

May Day Symbol Of Red's Take-Over Technique

Today is May Day — for centuries traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary — in recent years taken over by the Communists to flaunt their boasts to the world.

The Kremlin claims itself to be the champion of the down-trodden, exploited-working people of the nations. American workers by and large have kept aloof from the Communist bait, although well-trained agents of the Red cause have wormed their way to key posts in labor's ranks.

Unions, however, have not been the only victims of Communist penetration. Congressional investigations have proved that Lenin's disciples have captured positions in government, education, script writing for radio, TV and movies, magazine and book publishing firms and even in religious organizations.

In a nation such as ours where press and speech are still free this penetration can be discovered, exposed and cleaned up. Other nations where freedom is stifled, become chained ever more tightly in the mesh of this ruthless take-over technique.

As Catholics we are not automatically immune from this menace. The story of the Church in China is sad proof that the Communists can even seize the altar and crozier to suit their needs.

Reports from behind the bamboo curtain strike us at first as pure fabrication when we hear of Catholics — clergy and laity — breaking the bonds which link them to the Vatican and the Vicar of Christ. Once loyal, devoted priests and lay people have joined the Communist dominated "Patriotic Association" which has ousted bishops and replaced them with their own pawns of Peiping.

This week came news that a similar attempt to cut Catholics from the Vatican has started in Hungary.

East German Communists as far back as ten years ago have tempted Catholics and Protestants in that torn nation to take part in rites which mimic baptism, confirmation, marriage and Christian burial.

All this adds up to one inevitable conclusion. Our faith and our freedom face an implacable foe.

Communism, not yet 50 years in power in Moscow, has fixed itself a clear-cut goal—a total take-over of the world. It has not retreated a step in its quest.

Little wonder then that Pope John in his vantage point at the summit of the Christian world considers mere human genius inadequate to halt this advancing monolith. He turns, as popes of previous centuries have turned, to one remedy which assures victory—the humble, intense prayer. Those who are anxious to "do something" about the world situation can keep May, beginning today, according to the Pope's request, a time of devotion to our Lord and His blessed Mother.

Be Kind To Animals

There are so many critical problems in the world, we probably should reserve editorial space to discuss more serious topics than "Be Kind To Animals Week" which is marked on our calendars for May 3 to 10.

Yet as mice and men are marked for experimental space travel, we might ask, "What does the Church have to say on the subject of man-and-beast relationships?"

The Church, obviously organized to save souls, has taken time and space to include in its ritual books special blessings for farm animals, household pets, all animals, birds and even rodents.

Stories more than mere legends tell of the kindness of St. Francis Assisi and Blessed Martin de Porres to God's lesser creatures.

There is also the authenticated report that a powerful dog came to the rescue of St. John Bosco on occasions when the saint's life was in danger. Some say the dog was his guardian angel in disguise.

The Church, and the saints who so humbly submit to the Church, takes its cue from the Bible where we read that God made all things and saw that they were good. These lesser creatures are our companions and aides intended to serve us in our service of the Creator.

We would do well to thank God for these creatures and see to it we use them as gifts from His hands.

Treasure In A Trunk Given Memphis Charity

Memphis — (RNS) — Yellowed with age, a 47-page handwritten short story said to be an original by O. Henry was discovered in a chest donated to a Catholic charity salvage store here.

The manuscript may prove to be one of the richest treasures ever found in an old trunk. Proclaimed genuine by a handwriting expert, it was locked up for safe keeping to await bids from prospective purchasers. The trunk's former owner could not be traced.

Entitled "The Ventures," the story was published in the now-extinct "Everybody's Magazine" in 1909, the year before O. Henry died.

Born William Sydney Porter in Greensboro, N.C., in 1862, O. Henry lived in Texas during his early adult life. His last eight years, the most productive, were spent in New York City, where he died. He was buried in Asheville, N.C.

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Worker's Saint

The feast of St. Joseph the Worker will come into its own when men become as responsible as their wives and mothers about the things of God. For long and bitter years, the world's tragedy has been that men have left religion to women and children. This is less true, I think, of America than of Europe, which would go far toward explaining the greater stability America has known.

It is the particular work of women, to apply religion in the home, to the child, to personal spiritual development, to the easing of affliction and pain. Men should carry faith and morality across the earth like an army with banners flying, or like knights, sent forth to destroy evil wherever found.

Humanity's well-being demands the religious courage, daring, audacity, enterprise and resourcefulness of the male. It demands his religious strength, too. Man is the initiator and the inventor. His intellectual power is capable of taking in all the world around and seeing far into the future. He is the principle maker of civilizations, the conqueror of wild nature.

When man is religious, as he ought to be if he is to be fully a man, there can be no reducing of religion to terms merely of security and comfort. He must be religiously secure, but if it is masculine it is also an adventurous, hardy, exploring and creating thing. It is good that religion is womanly in women and childlike in children, but in men it ought to be manly.

All this is not to suggest that women have no role to play in the transforming of customs, systems and institutions in order that the earth may become fit for humanity to call it home under God's heaven.

They do have roles — very great roles — and they are meeting the challenge more and more as governments are altered to permit them to do so. But the remaking of the world will always be principally the duty of men.

LAW — LOCAL LAW. National law and above all international law — will not be made to conform fully to the religious vision, unless men religiously work for that end. We will medicine, or politics, or industry, or labor, or entertainment, or the arts and sciences, or literature or the thousand other concerns that affect each of us profoundly.

It is the exceptional woman who is not essentially the conservator. It is the exceptional man who is not at heart a conservator. In his dreams, the restless pioneer, the experimenter, the seeker after the new and better method, the searcher for a brighter vision.

Much of the colossal good that religion can accomplish for all of us is left undone when men are preoccupied with the material to the exclusion of the spiritual.

MEN, I THINK, must take the lion's share of the blame for the catastrophes of fascism, nazism and communism. Hitler could not have succeeded all that a thousand years of effort had established if men had been religiously cleared, filled with virtue and hard of wrong, able to see right through propaganda, tedious posturings and lies of the mass megalomania.

The religious man does not run after every passing fad and fumble of a time. The religious man is a responsible man who will not be led by other men unless the principles and purposes proposed are right and good. And this is the religious man easily cowed by threats.

If the feast of St. Joseph the Worker is to mean to men when he established it, men will have to return to vigorous religiousness. In the address in which he announced the new holy day, Pope Pius XII challenged "all men" to the new holy day, to measure up to the strong and energetic demands of real religion.

Judge Urges Stiff Sentences

New York — (NC) — Chief City Magistrate John M. Murphy urged "stiff sentences" for purveyors of snuff.

"I share the increasing public concern about filthy literature," he said during a television interview. "Whether or not it tends to create juvenile delinquency, it is not conducive to proper moral direction of our youth."



St. Vincent de Paul, patron of all organizations devoted to charity, lived in sixteenth century France which was ravaged by poverty, plague and Turkish raids. He gave his life to service of the poor, even exchanging places with shackled prisoners to let the mgo free. He founded the Vincentian order of priests and the Sisters of Charity. His life should inspire generous response to the Rochester area Community Chest drive and to the worldwide need for continued relief of the poor.

Church Music Improving

By JIM SHEA

Cincinnati — (NC) — A musician famed for his blistering comments on "soupy, glaucous, church music" struck a cheerful note in an interview here.

Paul C. Hume, music critic of the Washington Post and Times Herald and an active musician himself, said he thinks "the church music situation is very much better."

The veteran organist, choir director and professor of music at Georgetown University, Washington, directed here a joint concert by the Georgetown Glee Club and the Choral Club of Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

"I'm greatly encouraged," said Mr. Hume in the interview, "at the extraordinary progress made in just the past three years—much of which I didn't expect to see in the next 25 years."

He believes two major factors in the progress he sees are the 1955 Christmas encyclical of Pope Pius XII on sacred music and the instruction from the Sacred Congregation of Rites issued last September after approval from Pope Pius.

"Now we hear congregations of 150 people singing the Mass," he said in reference to the September, 1958, instruction which called for a more active role for the laity in the Mass.

"Parochial school children are being taught to sing excellent Masses. Organists and choir directors are receiving salaries that make it worthwhile for them to prepare for such a career," he said.

But Mr. Hume does not believe by any means that the church music situation is better than 20 years ago, what he rates as bad music and sentimental hymns in church. "By these I mean the sentimental hymns, usually in waltz time, which the Church has forbidden for years."

"The truth is," he went on, "that the bad hymns are hard to sing."

Mr. Hume has not time for the notion that only a chosen few can sing decently. "There are very few who can't sing the ordinary responses of the Mass," he said, "and that's exactly where the Church desires us to begin."

A former Presbyterian, Mr. Hume indicated that it might be well to take a look at Protestant congregations that sing well and loud.

"If Catholics can sing bad music together, then they ought to be able to sing good music together," said Mr. Hume.

Recalling a recent radio broadcast of "soupy, glaucous music" from a Catholic service, he said, "I wish we could show the world the good side. We have some of the world's greatest music in the Church."

Report From Africa Nyasaland

(The author of the following article is a missionary priest from New York who spent four years (1954-58) in Nyasaland attached to the Zomba apostolic vicariate.)

By FATHER EUGENE LYNCH, S.M.M.
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

The Church has a bright future in Nyasaland, scene of violent disturbances in recent months that have taken scores of lives.

The Church has little to fear from the present political unrest there, caused by strong native opposition to the area's inclusion in the Central African Federation set up by Great Britain in 1953.

Most Nyasaland leaders recognize the Church's valuable contributions to the country in the past, and Catholicism seems likely to emerge from the current crisis stronger than ever.

The crisis, intensified by the wave of nationalism now engulfing all Negro Africa, stems from the fears of Nyasaland's 2,500,000 people that they will have to submit to strict segregation and discrimination if their country must remain federated with the two Rhodesias.

Nyasaland's people are more than 99 per cent Negro, but Northern and Southern Rhodesia have substantial White minorities which tend to view favorably the "apartheid" policy of neighboring South Africa.

The crisis was brought to a head by the approach of the 1960 deadline for deciding whether or not the federation will become an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

Another factor touching off the recent riots was the return to Nyasaland after an absence of more than 40 years, of Dr. Hastings Banda, U.S.-educated head of the Nyasaland branch of the African Nationalist Congress party.

The great majority of the people — of whom about a sixth are Catholics — go along with the nationalist aspirations of Dr. Banda, who is now in prison. But they do not support his view that missionaries are not to be trusted.

Although tensions are running high and some of the animosity felt for Whites might have been expected to be directed against Catholic missionaries, not one of them was molested.

Through the work of these missionaries — 224 priests, 270 Sisters and 44 Brothers — the Church in Nyasaland is now flourishing and the faithful number 436,372.

But much of the Church's growth there is recent. Great obstacles had to be overcome in the early years of the missions.

Nyasaland, an area about

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- MAY
- 17 Sunday—St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn—Dedication of Church and Low Pontifical Mass—11:00 a.m. Nazareth College—Capping of Nurses—4:00 p.m.
 - 18 Monday—Nazareth College—May Day Celebration—9 a.m. St. Anne's Church—Ampal Marian Awards—8:00 p.m.
 - 19 Tuesday—St. John Fisher College—Patronal Feast—9 a.m. St. Anne's Church—Dedication of new Church, Sermon, Preside at Pontifical Low Mass—7:30 p.m.
 - 21 Thursday—Nazareth Academy—May Day Celebration—10 a.m.
 - 22 Friday—St. Joseph's Commercial School—Low Mass for the Graduates—9:00 a.m.
 - 23 Saturday—St. Joseph's Church—L.F.C.A. Mass—12:00 Noon Nazareth College—D.C.W. Tea—4:00 p.m.
 - 24 Sunday—Bishop's Chapel—Ordination—9:00 a.m. St. Joseph's Church—Preside and Preach at Silver Jubilee Mass of Reverend William Jamison, C.S.B. St. Joseph's Church—St. Joseph's Commercial School Commencement—7:45 p.m.
 - 25 Monday—Sacred Heart Academy—Solemn Pontifical Mass in Honor of St. Madeleine Sophie—9:30 a.m. Assumption School of Catechetes, Fairport—C.C.D. Graduation for Fairport, Geneva, and Ithaca—8:00 p.m.
 - 26 Tuesday—Our Lady of Mercy High School—May Day—9:30 a.m.
 - 27 Wednesday—Notre Dame Retreat House—Priest's Day of Recollection—9:00 a.m.
 - 28 Thursday—St. John Fisher College—Senior Banquet—6:30 p.m.
 - 29 Friday—St. Agnes High School—May Day—9:00 a.m. St. John Fisher College—Chancellor's Dinner—7:00 p.m.
 - 30 Saturday—Our Lady of Mercy Church—Low Mass and Blessing of New School—11:00 a.m.
 - 31 Sunday—St. Joseph's Motherhouse Chapel—Nazareth College Baccalaureate Mass—11:00 a.m. St. John Fisher College—Commencement—3:00 p.m.

Bishop Casey's Appointments

- MAY
- 2 Saturday—Holy Trinity Hall, Webster—Address, Building Fund Campaign, St. Rita's Church, West Webster—6:30 p.m.
 - 3 Sunday—Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry—Confirmation—10:30 a.m. St. Anthony's, Groton—Confirmation—1:30 p.m. Catholic Chapel, Freeville—Confirmation—3:15 p.m. Immaculate Conception, Ithaca—Confirmation—5:00 p.m.
 - 4 Monday—St. Thomas, Sumnerville—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 5 Tuesday—Sacred Heart Bowling League Dinner—6:30 p.m. Thursday—Chancellor of Commerce—Benefaction, Opening Community Chest Dinner—8:00 p.m.
 - 8 Friday—New York City—Reception for Archbishop Vagstad, Apostolic Delegate—7:00 p.m.
 - 9 Saturday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Pontifical Low Mass, First Holy Communion—8:00 a.m.
 - 10 Sunday—St. Patrick's, Corning—Confirmation—1:30 p.m. St. Vincent's, Corning—Confirmation—3:00 p.m. St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen—Confirmation—5:00 p.m.
 - 12 Tuesday—Holy Redeemer—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 13 Wednesday—St. Mary's, Genesee—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 14 Thursday—Sacred Heart Hall—Men's Club Dinner—8:30 p.m.
 - 17 Sunday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Adult Confirmation for Westside Parishes—4:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Church—Adult Confirmation for Eastside Parishes—7:45 p.m.
 - 18 Monday—Sacred Heart Hall—Rosary Guild Dinner—7:00 p.m.
 - 19 Tuesday—St. Anne's Church—Pontifical Low Mass, Dedication of New Church—7:30 p.m.
 - 20 Wednesday—Holy Family—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 21 Thursday—Sacred Heart Hall—St. John Fisher Club Dinner for High School Graduates—6:00 p.m.
 - 24 Sunday—St. Anthony's, Elmira—Preside and Preach, Golden Jubilee of Parish—11:00 a.m. St. Patrick's, Elmira—Confirmation—1:30 p.m. St. Anthony's, Elmira—Confirmation—3:00 p.m. St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights—Confirmation—4:45 p.m.
 - 25 Monday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Sodality May Day Exercises—8:00 p.m.
 - 26 Tuesday—St. Joseph's, Wayland—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 27 Wednesday—St. Thomas Aquinas, Leicester—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 28 Thursday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Solemn Pontifical Mass, Corpus Christi Procession—7:45 p.m.
 - 29 Friday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—May Day Exercises, Sacred Heart School—2:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Calendar

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| Sunday, May 3 — Finding of the Holy Cross (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of fifth Sunday after Easter, Creed, Preface of the Holy Cross. | with 2 and 3 prayers: Vigil of Ascension (white) or Rogation Day (purple). |
| Monday, May 4 — St. Monica (white), Gloria, Rogation Day (purple). | Thursday, May 7 — Ascension of our Lord (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface and canon prayers of Ascension. Holy-day of obligation. |
| Tuesday, May 5 — St. Pius V (white), Gloria, Rogation Day (purple). | Friday, May 8 — St. Michael, archangel (white), Gloria. |
| Wednesday, May 6 — St. John in Rome (white), Gloria. | Saturday, May 9 — St. Gregory Nazianzen (white), Gloria, Creed. |

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HAVE EXISTED IN SPAIN SINCE THE 4TH CENTURY, RESIDING IN CELLS, SILENTLY, SINCE 1309. THEY ARE LAZARUS WHO TAKE SIMPLE VOWS RENEWABLE YEARLY, AND EACH LIVES IN A SEPARATE 3 ROOMED HERMITAGE.

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IN THE NOW DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS THE MUSEUMS FIRST HOSPITAL.