'Rerum Novarum'

Durkin Calls Encyclical Best Anti-Red Weapon

Newark, N. J.—(NC)—"The persistence of communism today is not found in the strength of communism but in the weakness of our belief in the fundamentals laid down in Pope Leo's 'Rerum Novarum'," U. S. Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin has declared.

The Labor Secretary urged workers and employers to "unite in the search for justice" just as they cooperate in the creation of wealth.

SPEAKING ON "The Realities of Rerum Novarum,' Secretary Durkin said:

"I cannot bring you the experiences of philosophers, or the clergy or of the learned professions. But I can speak as a wage earner whose entire life has been spent in the very practical pursuit of making a living.

"As a result of my own experience in this work-a-day world, I know that it is not the strength of communism which we need to guard against but the weakness of our own belief in Christian principles."

HE SAID THAT communism can best be defeated by a positive approach toward the goals laid down by Pope Leo XIII in his "Christian manifesto, Rerum Novarum."

"This is no easy task but its rewards are great," Secretary Durkin stated. "It is the task which Rerum Novarum sets before mankind as the way to their economic and spiritual salvation. The other way leads unavoidably to social warfare, distrust and misery. It leads inevitably to the very chaos which passes today under the name of communism."

SECRETARY DURKIN noted that "the men I have known" seek justice in labor-management relations. "Men are not divided into wage earners and employers on matters of right and wrong. Their differences appear when they are attempting to share the joint products of their cooperative efforts. . . .

"Just as no one group of men have a monopoly on truth, so neither wage earners nor employers have the sole understanding of justice. Just as they must cooperate in the creation of wealth, so must they unite in the search for justice."

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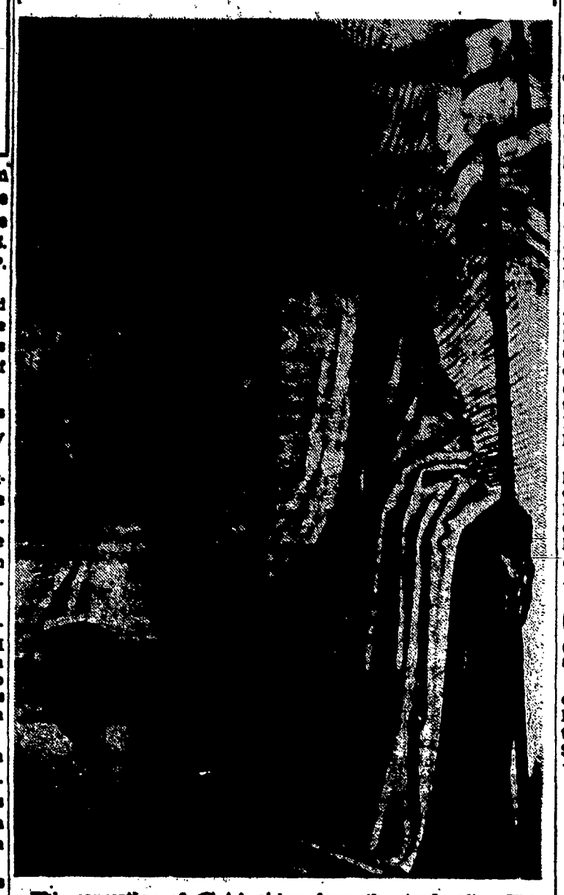

This conception of Christ rising from the tomb after His crucifixion is by the Italian painter Borgognone and hangs in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C. (Religious News Service Photo).

New Daily Schedule Set For Pope, Vatican Official Reveals

The Hague—(RNS)—For the first time in his Pontificate, His Holiness Pope Pius XII no longer adheres to his practice of sleeping only four-and-a-half hours a night.

This was disclosed by Bishop Peter van Lierde, Vicar-General of Vatican City, during a lecture at Haarlem.

Bishop van Lierde, who also is Papal Secretan, said that until his recent illness the Pope never went to bed before 2 a.m. However, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, his personal physician, has persuaded him to retire at 11 p.m. but permits him to work in his apartment until midnight.

AT FIRST, Pope Pius objected to this new regimen, Bishop van Lierde said, and insisted that he could not get to sleep at so early an hour. But Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi was adamant, telling the Pontiff that it would take a little time to adapt himself to the new way of life.

Bishop van Lierde said the worst night of the Pope's illness was on Jan. 24, when his temperature reached an alarming high. He added that it was not until Feb. 21 that the Pontiff was able to leave his room and then only on the arm of his doctor.

The Vatican prelate gave his audience an insight into the new daily schedule of Pope Pius.

HE SAID the Pope now rises at 6:30 a.m. and celebrates Mass at seven o'clock. This takes about 35 minutes because Pope Pius reads very slowly and distinctly. The Pontiff makes his thanksgiving until 8:20, has his breakfast and is then seen by Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi.

At 9:15 Pope Pius is at his desk and works there until one o'clock, when he has lunch.

After his mid-day meal, the Pope takes a rest, a step recommended by his physician. However, Bishop van Lierde said, Pope Pius assented to this new practice only on condition that he listen to the radio and read his daily pile of newspapers.

FROM THREE till four in the afternoon, Pope Pius walks around the Vatican Gardens at his customary quick pace, interrupting it only for a brief visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

He then continues working until 8:30 in the evening.

Workers Attend Evening Mass

Barcelona, Spain — (RNS) — Several thousand workers attended a special evening Mass celebrated in the Cathedral here by Bishop Gregorio Modrego y Casaus of Barcelona.

It was the first time that evening Mass and the receiving of Holy Communion at such a late hour even had been permitted in Spain. The innovation resulted from the promulgation on Jan. 6 of the Apostolic Constitution, Christus Dominus, by Pope Pius XII relaxing the rules on the Eucharistic Fast.

In the Constitution, the Pope decreed that evening Masses might be celebrated at certain times and that at these Masses Holy Communion might be received if a person had fasted for three hours before the celebration.

Gov. Fine Supports Anti-Vice Drive

Harrisburg, Pa.—(NC)—Governor John S. Fine of Pennsylvania said this week his support of a program to rid the state of vice in the coming year. Speaking at a dinner in the Catholic Pastor Association Diocesan [illegible]

Buffalo Hierarchy Leave For Vatican

Buffalo, N. Y.—(NC)—Two members of the Hierarchy from the Buffalo diocese have enplaned for Vatican City.

They are Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano, newly-appointed Apostolic Delegate to South Africa, and Auxiliary Bishop Leo R. Smith of Buffalo. They took off from New York.

The Archbishop, a native of Dunkirk, N. Y., was consecrated here February 11 in St. Joseph's Cathedral. Bishop Smith was one of his co-consecrators. Archbishop Damiano had been attached to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome since May, 1947.

The Apostolic Delegate is expected to remain in Rome about one month, conferring with His Holiness Pope Pius XII and Vatican officials, before leaving for his headquarters in Pretoria, capital of the Union of South Africa.

Charities Drive Surpasses Goal

Montreal — (NC) — The 21st campaign of the Federation of French Canadian Catholic Charities raised a total of $1,403,328—$103,000 more than its goal.

Men Caught At Atomic Blast 'In The Middle Of A Hail Mary'

Washington, D. C. —(NC)— "It caught me in the middle of a Hail Mary." That's the report of a Navy doctor who was only 2,500 yards away from the atomic explosion in Nevada—closer than anyone has ever come in observing a nuclear explosion.

Cmdr. Frank B. Voris volunteered for the job. With eight other Army and Navy officers he awaited the blast in a five-foot trench. He started saying those Hail Marys and pinning his hopes on the scapular medal he wore. Another officer, he noticed, held a Rosary in his hands.

The commander had attended a special 6 p.m. Mass the evening before after a workday of preparations.

At home in Kensington, Md., waited the Navy doctor's wife, Shirley, and his two children—Mary Francis who's almost 1, and Henry, 5, who attends Holy Redeemer parochial school. They knew Daddy was observing the atomic explosion — but they didn't know how near.

When the blast hit, Cmdr. Voris felt a blinding flash, though his eyes were covered. Then in the dark dust that followed the explosion, he went to work examining the men who were with him. He tested both the physical and psychological effects of the bomb.

The test was a success, he reported. "We know now that we could get troops up there and get action with a minimum of confusion." And Comdr. Voris is ready to get even closer to an atomic blast whenever he's asked.

Former Chaplain Killed In Crash

Los Angeles— (NC) —Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in Our Lady Chapel here, for Father Robert C. Mulherin who was killed instantly in an auto accident here. A priest of the Scranton diocese, he was here on convalescent leave and had been assisting at Our Lady Chapel.

Father Mulherin had served seven years as a U. S. Army chaplain and had seen World War II duty in New Guinea. He was killed when his car plunged into a 20-foot excavation on a boulevard here. Warning barriers are believed to have been obscured by a vehicle directly in front of him which swerved suddenly leaving the priest no time to avoid the 15-by-30 foot pit.

Erect Cross

Mendoza, Argentina —(NC)— A group of youthful Argentine Catholic Actionists scaled the Aconagua Mountain to erect a cross on the summit.

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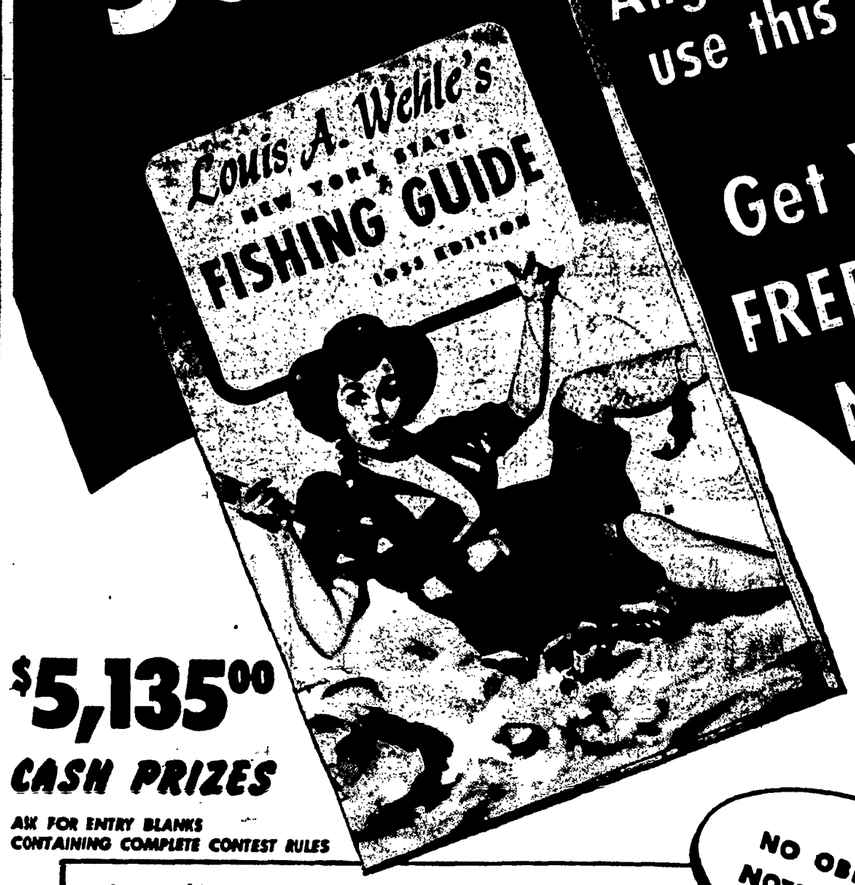

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