

# Editorials

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## Peace With Japan

Our war with Japan will see its formal close in the peace treaty which will be signed by the representatives of the nations this week in San Francisco. The treaty between the United States and Japan will recognize the right of Japan as a sovereign nation to live for its future and to defend itself against any aggressor. Japan will provide bases within its territory for the United States. With aggression and criminal wars still bringing sorrow to many nations on earth it is a happy welcome that we give to the establishment of peace and

friendly relations between Japan and the United States. Present at the conference will be many nations that sincerely desire peace. Present also are Russia and her satellites, not to assist in making peace, but to do all possible to oppose all efforts for peace. More and more Russia is convincing the world that her philosophy and her force of arms is not a power for good but always a power for evil in our world. In all peace seeking we find Russia on one side and the peace loving nations of the world on the other. Let every Catholic pray that peace may obtain.

## France And The Religious School

The question of support for religious schools is calling for the attention of the French legislative body. The country faces a crisis in its educational program. It needs the Catholic schools, needs their facilities, needs their buildings. Were the Catholic schools to close it would mean a lack of education for many thousands of French children. The Government could not furnish the buildings, could not find the money to finance public schools to care for all its pupils.

calamity on their country rather than allow government support of religious schools. A suggestion has been made that the government merely supply to each parent the requisite amount of money for the education of his children, leaving the choice of school to the parent. Some such arrangement in this country would come closer to fairness to all our people, to those who approve the public schools and to those who realize that only the religious schools can give proper education for children.

## Iran and Oil

The world is still awaiting news that Great Britain and Iran are ready to come to an agreement on the oil question. Iran has available oil and the benefit of revenue from that oil only because Britain has raised up experts in the production and processing of oil, has perfected the necessary equipment in going into the bowels of the earth to bring oil to the surface. Britain's wealth, Britain's know-how have produced the oil industry in Iran. It will be for the benefit of the world at large if the two governments would come together in agreement that will recognize all that

Britain has done for Iran and what she should do to guarantee the government a steady income from the oil industry. The countries of the world that have had the good fortune to secure masters in the art of promotion, to give value to their natural resources, should be ready to give constant and practical support to the men that have helped them. Untapped treasures can bring benefit to a country only when the men and the means for bringing them to earth are given opportunity to work. It will be better for the world when all nations are ready to deal with one another on terms that are fair and equitable.

## September For Our Seminaries

Bishop McQuaid introduced the tradition of September as Seminary month soon after his coming to the newly established Diocese of Rochester. He needed Priests to care for the parishes that were going up so fast in every part of the diocese. He looked for the day when the families here at home could send their sons into the Priesthood at the call of God. He presented his case to the people. With their support and encouragement he opened up St. Andrew's Seminary in the early '70s. His plans for St. Bernard's Seminary were fulfilled with the opening of this school in September of 1893. Each succeeding September has seen renewed interest in our Seminaries. Each succeeding September has seen classes of young men in ever growing numbers presenting themselves for training for the Priesthood. Each succeeding September has seen the clergy and people of the Diocese

united with their Bishop to raise the funds necessary to support our two institutions. Seminary Month! Again the month of September is with us. Again our thoughts turn to these great schools that do so much for the welfare of religion in the Diocese of Rochester. The Bishop will soon place before us the annual appeal for our Seminaries. Our prayers and our desire to do something practical for the education of our ecclesiastical students will be made manifest in the generous offering we will prepare for the Seminary Collection of 1951. The prayers of clergy and people will be with St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminary, with their faculties and with the student body all through Seminary Month. God's blessing upon all our parishes in the years to come is made ready by the activities proper to this month of September.

## MORE QUESTIONS

Radio and television are daily bringing more questions to our people. Questions have been asked in every age. They are a normal means of bringing out our knowledge of various things. Old Socrates was not the first to use the question method in his teaching. An honest question looks for information. The questions put to our Lord by the Pharisees were not honest ones. The Pharisees were not seeking a better knowledge of the teaching of Christ; they were tempting Him. They expected an answer that would alienate the people from Christ.

More questions! Christ will answer to give to Jesus. More questions! Christ will love our neighbor. This is welcome more questions that are honestly seeking information. His wisdom had brought such confusion to the authors of tempting questions that we are told they did not dare to ask Him. Christ's answer setting in a negative way is order forth the great commandment of the law has settled that would be against the once and for all one of the love of God or against our great truths of religion. We neighbor are made to love God and to love our neighbor. All are given to tell us how to keep these two, how to show our love for God and how to show our love for our neighbor. They do this in a positive way and they do it as social agents in law government. The Rest of the Law provided this way for all to unity Christ and Social Justice speaks favorably of our civilities. Social leaders in our cities have accepted positions in their local boards. Government grants are made to support "clinics." Birth control has become respectable.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

**The University of San Marcos**  
Founded in Lima, Peru  
in 1551 is the oldest in the New World.

**Very Rev. ELLIOTT LYNCH, Carmelite Superior General, Father ELLIOTT LYNCH, Prior of Frothingham, England, & Father MALACHY LYNCH, Prior of Aylesford, England, ARE BROTHERS**

**St. Simon Stock's Church, Bromley, New York, is the only Carmelite church dedicated solely to the saint of the Scapular Vision.**

Transcribed in Canterbury, 200 A.D. & presented at Oxford is said to be the oldest English book.

# Drop It In The Bay, Uncle



## GRETTA PALMER



Twenty five years ago Margaret Sanger's Birth Control Research Bureau was in a shabby walk-up, a subject to periodic raids by the New York police. A stern-faced woman stood outside Grand Central station offering birth control literature to embarrassed passers by. Gretta Palmer has no decent personal world print it. "The average decent American the whole subject was a furtive and an unpleasant one. He would no more have considered giving money to such a movement than to the I.W.O. then cheerfully filling its coffers by robbing banks and other methods of direct action.

In those days all the "clinic" offered them was a technique; but the streamlined B.F.F. now gives them something more. It provides each conscience with a sleeping pill. It says to the women considering family limitation: "What you want to do is right. We all these respectable men and women who are on our side." They will tell you so.

THEY READERS, it seems to me, has placed her finger squarely on what is wrong with us. What is wrong with us is that we do not know our Faith well enough. And not knowing it well enough, we do not love it enough. And not loving it enough, we do not live it enough. She has put her finger on what is wrong but she has not put her finger on what can best be done about it.

## A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuohy

Labor Day represents American progress to its best. In 1951 as a national holiday in honor of American workingmen, was and is a comfort to many people, property and family men to have a holiday instilled in their name. Yet Labor Day represents a hope that some future generation would recognize what these men through their sweat and blood have done for the growth and maintenance of this country.

## Referendum Seen On School Tax

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## JOSEPH BREIG



I write today about the vast majority of Catholics, the grass roots Catholics, the millions of Catholics who might refer to themselves, half-humorously as Mr. and Mrs. Joe Catholic, or John Q. Catholic, or something of the sort. I will let one Joe Breig of these everyday Catholics start the discussion. She is a reader who says she is "an old woman who only had a part of grammar school education" and therefore is "ashamed to sign her name" to the letter she wrote to me.

Maybe you know of a way to induce intelligent Catholic lay leaders to come and talk to us. We have so many societies: Mothers Clubs, Holy Name Societies, Catholic War Veterans, Mission Circles. Sometimes I wonder if our leaders are not committing an omission by not getting us to gather in small groups and provoking us to talk. In that way they could discover how much we don't know and then correct us and not let us wander off in confusion to be devoured by wolves in sheep's clothing. I have read about priests in France wearing overalls and taking jobs with workmen to bring about an improvement in the thinking of the workers. If intelligent Catholics from high places had talked to the men right in the beginning the priests might not have needed to wear overalls.

## The Story of Margaret Sanger

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## The Labor Movement

THE TRADE UNION movement, as long as the labor movement was the private privilege of skilled wage earners in this country, there was little hope that the majority of American workers could enjoy their property or exercise their power. During the volatile 1930's, however, the volatile John L. Lewis set in motion a force that went beyond the capacity of any man. The C.I.O. was a good thing for industrial workers and as it proved later for the A.F.L. from which it aborted. For the first time in the history of the country we could speak of a real labor movement.

## Grass Root Catholics Step Up

think, and we do not want to read, and we do not want to work. What we want is to invite some "prominent speaker" to come to a meeting or a Communion breakfast and talk at us once a month or once a year. Then, having been duly talked at we go away and tell ourselves that we have done our duty. We haven't! Not by a long shot we haven't! No "Catholic leader" can do our duty for us. We've got to do it ourselves. That's how future leaders are made. The present leaders can guide, inspire, direct, instruct, answer questions, suggest books, and so on. But if we're not willing to buckle down and do some reading and thinking and praying on our own then the leaders, by and large are wasting their time.

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I HAVE HAD something like fifteen years of experience with Catholic study clubs. Study clubs are groups of Catholics who meet once a week, usually in one another's homes, to spend a couple of hours studying and discussing their Faith. When I entered my first study club, I was as half-baked as any Catholic you'd care to meet. I seldom read Catholic papers, books or magazines. I seldom did anything about things Catholic except when I got in an argument with somebody, and as like as not made a fool of myself.

I learned that it takes about three years of study, prayer, discussion and thought to form a Catholic mind. I was intrigued by the fact that this was the length of time Christ spent instructing the Apostles. I learned also that as Frank Sheed once said nothing in the world is so interesting as theology and nothing in the world is half as much fun. There is something else that Frank Sheed said. He said the best theologian he ever met was a scrubman in England who could neither read nor write. No college education is needed. What does all this add up to? It adds up to the fact that study clubs are what we need; that John Q. and Susie Q. can easily start one; that there are trained study club members in every city who will help any new club get started; and that when enough Catholics have spent a few years in such clubs, there are going to be some great changes in the world. In a study club you do indeed find out how much you don't know; and you get busy doing something about it.

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ere blind to many facets of economic life. It has also made them poor competitors of the art of public relations. It has laid them open to being caricatured as bullies in the marketplace. IN SPITE of these shortcomings, however, trade unions and their efforts have accomplished a great deal for the workers. Most of them possess and exercise the power and the voice that they receive from their rank and file. Even though only a quarter of the total working force is organized, it is the tightly knit unionized minority that sets the pace in bettering conditions for even non-unionized workers and it is the trade union officials who have brought the labor message to Pittsburgh and Washington and other great seats of the great. This is an advantage workers did not enjoy on the first labor day.

## Day of Prayer

Montevideo, Uruguay - A day of prayer and sacrifice for the success of the International Congress of Catholic Young Women, scheduled to take place here October 21 to 28 was observed by Uruguay Catholic Action.

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