

Editorials

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Brighter Hopes For Peace

It seems to be almost an axiom to pray for the movement toward peace on the Korean peninsula has taken on so promise as an aspect. Preliminary difficulties seem to be fading away and the belligerents seem to be approaching what may soon be a cease-fire agreement. Our prayers continue that the blessing of God may be upon these negotiations.

our military leaders and especially of those who are immediately engaged in these discussions to secure a cease-fire agreement without sacrificing any essential purpose that prompted us to go to war. Definitely we know the Reds are making this gesture because of the constant series of bitter and costly defeats that have been visited upon them. May the good work go on until a cease-fire agreement has been secured.

St. Vincent De Paul

God's providence toward men is exercised through the ministry of men. Every man has a program of work set before him by Almighty God. The great majority of men carry on their work within a limited circle, minister to those about them and add their small portion to the accomplishments of the human race. Occasionally God raises up some men for special work and bestows upon them special graces and powers to fulfill his appointed destiny. Such men do not die nor do they fade out. They seem to live more eternally after death has closed their earthly eyes and the work that they have accomplished with God's blessing continues to grow and to spread its influence all around the earth.

wide in its spread, numbers thousands of sisters among its members, and is doing missionary, educational and hospital service to many, many thousands.

Vincent de Paul will never be dead while these two organizations continue to flourish. He was called by God, He answered the call. God sent him a vocation, he responded to that vocation. Therefore his memory lives and his works continue to bring blessings to his brethren.

Every man has a vocation from God. Every woman has a vocation from God. Many are called to family life in their own household to bring up their children in the fear and love of God. Many are called to the more perfect life in holy religion. To answer the vocation that God gives us in our contribution to the spiritual and material welfare of God's world. There are souls waiting for the ministrations of every sister, of every priest. To refuse to obey God in following our vocation means that these souls shall be deprived of the help that God has destined us to give them.

May St. Vincent de Paul pray that the young women of our day may heed the call of vocation, may unite themselves to the Daughters of Charity, may determine to add their own spiritual careers to those of other members of this Congregation to bring greater blessings to all mankind. What a gap there would be in the world of charity had St. Vincent given no heed to God's call! What a gap there will be in charity's record for the years ahead if our young women fail to heed the call that God is extending to them!

Today's world brings before us one of the world's great souls, St. Vincent de Paul. God called him, God chose him, God gave him the vocation to be a blessing unto men and women in every condition of society. In ministrations to the sick, to those confined in prison, to the young, St. Vincent gave a long career of service. We can pass over many of his lesser works in contemplating the two great religious congregations which he instituted—the Congregation of the Mission, known as the Vincentian Fathers, and grown since the death of its founder, and in missionary work, in conducting missions in our parishes, in educational work along college lines and in training young men to the priesthood. It has given yeoman service to the Church of God.

The second great congregation founded by St. Vincent is known as the Sisters of Charity, or more properly the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. It is world-

Centennial Of St. Ann's

All the diocesan parishes with Father Lawrence Gannon and his parishioners in the celebration at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, of that city's centennial, America is a relatively young country and a centennial observance seems to lack very close to the beginning of our nation. The religious life of the people of Hornell has been guided and directed by the parish dedicated to the honor of the Mother of the Blessed Virgin.

One hundred years has seen the growth of a small mission church into one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Rochester. Great have been the accomplishments of the first hundred years, even greater things are promised for the next century just opening. Father Gannon and his assistants will continue to carry on the blessed traditions of the parish that has been the foundation of things religious in the city of Hornell.

May God bless them in their work as they render to Him sincere prayers of gratitude on the occasion of their centennial celebration! God's blessings on St. Ann's and Father Gannon and on all parishioners!

The purpose of the Pharisee and the Publican was the same—they went up into the temple to pray. Each presented himself to the Lord. Each one made to the Lord some report of the condition of his soul.

simple report, told in a very few words, of the Publican's estimate of himself and his standing in the sight of God. There was no recital of pride in good things accomplished, rather there was a statement of the sinful condition of his soul. And he had but one prayer to make to God, a prayer for pardon "Oh God, be merciful to me, the sinner."

The Pharisee was able to give a glowing report of his good works. He took from his income for his parents and gave it as a tithe to the service of religion; twice every week he brought away from the ordinary program and gave himself to fasting; he was good and he knew it. So good that he could state at once the con-

The Pharisee left the temple with no blessing; the Publican went down to his house justified, that is blessed by the grace of God. Christ gave this parable to some who trusted in themselves as good and had contempt for all others. Every Christian should carefully avoid any spirit of pride that will exalt himself in the sight of men but degrade him in the sight of God. Every Christian should cultivate the spirit of humility that will teach him to see the evil that is in his own soul and lead him to ask for God's pardon.

TWO REPORTS

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

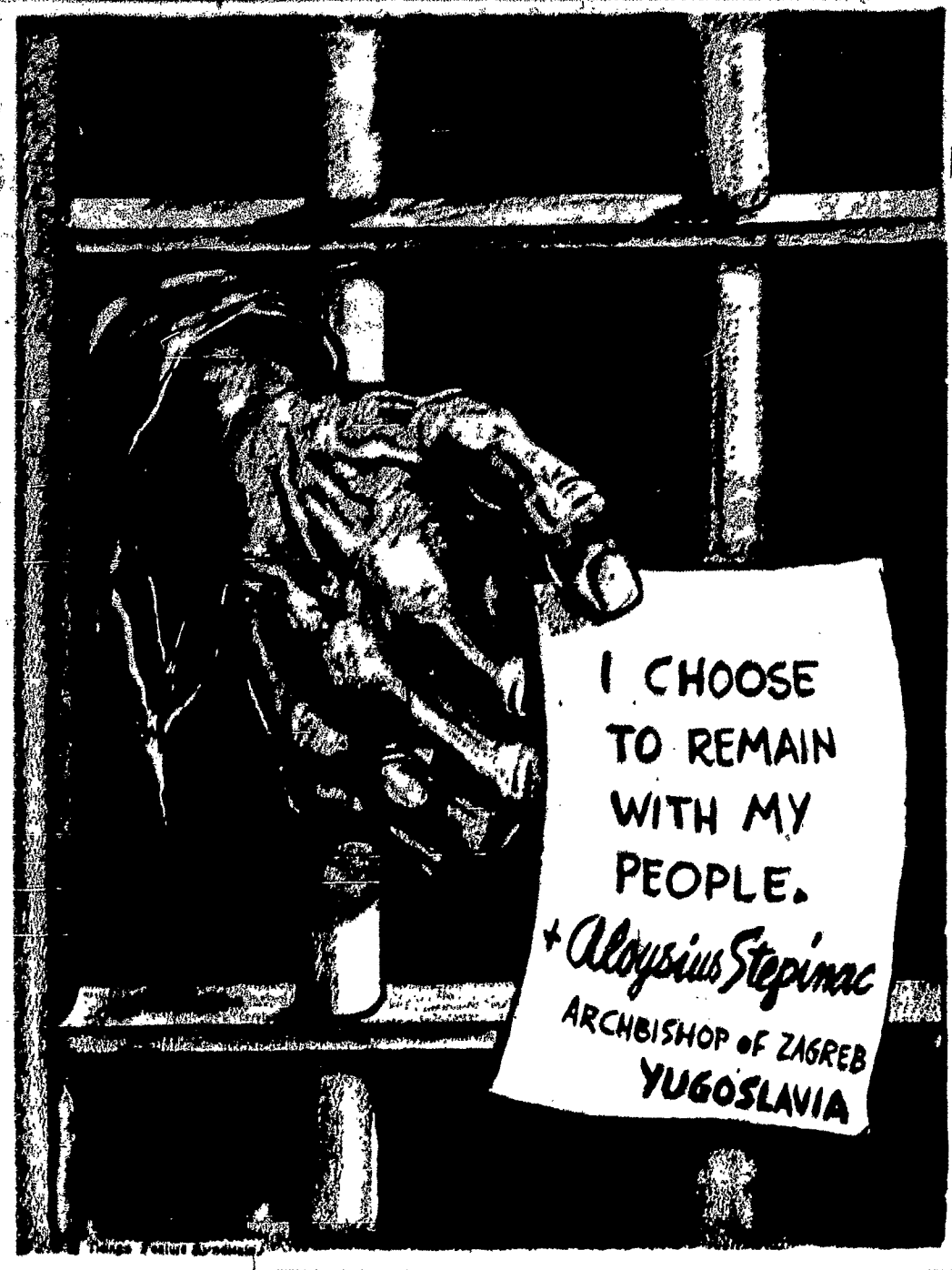


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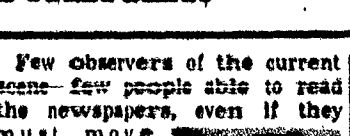
Prayerbook Saves Life in Korea

La Crosse, Wis. — (CNC) — A Sunday Missal that found a lethal missile and saved his life in the proud possession of Thomas Burns of St. Mary's parish in Altoona, Wis.

A year ago when Burns was leaving for overseas duty in Korea, his pastor, the Rev. James E. Noonan, presented him with a Sunday Missal and a Rosary. Burns wrote that he made it a habit to carry the Missal and Rosary in a plastic bag in the left breast pocket of his shirt. He detailed that a few months ago a bullet from a Communist's rifle struck the prayer book and cut it nearly in two lengthwise. He said the Missal detected the bullet sufficiently so that he received only a superficial wound.



GRETTA PALMER



Few observers of the current scene—few people able to read the newspapers, even if they must move their lips to do so—can quarrel with the statement out of Rome that a "supreme crisis" confronts the human race. Two-thirds of the celebrity-leaderhead organizations are devoted to exactly this matter. A note of urgency and panic seems to be endemic to our century. Everybody to our pagan and devout, ignorant and learned, Left and Right—is agreed on the existence of a vast and threatening social disease. No doctor or bedside watcher of our times pretends that this is not a sick century.

The Doctor's Needed For A Sick Century

multitude of practically one billion souls who "dwell in darkness and sorrow." No more ambitious project could easily be imagined. Compared with this, Henry Wallace's plan to give a quart of milk to every Hottentot was timid and limited in scope; for almost anyone will accept free quarts of milk. The plan for solving our problems by universal literacy, or by adopting Esperanto as the language of the world, is in comparison niggardly and half-hearted: people can, by propaganda and persuasion, be induced to go to school and learn something the state wishes to know.

But to induce a billion people around the earth to discard the whole system of values with which they have grown up and to assume a lot of new and quite different ideas is to declare a Crusade which dwarfs all the Crusades of history; it is to ask for spiritual revolution within a billion hearts and souls.

THE AGENTS by whom such change can be wrought cannot be a group of sissies or crackpots. They will require trained minds and compassionate hearts; hope that can outstride any discouraging storms; and a selfless dedication which makes them face death as bravely as the winners of any medals a government awards its bravest combat soldiers.

And that, of course is what the Holy Father has at his disposal in the 79,258 missionaries throughout the world. They are not nearly numerous enough, at this moment, for the task that he wants done.

Birth Control Reference By Nehru Produces Protest

Ernakulam, India — (NC) — The recommendation for birth control made by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru raises a "serious issue" for Joseph Atipetty of Verapoly stated here.

Prime Minister Nehru's recommendation came in a report made to the All India Congress committee, which met in Bangalore. He said: "We have to think of the tremendous growth in population and of the necessity for family planning. From being the fad of some Indian individuals, this has become one of the important issues before the country."

THE PRIME MINISTER'S statement, it was felt, would encourage birth control. The statement had the approval of the Congress Party and forms part of its election manifesto.

"Men of weight, with the country's welfare at heart, have raised their protest. They have supported their reasoning with quotations from the late Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi was an opponent of birth control. India's woman Minister of Health, Amrit Kaur, has spoken

JOSEPH BREIG NEA Defends Small, Silly Principle

Nobody can say that American public school teachers aren't standing by their guns. Nobody can deny that they are facing up, year after year, to painful financial sacrifices in defense of the right—as they see it.



Or at least as the National Education Association sees the right for them. The NEA, I take it, speaks for the public school teachers. And the NEA, for the ninth time in nine years, has reaffirmed its position that no child not in a public school should enjoy so much as a farthing of government aid in getting an education.

Now the practical political effect of this is that there isn't going to be any federal aid for anybody. That has been the practical political effect of the NEA's attitude for nine years.

THE NEA, CLEARLY, is strong enough to see to it that no youngster in any religious school or in any private-enterprise school shall have so much as a bus ride, a dental examination or an American history book as a gift from the federal government.

Equally clearly, those who disagree with the NEA in this matter are strong enough to prevent passage of any federal education-aid bill that discriminates against millions of children.

The smallest amount of federal aid that has been proposed by anybody, I believe, is \$300,000,000 a year for the public schools. To this amount, some congressmen have suggested adding \$5,000,000 for health and welfare services for the youngsters in independent schools, who are being educated at no cost to the taxpayers.

The NEA says no. And the result is that aid-to-education legislation dies in congress year after year. In nine years, therefore, the public school children and the public school teachers of this country have been deprived of something like \$2,700,000,000, simply because the National Education Association will not stand for so much as a ten-cent bus ride for any child in any other school.

A LOOK AT LABOR

The NAM Is At It Again

By A. C. Tuohy

The National Association of Manufacturers always manages to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. No group in the country has been so out of touch with the times as the NAM, no prophets have so misread the past, present, and future as its economists and spokesmen.

There has hardly been a forward step taken in the past twenty years, whether it be in the matter of political or social reform, which has not been deflected by these prophets of gloom as leading to terrible catastrophe.

Now the NAM is at it again. Last week its official publication went after two distinguished American industrialists with a vengeance. It deeply lamented the positions taken by Charles E. Wilson and Eric Johnston on wage and price controls.

THE NAM magazine stated that both industrial figures, now holding key positions in government, "are in a sense the prisoners of their subordinates, the bright slide-rule boys who get up the charts, interpret the statistics, write the speeches and feed them the data on which their thinking is based."

These New Dealers, it is said, are fighting bitterly to retain price and wage controls despite the fact that prices are showing signs of weakness and are expected by many economists to go down, not up. (This latter point of view was proposed earlier in 1946 as an argument for scrapping the war-time controls. After five years the NAM is still waiting for prices to go down by themselves.)

WHAT IS rather startling about this business condemnation of Wilson and Johnston is its implied attack on the intelligence and integrity of these well-known industrialists. Several years ago the NAM, in union with other business organizations, pointed with pride to these two men as excellent examples of what intelligence, freedom, initiative, hard work and American enterprise has produced. They were incarnate proofs of the so-called American rise of men "from rags to riches." Now, it seems, they have lost the qualities that made them great men, simply because the government

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