

Editorials

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Our Needy Brethren

Bishop Kearney made a good point in his opening address for the Rochester Community Chest when he contrasted community charity with State Socialism. One makes the unfortunate person a ward of the State; the other sees in him a needy brother. Every city has its Community Chest. Every city has its annual campaign for support of the Chest. The campaign for Rochester and Monroe County is now in progress.

All the Corporal Works of Mercy and many of the Spiritual Works of Mercy are covered by the Rochester Community Chest. The young and the old, the sick and the poor, individuals and family groups are all included in the Chest. Race, creed and color are all given the deepest respect in dealing with the thousands who need community care, but race, creed and color are never used as a reason for depriving any individual or any group of necessary help.

To every participating agency is given an account of the work of the Chest. After a thorough study of each agency and its needs, an estimate of what is needed is submitted by each agency and this final award is determined from a study of this estimate and the amount that can be awarded in keeping with the total raised by the Chest. Every contributor can feel that his

personal charity is given its best expression in the thousands who share in the benefits of the Community Chest.

This organized answer to every social need is nothing new in our community. It had its beginnings as a War Chest back in 1918. Its benefits were so apparent, both to contributors by confining city appeals to the one drive, and to all agencies by furnishing them a guaranteed support, that it was continued after war times as a Community Chest. Its yearly record has been a proud testimonial to the charity for our brethren that dwells in the souls of our citizens.

Increased costs affect institutions even as they affect our homes. The ten percent increase asked this year will help all our agencies to meet the higher cost of materials and services.

We show our charity to our brethren and our gratitude to the Community Chest by our contribution to the current campaign. We want every one in need to receive proper assistance. We recognize the Chest as a worthy agent for extending our help to all who need it. We welcome the current opportunity to share with our respected fellow citizens the duty of helping all in need, a duty placed upon us by Almighty God who has blessed us in so many ways.

Mother's Day

Every man looks to his mother as a special gift of God. Before the dawn of reason, a little child comes into the world and receives the most complete care and attention of the woman God has appointed as his mother. Wants that are first only physical and material soon begin to include wants that are more spiritual in their nature. Food and clothing and shelter, special attention in sickness, are on every mother's program. Moral guidance and the earliest steps in religious training must come first from the mother of a child.

Just as she teaches the little one to take his first steps in this world, so she must teach him to take his first steps on the way to God. She teaches the infant life to pray, she sanctifies the beginning of each day and she closes by turning to God. She directs the

development of her child through infancy, childhood and youth to complete manhood or womanhood. When life separates the child from her home she still follows him prayerfully with admiration and solicitude.

Mother's Day will find every son and daughter giving thanks to God for all that mother has meant to them, giving thanks to mother for her love and care and kindness down through the years. Prayers for mothers who have died, prayers and acts of devotion for mothers still living, which mark every day, should see an increase in their number and in the intensity of love which prompts them on this happy occasion. Visit your mother, honor your mother, make happy your mother on this significant occasion, Mother's Day.

Our Sacraments

All seven of the Sacraments were instituted for man to meet the principal needs of his spiritual life. By Baptism we are made children of God and heirs of heaven. The grace of Baptism is with us through life to help us do all the things that are required of a Christian. Penances and the Holy Eucharist and the other Sacraments are gifts to us in danger of death, to restore us to health or to bless our journey from earth. Holy Orders give us leaders to continue Christ's work. Matrimony joins Christians in lawful marriage, that out of holy union may come new additions to the human race.

Our hearts are made glad at this period of the year by the First Communion Classes. The little children, just at the age of reason and just at the dawn of the required knowledge of God and His goodness, approach the altar railing to receive for the first time the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. It awakens memories of our own First Holy Communion. It thrills us with joy to note the awakening in little hearts of the love of God and the realization of His goodness.

Every parish has its appointed time for the coming of the Bishop to confer Confirmation on the children. It is a happy event for all parishioners, more particularly for those to be confirmed and their parents and friends. The confirmation for adults that takes place once each year cares for those who are converts to the Catholic Faith and also for those who have not received Confirmation at the usual age.

Men and women reverently receive, through the imposition of hands of the Bishop, through the anointing with Holy Chrism, the Holy Spirit of God. They receive the equivalent required by a soldier of Christ to win the fight against the enemy of our salvation. They receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost which are to remain with them and actively assist both mind and will in knowing God better and serving him more perfectly.

Our Sacraments—The merits of the redemption are brought to us by the Sacraments to bless the soul with sanctifying grace and with the actual graces that will help to secure the end for which each Sacrament was instituted. The feast of Pentecost should remind us particularly of our Confirmation and of our obligation to us well at all times the wonderful gift the Holy Ghost has brought into our lives particularly through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost

The Gospel for Pentecost Sunday gives Christ's final words to His Apostles concerning the descent of the Holy Ghost. Christ remarked that any one who would love Him would keep His word. Christ had come from Heaven to preach to men the word of the Father. He had not given men all of the Father's revelations in one or two short discourses but he had been with His Apostles for three years.

Daily He was teaching them. Hourly He was increasing their knowledge of the word of the Father. The Holy Ghost, the Prince of this world, was soon to come to continue that teaching and to help the Apostles to a full remembrance of the words Christ had given them.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost was the beginning of His ministry in the Church. Christ sent the Holy Ghost to teach and sanctify His Church to enlighten His Apostles and to enable them to preach the Gospel. He was to abide with the Church forever and in their hearts. Bishop and Priest of the Church was to lead the people of the Holy Spirit in the work of teaching the Gospel.

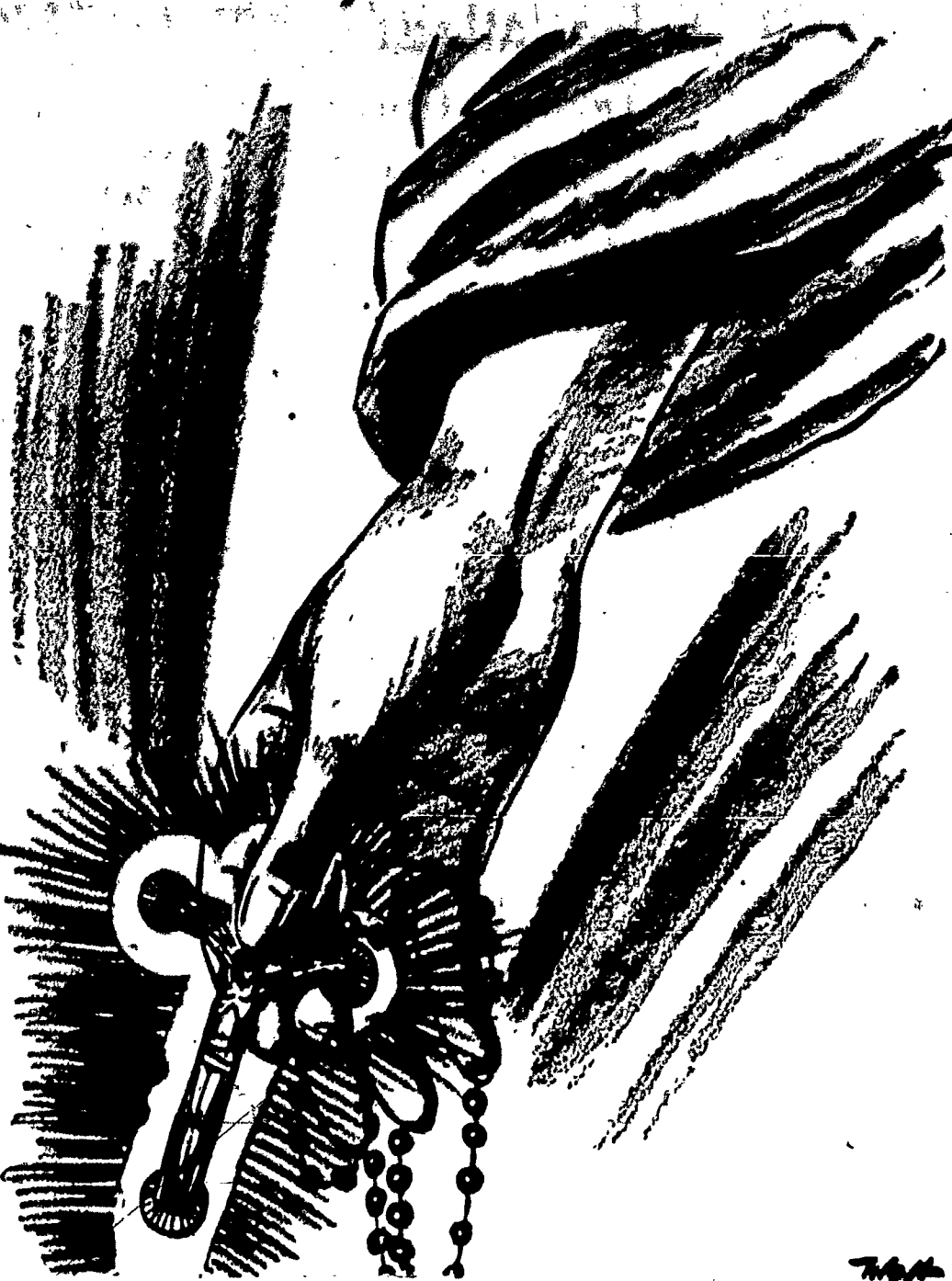
Every member of the Church was to have the help of the Holy Spirit in his heart and in his mind. The Holy Spirit was to be the guide of the Church in all its actions. The Holy Spirit was to be the source of the Church's life and the source of the Church's power. The Holy Spirit was to be the source of the Church's unity and the source of the Church's mission.

Holy Ghost. He tells His Apostles that the Advocate is to come to teach men that He loves the Father and that He has followed out the will of His Father in all His actions and in all His teachings here on earth. As He loves the Father so men are to love the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost was a public act making such an impression on the Apostles and on the thousands of people of every race under Heaven who were in Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday, preserved in their memories, an impression that would be a record that would become a fact of history for all generations to come.

The Holy Ghost works every day in the Church in a way that is spiritual and unaccompanied by outward display, but on Pentecost Sunday His coming was accompanied by the sound as of a great wind that centered over the house in which the Apostles dwelt. He came in the form of tongues of fire which settled upon each of the Apostles. He came to give them all the strength and power and inspiration they would need to do their work of preaching the Gospel and sanctifying the souls of men. He came to give His Apostles the special gifts they would need to carry them immediately to their preaching mission. The gift of tongues gave them at once what future

Key To Peace



GRETTA PALMER

Fence-sitters Never Win and Never Lose



Gretta Palmer

To take a stand is also to take a chance... the chance of losing, the chance of punishment. For the fence-sitter is never given an ovation, a ticker-tape parade nor the keys to anybody's city; but neither is he led away in a shameful chains to the music of a crowd's derision.

The fence-sitting position is usually favored by those who have more fear than faith. They pause before the possibility that they might be guilty of that human, sinless act—an honest mistake. They wait to see which way the wind is blowing, or "until the dust has settled down." They join no cause until its band wagon is in sight.

Neutrals refuse to take sides in any honest conflict, or to ally themselves openly with the three-foot-soldiers who bear the battle's brunt. But that does not relieve them of struggle; it simply moves the conflict into the narrower arena of their own minds. Here neutrals fight the dreadful wars of the undecided. Here they know the pain of those who have taken the most uncomfortable of all positions known to man—the position of a foot in either camp.

THERE HAVE ALWAYS, in every battle of the military or of the mind, been those who said, "I'm going to keep out of this." There is an Irish legend that the leprechauns are the angels who could not make up their minds whether to enlist with Michael or with Lucifer; they were the earliest neutrals of whom anyone has heard.

We shall hear that Americans are not in any position to pick fights in the system of the Soviets, so long as there are weaknesses in our own way of life. We shall be told that it is impertinent to criticize the methods of government-by-concentration camp, so long as we continue to fight the Communist plans for world domination because we once, ourselves, sent soldiers into Nicaragua. This attitude is what Arthur Koestler has castigated as the "dirty hands" excuse for sitting out the cold war—which says, "We cannot fight an enemy with dirty hands." To which he properly answers, "In Heaven's name, why not?"

Neutrality is possible only to those who see the present struggle waged about the world in temporal terms. It is just possible to say, "Communism and capitalism both have their faults. Therefore, I will not take sides between them." But the neutralist position becomes completely untenable as soon as the conflict is viewed as being what it really and essentially is: a struggle between atheism and

religion, truth and falsehood, Christ and the Anti-Christ of those who plunder churches, murder priests and persecute religion as a matter of deliberate policy.

And today there is one country where these issues are clear enough for anyone to see: China. For in China, at this moment, there is a gigantic struggle going on between two adversaries who are clearly marked.

The war of wills is waged in China between Communism and the Church. The issue is not confused, in any way. You do not need to say, "I refuse to support Chiang Kai-Shek against his enemies." Chiang Kai-Shek is not involved when the Reds arrest a group of Catholic nuns. You cannot say, "I am against the imperialism of England and France in the Orient, therefore I will not help these powers to oppose the imperialism of the Kremlin." England and France have lost their treaty ports. There are no gunboats on the Yangtze—there are only priests, forbidden to say Mass, on the Yangtze in 1951.

OPPOSITION TO THE Reds in China is not Capitalistic or Made-in-America. The "dirty hands" plea cannot be urged in China. For the Communists are killing men and women who resist them there. And these men and women do not have dirty hands—their hands are as white as those of the lepers whom they serve, as clean as the souls of the children they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

In China—for this moment, at least—there are only two adversaries: Light and Darkness; Good and Evil; God and the Devil; Communism and the

Church. And seeing this, it will be hard for any Catholic ever again to take a neutralist position in any of the battles of our time.

A fighter pilot in a recent novel cried out, "Oh, for the perfect cause for which to die!" The perfect cause is evident to-day it is the Church. Which is Christ. And neutrality in such a struggle has been defined forever and for all of us. "He that is not with Me is against Me."

Neutrals nowadays are apt to end as Satan's men.

A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuohy

Sewell Avery, chairman of Montgomery Ward & Co., is one of the unconstructed rebels of American capitalism. One may dislike his personality and abominate his views without denying that he serves some purpose.

The virtue of Avery is this: that he says what others industrialists think and would like to say but dare not say.

At the annual stockholders meeting of Montgomery Ward held last in April, he confessed that he was terrified by the temporary movement to provide pensions for everybody. He prophesied that every of the pension plans adopted by corporations are "doomed to failure."

Avery asserted that the country is "in a terrible condition as a result of the effort to achieve security." He argued that industry must look for new management "if you wish to load highly competitive cor-

JOSEPH BREIG

Rita Hayworth or Lucille Vogeler?

In the matter of Robert A. Vogeler and his wife Lucille, I am more or less in the position of the late Will Rogers.



Joseph Breig

"All I know is what I read in the papers." But what I have read has cleared a way from the gloom caused by some of the other things I have been reading in the same papers.

It is like new sunshine in our country to see headlines devoted to a wife who is heroically loyal to her husband, instead of to a wife who is disloyal.

It must lift the hearts and heads of Americans to hear about this young woman who for seven months battered at the iron curtain and wrestled with the evil giant of Communism for the man she loved and married and went on loving.

I know nothing about Mrs. Lucille Vogeler's religion, but I know this: that our decent world would not be rotting slowly away if there were more women as brave as she, more wives as loyal, more mothers as devoted; and fewer of the other kind who are everlastingly taking up space on our front pages.

"All I know is what I read in the papers." The newspapers describe Mrs. Lucille Vogeler as a beautiful girl. But she would be beautiful to me at this moment if she were hunch-backed and cross-eyed, and had a nose like a potato.

Physical beauty is all very well, and I appreciate it as much as the next chap; but there is no beauty like the beauty of fidelity, the beauty of womanly nobility without which a woman is not really a woman at all, any more than a cruel man is a real man.

I HAVE BEFORE me an International News Service dispatch which reads:

"The breakup of Rita Hayworth's marriage to Prince Ali Khan was blamed today on his oriental attitude that a woman is the chattel property of her husband—little better than a servant."

What in the world did Rita Hayworth expect? Did she imagine that a Moslem millionaire would treat a woman as if she were a Christian wife, and her Christian husband?

Did she suppose, when she was

staging that around-the-world spectacle with him, that he was lost in admiration of her beauty of soul?

Did she give him any reason to suspect that she was looking for that kind of devotion?

These things work both ways. Moslems, reared to believe in a lustful life on this earth and a lustful heaven afterward, are not Christian gentlemen.

But errant movie actresses are not Christian gentlemen either; and can hardly expect to be treated as if they were.

BUT WHICH OF these women is truly representative of America—Rita Hayworth, or Lucille Vogeler?

I hope that it is Lucille Vogeler. I trust that she represents the real America—she who, literally, moved heaven and earth in defense of her husband; and was able to do so because she knows what love is, and what loyalty is.

Heaven must have been moved by her petitions during the black months when she lived with her children in Vienna, just outside the iron curtain, dauntlessly fighting for justice.

"And certainly she moved earth." She moved the immense power of the United States of America, and she overcame even the mindless and heartless Soviet tyranny. She reversed the fairy tale roles of the prince and the princess. She conquered the dragon, and rescued her prince.

THIS MAN WHO was restored to her was a man who tottered a bit as he walked; whose memory was a touch fuzzy; whose eyes were a hurt and haunted look.

His clothes hung on him loosely, his face was gaunt, his spirit shrank from the Communist darkness. He clung to his wife as a child to his mother.

But he was Lucille Vogeler's husband; and Lucille Vogeler was a noblewoman. She was a noblewoman who like all noblewomen loves a man most when he is most hurt and helpless; is most faithful to him when he needs her most.

Which is the real American woman—Lucille Vogeler, or the spoiled creature who flouts our divorce courts with their whinnings?

When she arrived in America with her children and her rescued husband, Lucille Vogeler was asked by reporters what her plans were.

"My plan now," she replied, "is to be happy."

She has earned happiness. But those who will not take the trouble to earn it will never have it. They will only go on hopelessly longing for it.

Sewell Avery's Idea Of Social Security

By A. C. Tuohy

Involved in a nation-wide pension system. We have already pointed out some of the abuses and defects connected with such systems. Nonetheless, pension systems are good and necessary things and we must not follow the advice of reactionaries like Avery who would scrap these plans because they present difficulties for management and for the economy.

Ideals are worthless unless they are implemented in every day life. The ideal of retirement benefits for overage workers is recognized by all workers. All government officials, and most business men. However, there are prophets of gloom who would rather abandon an ideal that overcome the difficulties in its implementation. If we scrap the ideal, we only give socialists and communists fuel for their fires.

1. The function of business enterprise is to make money not to provide security.

2. Service capitalism is financially unsound and economically unfeasible.

3. Pensions and retirement benefits may be desirable in some ideal order but in the practical realities of competitive enterprise will not work.

4. If pensions are to be given at all they are to be bestowed out of the bounty of management not as a matter of contractual right.

WE CANNOT THINK of a position more unChristian and out of harmony with Papal social teaching than these views.

If economic enterprise, which includes competitive capitalism, is to provide anything, must it not provide some form of security to those who engage in that enterprise? If Sewell Avery considers security for the anonymous corporation a desirable thing, what about the security of those who work for the corporation? Is profit-making incompatible with the well-being of workers? Are aged workers to be thrown into the scrapheap along with broken-down machinery? If pensions are considered at all, shall their determination be left completely in the hands of management? Or shall the workers be given some rights in this matter? If benefits are to be granted "as needed," what needs are to be considered, the needs of the corporation or the needs of the workers, and who determines the "needs." Shall a corporation grant pensions in the first place and, if granted, shall they be terminated without regard for the aged and the common good?

NO ONE WHO HAS followed this column can believe that we are unaware of the practical problems, economic and actuarial,

Missouri House Limits Bus Aid

Jefferson City, Mo. (NC)—

State transportation aid to children attending parochial schools in Missouri has been jeopardized by the Education Committee of the Missouri House of Representatives here, which voted to limit such aid to children attending the public schools.

Present State statutes provide State aid up to \$3 per pupil per month for children attending public schools and free private schools. The Committee passed and sent to the full House a bill increasing the monthly per capita amount from \$3 to \$5, but limiting such aid to public school pupils only.

Holy Land War Ousts Religion

Amman, Jordan (NC)—

Franciscan Fathers have been temporarily obliged to leave the Capuchin shrine and Sisters have vacated their convent on the Mount of the Beatitudes because of the current Israeli-Syrian conflict nearby, north of Lake Tiberias.

The Pope has completely broken with tradition in recent years by learning to use a typewriter to deal with his extremely heavy correspondence.

A monument for Richard Stuyver in St. Giles Church, Canterbury, England. States he died in 1407 & Agnes, his wife, in 1459—making her a widow for 52 years!

Quant old wooden beds are still used by the poor in their hovels at Baddesley Clinton, England.

FIFTY-THREE MARBLE COLLINGS IN THE CRYPOT OF U.S. NATIONAL MUSEUM SHOWN IN WASHINGTON AGE EACH DEDICATED TO A FAMOUS STATUE OF OUR LADY & THE MATERIAL USUALLY COMES FROM THE COUNTRY WHERE IT IS SITUATED.

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