most Catholic countries of the world. When a 20th-century resident of a fully-Catholic country turns from the Church, through sin and doubt and loss of faith, he seeks another absolute, another universal "truth" to replace the one he lost.

He becomes a Communist because he cannot become anything as illogical as a "liberal." He becomes a Communist because he is still a Catholic in the sense that he still knows that truth is found in dogmas, and that man was made for truth.

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