

Augustine Cunningham Pioneer for the Church

The death last week of 78-year-old Augustine J. Cunningham, the Rochester scene the familiar figure of a "gentleman" and a respected civic leader.

As a pioneer industrialist in a city of many industries, Mr. Cunningham found his family firm in 1891 and saw it grow from its early role of making horse-drawn carriages to its present occupation of manufacturing airplane parts.

Along with his busy career in business, Mr. Cunningham was devoted to the service of many civic and religious programs in the Rochester community.

As a Catholic layman he served for forty years as a member and official of the Rochester Catholic Charities. His interest and devotion in the Church's work in behalf of the poor was reflected in his faithful attendance at all meetings right up to the time of his death.

During his life he was generous with gifts from his personal fortune to many Catholic institutions, particularly St. Bernard's Seminary and his parish Church of Corpus Christi.

In death, as the executor of his estate report, he has been remembered with generous bequests St. Ann's Home for the Aged, St. Mary's Hospital, the Propagation of the Faith Society, the Rochester Community Chest and Corpus Christi Church.

His distinguished role as a Catholic lay leader was recognized in 1932 when Pope Pius XI named him a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

As a pioneer of early Catholic lay leadership, Mr. Cunningham helped shape a pattern of Catholic lay leadership which, we like to feel, has become the accepted and recognized ideal in our Diocese.

This is the role, which Augustine Cunningham and others have charted, of working hard at their chosen professions but finding time to serve without ostentation the interests of their Church and their Faith.

White Supremacy Fuel for Communists

Supporters of white supremacy in this country must defend themselves against the charge of being subversives, said the Rev. Louis J. Twomey, S.J., regent of the Law School of Loyola University, New Orleans.

A leader of the Sodality Summer School of Catholic Action, in session at Cleveland, Father Twomey deplored the recent action of the Senate in attaching a jury trial amendment to the Civil Rights Bill.

"I wonder if proponents of the amendment realize that we are on trial before the court of world opinion where three of four persons in the total population are non-whites," the Jesuit said.

"We must sacrifice our prejudices if we are to make democracy and Christianity work."

Father Twomey went on to say that "we can't hope to win the world by telling the non-whites they're inferior to us."

"Inasmuch as we fall in this respect," he said, "we're generating fuel for the Communists."

Describing Communism as an effect rather than a cause, the priest warned "there is danger that we'll become too complacent and not share our democracy with others."

"We've taken too great pride in the gadgets that come off our assembly lines and too little attention to the great underlying principles in the Declaration of Independence," he concluded.

Mixed-Up Teenagers Products of Sex Emphasis

Over-emphasis on sex in motion pictures, television, and popular magazines is blamed for "America's wave of immorality and indecency which is resulting in broken homes, mixed-up teenagers and a national nightmare."

Arthur J. Patzer, of Washington, D.C., made the charge in an address to the 54th annual conference of Western Pennsylvania Seventh-day Adventists at Somerset, Pennsylvania. He is youth director of the denomination's Columbia Union Conference.

He also took to task advocates of teen-age "steady dating" and called it "one of the greatest dangers and curses of teen-age today."

"America's moral crisis is shocking," Mr. Patzer said. "The havoc created by the advocates of sex freedom in the past decade has produced promiscuity, heartbreak, and misery."

"According to this new philosophy," he said, "teen-agers and pre-teens were to experience 'new-found freedoms.' Exhibitions of an out-moded morality were to be discarded. There were those who felt that the time-tested and proven standards of purity and chastity were out-moded, 'old-hat,' and 'Victorian.'"

"But the resulting wave of immorality and indecency has brought about a shocking revelation," Mr. Patzer said. "Over-emphasis on the vulgar and impure has led to broken homes, mixed-up youth and a national nightmare."

"Scantly-clad peroxide blondes, the 'Don Juans,' and general over-emphasis on sex on the front covers of American magazines and journals," he continued, "have produced traps into which youth have walked and these traps have snapped tight shut."

Mr. Patzer warned young people that moral integrity cannot be divorced from religion.

"Too many teenagers in America today feel that they do not need the church and the church does not need them," he said. "They feel that they can give up church and religion and yet continue to be moral and ethical. They fail to realize that honesty, loyalty, beauty, purity and life at its best come from Jesus Christ."

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Words That Leave You Dumb

I sympathized deeply with President Eisenhower the other day when he told reporters that he had once been hard put to it to find a satisfactory answer to arguments offered by Soviet Marshal Zhukov in a three-hour discussion of democracy versus communism.

Not at all, replied the President with his famous smile; but you can find some people who will put up a strong argument that the sun is not hot and the earth is not round.

Obviously, what President Eisenhower meant was that he had been hard put to it to find arguments that would reach Zhukov's mind.

ZHUKOV, THE president recalled, insisted that the communist system appeals to man's ideals, whereas the democratic system is simply materialistic.

In support of that strange statement, Zhukov said that democracy tells a man that he can make as much money as he wishes, keep as much of it as he wants, and do as he pleases.

In contrast, he argued, the Soviet system teaches people that their primary duty is to support the state.

As I said, I sympathized with President Eisenhower. The hardest argument in the world to answer is the one that sweeps aside mountains of facts and takes the form of an imbecile oversimplification.

THAT KIND OF statement amounts to an utter irrelevancy. It shows out reason and intelligence. It descends to the preposterous. No wonder, then, that the intelligent and reasonable man is suddenly struck dumb.

Every communist I have ever known has used this method of debate. It is the only method open to communists because communism cannot be defended reasonably.

Communists, for example, used to chant, like a chorus of talking-machines, that you cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs. That was their idiot way of trying to defend the slaughter of millions of Russians, the slave camps, the endless torture and terror of the communist system.

WHEN A MAN brushes aside the dreadful agonies of countless fellowmen with the inanely grinning remark that you can't make omelets without breaking eggs, what do you reply? You either punch his added head, or walk away.

Such was the dilemma in which Eisenhower must have found himself in his discussion with Zhukov during the war.

Zhukov said — and apparently believed with utter simplicity — that the democratic system allows a man to make and keep all the money he wants, and to do as he pleases.

If the democratic system did that, we would all be fighting it tooth and nail. How, then, can you find a satisfactory answer for a man who believes that it does — a man utterly ignorant of what democracy is all about?

ZHUKOV CONSIDERED it a virtue of the Soviet system that it teaches people that their primary duty is to support the state. That is idolatry of the state; but how do you argue with a man who thinks that idolatry is good?

If a small child says to you that he can't see why everybody shouldn't go around naked, you will be hard put to it to reply. The child is wrong for a hundred reasons, but his mind is not prepared to know them. You've just got to wait for him to grow up.

I'm afraid we'll have to wait for Zhukov to grow up, too; but it will be an endless wait as long as all he knows is what the Communist Party's propaganda system tells him.

On a butchershop window in London, England: "We make sausage for Queen Elizabeth II." And on the rival shop across the street: "God Save Queen."

Astrology

Ancient Superstition

Is it wrong to believe in astrology?

This very ancient superstition seems to have plenty of twentieth-century addicts judging from the magazines and newspaper columns which tell you that your future is written in the stars.

On a recent movie magazine describes Janet Leigh telling her actor husband Tony Curtis all about their new born daughter's future.

"Gosh! They can tell all about her when she's only a few months old," the article quotes the young mother. "They figure it all very scientifically, depending on the day and the year you were born."

"It's incredible the things they figure out by astrology," says the well-known actress.

To which the scientists bluntly say, "Nuts!"

But belief in astrology is on the upswing in very scientific America.

Drugstore and street corner newsstands carry ten to fifteen different astrological magazines. Daily newspapers print a horoscope column. Even the quiet halls of reputable libraries have sections set aside for a wide range of books on astrology.

Quite obviously a lot of Americans in addition to Janet Leigh believe in star gazing.

STAR GAZING, of course, is quite an ancient custom, probably started by Mr. and Mrs. Adam and Eve in the days when there was no television to watch of a summer (or winter) evening. Even the wise men who brought their gifts to the Christ Child were star gazers for the admitted. "We have seen His star in the east."

The "east" they referred to was Chaldea where some of history's most famous star gazers lived. The so-called constellations (the apparent picture-pattern made by the stars—and a vivid imagination) got their names from the Chaldeans.

Star gazing in modern times goes by the more reputable name of astrology.

No body who seriously believes in astrology, however, has ever explained why a fellow born on August 10 in the U.S.A. will probably have a reasonably comfortable life while another poor fellow born practically the same time but over in Tibet will have to freeze and starve a good share of his life.

And even a cursory glance at horoscopes shows you that the authors invariably predict all kinds of success and happiness no matter what day you chance to be born on.

ST. AUGUSTINE in his famous book, the Confessions, in chapter seven, describes how he himself once believed in astrology (that was back in the fourth century, so the practice is obviously not very up-to-date).

He tells how a well-to-do friend of his was born at precisely the same time as a household slave gave birth to a son too. The son of the free man "ran his course through the glided paths of life," writes the saint, "whereas the slave child was raised to serve his masters without any relaxation of the yoke."

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Do we need specialists and books to provide us with information as valuable as that?

ASTROLOGY BOOKS also carry extensive advertising for other methods of fortune telling including Hindu fortune telling cards, oracle cards (only \$6), Brahma lodestones, and of course the endless lists of books interpreting dreams, bumps on your head, lines on your hand, even the arrangement of your teeth.

To believe in astrology is an insult to God who gave us brains and time to use in a far more reasonable way than in superstitious star gazing.

To dabble in astrology, to read horoscopes, even half jokingly, is foolish and can be dangerous.

To accept astrology seriously is a sin against the first commandment because only God knows the future and He does not reveal His secrets by bumps or lines or summer stars.

God made the stars to give us a far greater message than the astrologers have ever dreamed of. The heavens show forth the majesty, the power, the mercy of God. In the stars we Catholics read not a message of the future but the eternal story that God is good. In Him alone do we put our trust.

Progressive education is about ready to give up the ghost. Two years ago, the Progressive Education Association folded. The magazine of the Association was then taken over by the John Dewey Society.

On July 22nd of this year, after a heroic struggle, the Society had to lay down its journalistic burden. It published the final issue of the 33-year-old magazine, the circulation having dropped to 2,000. George Hullfish, of the Society, said: "This closes the saga of the Progressive Education Association."

The saga has sagged badly but we can remember when it was strong and full of hope. In the 30s, thousands of young educators looked to John Dewey to usher in the golden era of the American school. Now the educational system he fathered has fallen on evil days. Why?

NEVER-SAY-DIE Deweyites claim that the goals of progressive education have been won and hence there is no longer any need of an Association to further it. It is closer to the truth to say that public enthusiasm for progressive education cooled off noticeably during the war years. Many a former zealot became disillusioned as he looked at what the system produced.

Since World War II, not only parents but teachers as well have clamored for more discipline in the classroom, more di-



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name of astronomy, which seeks to understand something of the nature and activity of the stars in their courses.

Authentic astronomers can give very practical advice to a variety of every day business operations because it is a proven fact that the moon's gravitational pull affects ocean tides, that sun spots affect our weather as also radio communications, and if the day comes when we develop inter-planetary travel, we will depend on the astronomers for accurate sky-time calculations.

LONG BEFORE astronomers were able to develop today's powerful telescopes, some people had the erroneous notions that stars were some kind of mystical message and they developed the pseudoscience of astrology.

These astrologers pretended to predict the future of a person's life by studying the position of the stars at the time that person was born.

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Making Marriage Click

Parents Must Give Guidance To Children

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC
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The father who lost his little boy in church should not have been surprised when the little fellow answered from behind the altar, "Here I am, daddy, behind the bar."

That father evidently slipped in his role of guidance. But what is the primary role of parents in the school?

The word I want to emphasize is "primary" nor is this word to be confused with "sole" purpose.

To start you thinking and maybe disagreeing, for this is a matter of opinion, I might say that the primary role of parents is guidance and the primary role of a school is to teach the intellectual virtues.

PARENTS obviously are responsible for the education of a child but they need many agencies to help them. The Church, the school, C.C.D., Newman Clubs, and so on.

So the Holy Father does not say that children must go to a Catholic school. Of course, they are not allowed, without permission, to go to schools where religion is not taught, but if parents could themselves alone educate a child that would be satisfactory. The question is can parents do so today?

Now, again, the Holy Father says that the primary purpose of education is to develop the whole man, the full man; he does not, however, say that that is the primary purpose of a Catholic school, but of education.

It is like saying that Fritz O'Neill pushes a car, but he does so primarily with his hands and not with his feet, though his feet help. His feet, too, have a distinct function; he certainly does not use them to bite with. Parents too have a primary role quite distinct from the role of a school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS do not exist primarily as agencies for propaganda. Their primary role is not to proselytize or to convert. This could be a subsidiary purpose as is its social and athletic life, but not a primary one.

A Catholic school's first stress must be academic training. This emphatically includes the sacred sciences but this must always be from the more intellectual approach.

Further, if a Catholic school taught the sacraments well, but neglected the teaching of arithmetic and history, this school would be untrue to its purpose and would be dishonoring God; as much as the mother who went to Mass daily and neglected her husband's needs and the children's breakfast.

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How Explain Catholic Wedding After 5 Divorces?

Hollywood actress Merle Oberon twice divorced, and Mexican industrialist Bruno Pagliai, three times divorced, were recently married in a Catholic Church ceremony in Rome.

"How come?" you ask. "I thought the Catholic Church never recognized divorce?"

Then here is your answer: The Church teaches Christ's doctrine that a true marriage can never be broken by any civil divorce decree, that every true marriage lasts "until death do us part."

The Church also teaches that Catholics must be married before a priest or they are not truly married.

Mr. Pagliai, a Catholic (one wonders how good a one), had previously acquired three "wives" in civil ceremonies, leaving him still a single man in the eyes of the Church.

Miss Oberon is not a Catholic. Her first marriage to Alexander Korda, also not a Catholic, was a true and binding marriage in the eyes of God and the Catholic Church. Miss Oberon divorced Korda and married (illegally, because she already had a husband), a second time. She subsequently divorced number-two-man and meantime number-one-man died, leaving her actually a widow.

Since Mr. Pagliai was still single (the Church does not recognize his three marriage licenses and divorces) and since Miss Oberon was a widow, the couple could actually enter a truly Christian marriage.

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