

Labor Day Statement

Brotherhood, Dignity

Washington, (NC) — Now as never before in our history as a nation, Americans "are beginning to recognize the importance of and the relationship between the personal dignity of the individual on the one hand and the brotherhood of man on the other."

This fact, tempered by the realization that much remains to be done, makes Labor Day, 1953, an occasion for qualified gratitude and realistic optimism.

The annual statement, eighth issued by the Social Action Department since the custom was started in 1946, is signed on behalf of the department by its director, Father Raymond A. McGowan.

The statement notes a general shift in social outlook slowly taking place in the United States. For several hundred years, it says, the dominant emphasis in the economic life of the Western World was placed, exaggeratedly, on personal rights and personal strength, at the expense of human brotherhood.

Similarly, the statement goes on, in the broader field of international political and economic relations, in the past, "the dominant emphasis was placed on national rights and national strength at the expense of international brotherhood."

The statement observes that progress is being made in eradicating the misconceptions of the past. But, it points out, "we (today) are reaping the bitter fruits of two great errors of our time. The one error magnifies and exaggerates the importance of the isolated individual without regard for the rights of others and without regard for the rights of the community. The other magnifies the group — the race, the class, or the nation — without regard for the God-given dignity of the individual person."

THE ANNUAL Labor Day statement observed that there is reason for "qualified optimism" about the future because, while we in the United States have not yet completely discarded previously held exaggerated views on economic individualism, "we have done so in part."

The statement also warned that despite recent advances in the field of social justice, the United States still is faced with a number of serious economic problems that should serve to put us on guard against the deadly virus of communism.

Forecast among the problems still facing us, the statement notes, "is the need for us to avoid the chief cause of another major depression if and when the cold war, through the mercy of God, eventually comes to an end."

THE PROBLEM of maintaining full employment and keeping our economic structure on an even keel, it and when world tensions ease and demand spending in our own, it by no means "an insurmountable one."

But, it says, "no nation will prosper if its economic structure is based on selfishness and greed."

Turkey Publicizes Blessed Virgin House



Ephesus, Turkey—Two of these three photos of Biblical sites, released by the Turkish Information Office, show the little stone house where some Catholic historians believe the Blessed Virgin Mary spent her last days. Left, an exterior view of the restored ruin showing the altar at which pilgrims pray. Insert shows front view of the house to which an ever-increasing number of pilgrims have come since the Turkish Government linked it to a modern road. The large photo at right shows the Gate of Taurus—the same gate through which Paul walked as he embarked on his mission. (RNS Photo)

Durkin Hails Encyclical As Answer To Communism

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin says that free men need not fear Communism if they put into daily practice the ideals of Christianity.

Mr. Durkin, president-elect of the Plumbers union, AFL, addressed the first annual meeting here of the supreme council of the Knights of Columbus.

"No free nation need tremble before the threats of Communism if its people are willing to adopt the Christian principles of social justice defined in Rerum Novarum," he told the convention.

RENUM NOVARUM is the Latin title of an encyclical "On the Condition of Labor" which was issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891.

The Pope's encyclical, asserted Secretary Durkin, "holds the answers of our social problems just as vividly as though it were written in 1953 instead of 1891."

"The doctrines laid down in this encyclical are a positive attack upon all the schemes which rob men of their dignity, degrade their moral standards and deprive them of their belief in God."

UN Prisoners Pledge \$1500 For Memorial To Chaplain

Tokyo, (NC) — United Nations POWs in a North Korean prison camp pledged \$1,500 for a memorial to Father (Capt.) Emil J. Kapaun, heroic chaplain who died in captivity, it was learned here.

According to Frank Noel, Associated Press correspondent who was in the same camp as Father Kapaun, and who has been released after more than 32 months, the priest from the Diocese of Wichita was "the camp favorite."

Even before being taken prisoner, Father Kapaun had become a hero to his men of the 8th Cavalry Regiment, and a legend throughout the front. A winner of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Bronze Star, he was captured in November, 1950, when he insisted on staying with the men, and died several months later.

'Unofficial Priest' Of POWs GI Holds Prayer Services For Comrades In Red Camp

Chicago, (NC) — The release of Pfc. Robert G. Draper from a North Korean prison compound has made his mother "the happiest person in the world."

Mrs. Alice Draper credits the power of prayer for the delivery of her son, a former acolyte at Our Lady of Grace parish here. Young Draper himself revealed after his release that he'd become the "unofficial priest" of his prison stockade.

His mother, the wife of Eugene A. Draper, a bus terminal ticket agent, said that she had gone to Mass and received Holy Communion every day since her son was reported missing in action in May of 1951.

"I'll never stop praying even after Bob comes back," she said. "God has been so good."

ON REACHING Freedom Village in Korea, Robert Draper had told how he and a group of Catholic friends had begun holding secret prayer meetings in their prison camp last Fall after the Chinese had denied them permission.

Accompanied by three of his former co-prisoners — Sgt. Edwin R. Erickson Jr., of Somerville, Mass., Pvt. Anthony McDonald of Philadelphia, and Cpl. Joseph A. Nichols, also of Philadelphia — Draper told how he had led in reciting the prayers of the Mass. "Every Sunday we got together in a little room where eight men lived," he said. "Once — on Christmas Eve, when we had candlelight services — we got 25 men in there."

DRAPER SAID that the group prayers usually were said on Sundays between noon and 2:30 p.m., because the Red guards were apt to be taking siestas then.

Originally, he said, the services were held on a squad level, but after a while more Catholics were invited in. But then the Chinese learned of the devotions, Draper said, and the services were once again limited to smaller groups.

Blishop Mulloy Grand Rapids, Mich. — (RNS) — Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, Ky., was re-elected president of the National Liturgical Conference at its 14th annual meeting here.

Iowa Approves Released-Time

Des Moines, Iowa — (NC) — Iowa's public school students may be released during regular school hours for religious instructions outside of the school, the State Attorney General's office has ruled.

The ruling was made as the result of inquiries from two Protestant groups — the Dubuque Council of Churches and the Lutheran Pastors' Council. The groups disclosed that they plan to start a program for third and fourth grade pupils this fall under which pupils from two public schools would be given religious instructions in nearby churches.

They asked County Attorney Robert Oeth of Dubuque for an opinion on the legality of the released time plan and he, in turn, passed the question on to the State Attorney General's office. Assistant Attorney General Kent Emery, in a lengthy opinion, said the board of directors of an Iowa school district may make provisions to excuse pupils, on the written request of their parents, for an hour each week to attend religious instruction classes conducted by non-school personnel at places which are not part of the school premises.

The opinion said that the Iowa Legislature has deemed it proper and advisable to encourage attendance of children at religious services and to attend places where they will receive religious instruction.

Reds Confiscate Church Organs

Trieste — (RNS) — Local Communist committee in Orzechowka have been ordered to confiscate organs from churches, refugees arriving here reported. The pretext given is that the organs are needed for the entertainment of the workers, the refugees said.

INDIA HAS GIRLSTOWN

Women can rule the world, as mothers and teachers of the future leaders. A good Catholic mother is a tower of strength in our missions. The Sisters of Nazareth have a "GirlsTown," called Padmapuram, where they safeguard poor girls and rescue fallen girls and train them as housewives and farm helpers. Now they have set up a dispensary and a dispensary. They need help to add a wing for working girls, a maternity and founding wing. MOTHERS, SEND YOUR MITT TODAY with a prayer of thank for your own daughter.



MONICA GUILD is our Near East Altar Society. Members give \$1-A-MONTH to adorn our chapel. Won't you join. Some members want to give articles themselves, like these: Bibles ..... \$10 Pictures ..... \$15 Mass kit ..... \$10 Altar sign ..... 10 Mass bell ..... 5 Linens ..... 15 Memorials ..... 40 Tabernacle ..... 25 Altar ..... \$100

5-OS TO ALL VINCENTIANS We appeal to the specific self-sacrificing St. Vincent De Paul Societies. Your fellow-members in Jerusalem need immediate help in their valiant work with our REFUGEES in the Holy City. An unending war has paralyzed work. They help feed and clothe over 200000 Jewish Arab families. They ask for FOOD PACKAGES (\$10). Send your set clothes through our warehouse, 52-15 Flushing Ave., Maspeth, N. Y.

We have pathetic appeals from those "blessed angels of charity," the Little Sisters of the Poor in Istanbul, Turkey. Alone in a Moslem world, heroically they live Christ's poverty to care for aged outcasts of Mohammedan families. They plead for your mitt. It feeds one person for three days. \$10 keeps one for a month.

BROTHERS, PLEASE Our missionaries thank God daily for their helpers, our hard-working Brothers. The priest would be lost without them. We need \$200 to train our novices at Cherran, Erzerum, train native Brothers. They will be able to continue without help soon. Won't you help?

TONIOS is a poor lad in Maronite Seminary in Lebanon. He has two more years before ordination. Where will he find the yearly cost of his training (\$100)? Won't you help him reach his ordained goal? You need not give all at once. A missionary priest to your credit on Judgment Day! THINK OF IT!

HEART OF HEARTS The special devotion for August is the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is also the virtuous devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. During her month send Her an altar for Her new FATIMA BURNING JORDAN. Mary will never forget. A block costs \$20.

The Bishop of Trienur, India, wrote not long ago that there is almost no medical care for the poor there. He is losing golden opportunities of reaching them because he has no funds for a MISSION HOSPITAL. The Holy Cross Sisters will be the answer. Won't you help him. Thank God for your own health. Your mitt buys a brick. A medical kit costs \$75. Endow a bed for \$250.

BEHIND THE SCENES You'll be very active behind the scenes for many years in our Near East missions if you'll help Sister Stephanie, a novice with the Sisters of Perpetual Help at Marissa. The cost of her training is \$100 a year for her two years there. Your help now will make her many years of labor possible. You may give in any payments you choose.

THOSE STINGLESS GIFTS are wonderful help to our Holy Father whose omnipotence arise so suddenly that he has no time to appeal.

SPITLESS SACRIFICE Who can measure the power of the Holy Sacrifice before the Throne of God. The Son of God Himself pleads for us. You always remember your blessed food with His own. How about your soul? Arrange now for Gregorian Masses for yourself. Ask for our SUFFERER CARD.

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Advertisement for RUND'S OYSTER BAR and STEAK HOUSE. Features include: RUND'S famous CLAM BAKE, Lobster, Steaks, and various seafood dishes. Includes a large illustration of a lobster.

Advertisement for Puddle Jumpers shoes. Features a large illustration of a shoe and text: "Top favorite of most schoolgirls! Forman's own study 'Puddle Jumpers'... back to school on crepe soles." Price listed as 8.95.