Reace On Barth

Christmas bells this year must face competition from the bear of sputniks and the deafening roar of rockets. Despite the recent apectacular acheivements of Soviet the athelatic leaders in the Eremlin must still glum-admit that round the world the symbolic Star of Bethlethat round the world. The symbolic Star of Bethles.

So they still plot their ways to eclipse the Light of the

Beeds of the free "North Atlantic" nations this week depated ways to talk peace with Russia.

To hole ten the sagging spirits of the NATO people, the U.A. Air Force blasted off an Atlas missile, reported by exwerts as capable of delivering H-bornly to any target anywhere in the world.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND of fantastic scientific evelopment and the free world's diplomatic dilemma, Pope Ples XII will five his Christmas messge to the world this

The neutral nations of the world will be watching both Paris and Rome to learn what NATO and the Pope have to

Even the Moslem leaders of the troubled Middle East recognize that Pope Pius has worked ceaselessly for peace. As Vicar of Peace his words will have the world's ear this Sunday before Christmas as TV, radio, and press wires carry his message to the four corners of the earth.

And while at the summit of church and state governments leiders struggle to hammer out a workable program for peace, back home in Main Street in your city and ours there will be the pitiful remnants of people who can't seem se find peace either.

A shoppers hustle to make their last minute purchases, Atthe, reused faced lady, most all her teeth gone, stands the cold, alking sleet to ask, "Could you give me a dime for Christmans!"

MAYBE THATS WHY the world has its problems today. We have most of us been taking care of ourselves and our own precious personal desires. And we have forgotten a bit that all our holiday customs, all our Christmas cheer in rooted in the fact that a Baby was born in poverty to make mis rich with a treasure neither time nor technocracy can erase to give us the grace of God and a love for our fellowman in need.

It might be that the NATO conference and the Pope's massage will be reminders to all of us that we must once make some to know how helpless we are alone, how much we depend on God. If each in his own way begins to "put God first and me afterwards" our world and the little lady Main Street may soon have a Christmas of peace on earth For many a day.

Making Marriage Click

Women Have Answer To In-Laws

By MIGH. INVING A. DOBLANO (Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

In a recent contest for the lovellest mother, held by a metropolitan newspaper, a picture came in accompanied by this mote: "Here is a picture of my wife's mother. In spite

of the fact that she is my they are suddenly out of a job; motherchilery; I think mire is a job that they have held for Sope," I u t 20 or more years. They do not agree with those who say the

why applogize his own meth-Mothieri - im law have clearly gotten m bad press. -₹ On an maga=

.wine Zella the story of the Englishman

Monstanor DeBlane arriving in Brazil who received a cable-

gram saying: "Your motherin law died. Shall we bury her or cremate her?" He immediately cabled back: "Both, Take TO CHARTCON."

This is low relationship in itolf solviously involves innate is, palls, Teelings. Isn't I surmites here are the mernd relatives of the one me love most in the world, yet deep resentationis are often harbored aribut them!

Youth and immaturity are mains factors indeed, but the problem usuiquely is for women and for those who lack a Christian attitude towards parent-

Earl L. Koos reports that 64 percent of the in-law problem is due to women-daughtersin-law, mothers-in-law. Evelyn Duval discovered a 57 percent ratio. She found that fathersin-law and some-in-law combined had a mere 10 percent ratio. Fathers are involved with innumerable other problems. yes, but with in-laws they are generally less so than mothers.

The lact is that many fathere seems to heave a sigh of ried relied; the children are all married now they can have more time for themselves, more cornioris, less responsi-

Mothers, on the other hand, may feel disconsolately that

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Sine has nursed her boby, cared for him, struggled for his life during illness, prayed for his safe return during war, cried joy fully over his successes but, alas and alack, now she feels all shriveled up inside, losing her child is not

best reason for having children

is to have grandchildren. At

lesst just now they are not

Often physical changes are

taking place and a mother in-

law is temporarily less confi-

dent, less poised, less eager to

meet new situations. She may

be tortured with the worry,

Will her children welcome her

to their home?" "Will she be

blamed for all shortcomings of

SOME SUFFER from deep

loneliness and the lack of ade-

quate interest. Now her fledg-

ling has left her. She wants to

be wanted and, needs to be

needed But is she? She clings

desperately, she criticizes, she

ignares, the meddles, the dis-

agrees, sine takes sides, she is

selfah she is possessive, she

rationalizes that "blood is

thicker than water

her married children?"

convinced of that

PT IS HUMAN for her to suffer, but is it entirely Christiars! Her Faith reminds her that she does not own these children. She had them for themselves, not for herself. Faces of the next generation must be set toward the future. Each generation must live for

No girl should ever permit her husband to neglect the affection he owes his parents, but the better gifts are still to be given to wives, not mothers. No son should ever allow even a miental doubt about this.

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From Herod To Khrushchev

This is the Chrisimas season, and sputnik rides in the sky where once stood the Star of Bethlehem.

Khrushchev, in the Kremlin, is confident: his power isi m p reg-nable. So it seems to him, and so it has seemed to him while

have come and gone. So it seemed to Herod, that old fox, in the first Christmas

nineteen hundred Christmases

Breig

To make his security doubly sure, he outestioned the Wise Men from the East about the time when the strange star had first appeared to herald the birth of the new king of the Jews.

"When you have found the child," said the wily Herod, "bring me word, so that I too may come and worship him." But already he had consulted the chief priests, and had learnwhat the Scriptures foretold that the prophesied Christ would be born in Bethlehem of

Herod was no man to take chances. He liked two strings on his bow. He did not realize, of course, that he was contending with God. He did not belleve in the almighty and eternal. One. What religion he had was mere superstition - the ignorant spiritual fear of the materialist. At heart Herod was an atheist.

Like all his kind, he had sold his soul to his ambitions. To him elernity meant noth: ing; he lived in and for his life on earth, and for whatever would feed his ego. Anything that stood in his way must be destroyed. He summoned his soldiers and ordered the slaughter of all the infants of Bethle-

Thus Herod insured his throne. The new king would be a dead king. But the divine irony brushes the Herods aside like flies. Herod was in his palace, and Christ was dead in the cave where he had been born. Only he wasn't. He was on his way to Egypt with his mother and Joseph his protec-

THE GOD IN whom Herod did not believe had sent an angel to wreck his scheme with one serene stroke. So it has been through the ages, as Christmas has succeeded Christmas, Over and over, the powers of the world have condemned Christmas to death; but it has always been they

It has been Herod in his palace, and Christ dead in his cave. It has been Nero in the royal box in the amphitheater, and Christ dying in his Christians in the arena. It has been Christ bleeding under the swords of the sultan's armies; Christ crushed under the hooves of Atilla the Hun's hordes of horsemen; Christ-tortured under Hitler.

And now it is Christ in his people enslaved under Khrushchev's nuclear armed atheists, while those who search the skies for the Star of Bethlehern see only sputnik and muttnik, unless they look through the eyes of laith.

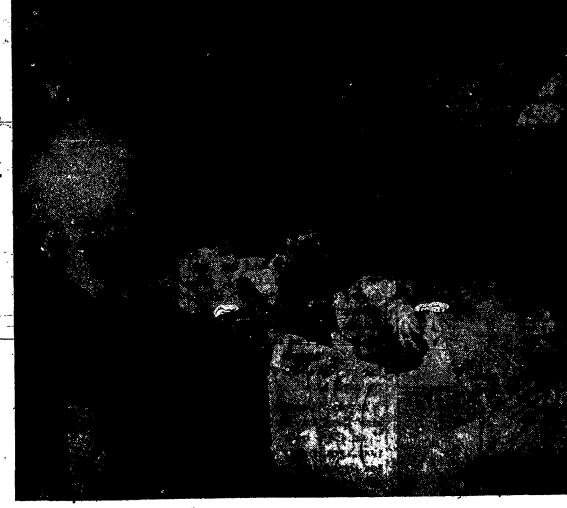
Or if not that, then through the eyes of history. History is eloquent about the fate of those who lifted their hands proudly against God. Nothing has been more thoroughly demonstrated than the truth uttered by the Virgin Mary in her magnificat:

"He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts; he has cast down the mighty and exalted the humble.'

The doom was upon Nero and his empire even as he put to death the Christians who soon would dominate civilization. The sultan's conquests brought him to the crushing defeat of Lepanto. The hordes of Atilla were turned back into Asia by an aged unarmed Pope astride a hirro, who spoke a few words that to this day are one of the mysteries of history.

Hitler died underground, whence the Christians emerged as Christ had emerged from the cave at Bethlehem.

It is another Christmas sea, ron affer photoen hundred Christmas seasons. Sputnik is in the sky, and Khrushchev in the Kremlin. But for how



A French shepherd, lamb under his arm, venerates image of the new born Saviour, typical of worldwide Christmas devotions honoring the Infant Jesus.

Around The World At Christmas Time

Italy

HRISTMAS turns all Italy_into a glutering, colorful—Kaleidoscope of traditional festivities, folklore and religious rite.

. In other lands Christmas may be found to be much the same from city to city. But in Italy, almost every village has lts own special "something" that makes it different from Christmas anywhere else in the

The most important of all Christmas celebrations in Italy is observed in its capital city, Rome, It is the solemn pontifical Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas morning, usually by the Archpriest of the Basilica, Federico Cardinal Tedeschini.

Characteristic of Rome's Christmas observance are the "zampognari," shepherds from the surrounding countryside who come into the city and-play ageless folk melodies on their rustic bagpipes. By night-they sleep in doorways and by day play their Christmas serenades before the numerous wall shrines of the Madonna and Child that are found in Rome's back streets.

For the children of Rome Christmas means a trip to the Christmas market erected in beautiful Piazza Navona.

From the beginning of Advent until Epiphany, Piazza Navona is filled with hundreds of open stalls where one can buy Christmas trees and all the decorations and figurines for creches for the home. There are stalls loaded with toys. there are game booths and counters making the piazza a Christmas fantasy to delight children from six to sixty.

IN ASSISI and Greccio, Christmas still bears the stamp of the humble friar, St. Francis. Here at Greccio a crib with real men



brated there by the saint in 1223 over **a** manger with an ox on one side and a donkey on the other. And in Assisi midnight Mass is celebrated in the church where the body of the saint himself hes buried.

Christmas dinner in Italy traditionally centers around a roast capon. And since the eve of Christmas is a day of fast and abstinence, there is a great market for fish and eel on December 24. The capon enjoys short glory at the "Capon Fair" in Morozzo, A "King of the Capons" is chosen with a great deal of merrymaking, and the hapless "king," selected for size and beauty, receives

Japan

first to be roasted.

the doubtful honor of being the

STORY of Christmas, 1565, 'tells how the first Christians of Japan felt about the celebration of Christ's birth and its message of brotherly

At that time, less than 20 the efforts of the "Christmas years after the coming of St. In the Town" committee, the

Francis 'Xavier, there was crib will be set up in the main heavy fighting between two feudal lords whose armies were camped outside of Sakai. There were Christians among the soldiers of both sides. A Jesuit missionary in Sakai was able to gather them in his little chaper for midnight Mass.

Having knelt together at the altar rails, the soldiers shared a meal together in commemoration of Our Savior's birth. The young Samural, or warriors, felt it an honor to serve at the table.

Before leaving for their respective camps, they begged each other's pardon for being lad against their wills to fight each other.

It was in this spirit that Christmas was celebrated by the first Christians in Japan until the great persecution, unleashed in 1614, banished or executed the missionaries and destroyed the flourishing Christian communities.

AMONG CATHOLICS of Japan today Christmas is celebrated with the traditional

The pagans of Japan also celebrate Christmas, especially since the end of World War 🛂 II. But their spirit, which parades itself a l m o s t e verywhere but especially n bars, hotels

and shops, is from that of a true Christian Christmas.

And yet the pagans of Japan seem to be groping for the true Christmas spirit. Many of the large stores along the Ginza and other shopping centers display the Christmas tree, the crib, or the flight into

Last year the Matsuzakaya store in Tokyo held a special Christmas exhibition of Catholic antiques and historical relics. This exhibition centered round a large and beautifully decorated crib that was most devotional. A placard nearby explained the true meaning of

This year, by means of special posters and explanatory leaflets. Catholic missionaries will try to bring a greater knowledge of the Divine Child to the 90 million pagans of

Belgium

SPECIALLY designed and built Christmas creche will have an honored place in Brus-'sel's main square this year as a result of a campaign to renew the true spirit of Christ-

Since the end of World War II a strong secularistic spirit has crept into the observance of Christmas in Belgium. Shopkeepers have taken to decorating their windows in order to increase sales and people have adopted the custom of celebrating the feast in restaurants and cabarets, rather than as a family festival:

This year, however, through

square and arrangements have been made to have various choirs sing Christmas carols before the crib for the whole week before Christmas.

AST GERMANS should decorate their Christmas trees with toy Soviet space satellites, the Communist party there has

"The Sputnik decorations would look so nice if red stars and golden hammers and suckles were painted on their silver shells," the East Berlin communist d all y. Neues Deutschland, told its readers.

Hong Kong



IGHLIGHT of Christmas ceremonies here is a unique and picturesque blessing of homes, by Bishop Lawrence Bianchi of Hong Kong.

The homes in this case are hundreds of gaily decorated fishing junks, each flying the papal flag, gathered in Aberdeen bay. They belong to the famous fisherfolk of China, most of whom fled the China coast when the communists took over the mainland.

THE CEREMONIES begin with midnight Mass attended by the fisherfolk in the parish Church in Aberdeen on the outskirts of the city of Hong Kong. Following Mass a short entertainment is presented by the pupils of the Canossian

In the after-



Sacrament, is held in the chapel of Our Lady of China Seminary in Aberdeen. Then the Bishop carrying the mon

strance goes in procession with the seminarians to the waters edge where he raises the Blessed Sacrament in blessing over

The ceremony held each Christmas began more than 20 years ago when a large number of families in this fishing community became converts to Catholicism.

The more than 50,000 fishermen and their families were born and will spend their entire lives on their boats. They go ashore only to attend Church, school and to shop.

Reasonable Rate

A man staying at a Mexican hoter called the clerk to complain that two mice were squabbling in his room. "What do you expect for a

Clogged Up

bullfight?"

Billy watched the TV repairman getting out his tools, "You knew something," Billy spoke up after awhile, "I bet if you would clean out all the old dead cowboys at the hottom of the set, it would work feal fine

Integration

Put Theory Into Practice, Says Prelate

Johannesburg, South Africa — (NC) — Advocating interracial justice in the pulpit and press will accomplish no real good unless people put theory into practice through interracial church gatherings and cultural and charitable projects, a Catholic archbishop told an interdenominational meeting here.

Archbishop Denis E. Hurley, O. M. I., of Durban said that such a program will take

"The obligation lies heavily upon religious communities to demonstrate that courage. Because of the influence religion 3 exerts over the moral attitudes. of people, religious communities have a very grave obligation in a multi-racial society where injustices abound," he

"If they fall to make the effort they are guilty of a grave neglect of duty. When mounting injustices reach the climax of social explosion, religious communities will suffer, and not undeservedly . . . Once again religion will have received a setback because of the failure of its members. Once again we shall be repeating the lament of Chesterton -'Christianity has not failed, Ithas just not been tried."

ARCHBISHOP HURLEY was a main speaker at a multiracial conference called by the Interdenominational African Ministers' Federation "to discuss and explore the steps which can bring about friendly and effective cooperation among the different racial groups in The Union of South Africa"

Held as the Nationalist gov ernment appeared to be stepping up restrictive moves towards its avowed goal of apartheid (strict race segregation) the meeting itself was held in an atmosphere of tension.

Twelve detectives of the Criminal Investigation Depart ment of the South African police paced about the rear of the hall during the three day proceedings. The CID group was, composed of seven Africans and five whites, and maintained strict apartheid among themselves.

In his talk Archbishop Hurley asserted that even people who are convinced of the evil of racial injustice can remain unaware of their "facile acceptance of it in practice," He said ironically;

"There is nothing like a resounding condemnation of apartheid to make one feel a holy Christian glow. Newspapers headline your speech, you are called courageous and outspoken. In distant lands your words are echoed. You feel like a crusader.

"On Sunday you thank God for the inspiration He gave you as you how your head in worship in a strictly segregated church. You take your children to school on Monday and you contemplate happily the fine training they are receiting in the thoroughly Christian atmosphere of their carefully segregated school.

"You board the bus for Europeans only, take the elevator similarly labeled, work diligently among congenial

white companions, eat your lunch in a segregated restaurant and at the end of the week pay the racially segre-

"You still feel fine about that speech you made."

THE PRELATE concluded: "The outward convincing evidence of our quality of Christianity should be that we have love one for another. It is an ideal we are bound to aim at not as a distant and meaningless abstraction but as a living truth that must be applied to our relations with every person we encounter."



Candle Light

Mary, Milly and Betty were

.discussing parties. Mary: You two should have been at my birthday party.

Betty: Did you have a birthday rake? Mary Yes, and what a cake!

It had seventeen candles One for each year. A silence followed Finally Milly piped up Seventeen, Eh? What did you do -- burn them

at both ends?

Welcome Mat Friend "You must lead an auful life unweicome where ever you go." Bill Collector: "Oh, I don"t know. Nearly everyohe asks

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me to come back again."

Who Me? Murphy: "Would you baylave it I was once mistaken for

President Truman." Hawkins: "That's nothing, I was once mistaken wor Winston Churchilli.'

Cohen: "How you talk? I was standing on the street corner the other day and a cop = came along and said to me, 'Holy Moses are you here again?"

See Your NLRB

Impatient Customer; "I get only an hour for lunch. Miss." Waitress (as she hurries by): "I can't discuss your labor troubles with you now."

Strange But True . . .

