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Journalism

Good and Bad

By Peter Maurin

I. It is Bad News

1. Mark Hanna used to say, "If a dog bites a man, it is not news, but when a man bites a dog, it is news."

2. The fact that a man has bitten a dog is not good news. It is bad news.

II. Good Journalism

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4. The value of journalism is in the values of the comments given with the news.

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2 More Leaders

Of C.W. Movement

Sail For Egypt

Joe Zarrella, one of the editors of the Catholic Worker in New York, and Louis Murphy, head of the C.W. in Detroit, are sailing from New York for the Middle East, where they will work for the American Field Service in an ambulance unit. Herein is an account of the work of George Broido, who sailed September 1st with a number of other volunteers in the American Field Service.

Joe Zarrella's wife, the former Alice Lautner of Tell City, today we have no one who can work during her husband's absence with her brother, who is a priest and chaplain of an orphanage.

Louis Murphy's work in Detroit is being continued by Dick Herbert and a very active group which has been helping Detroit's with the war. Louis left the work five years ago after continued meetings of Catholic Worker supporters, who were anxious that a House of Hospitality be gotten under way. They chose a home from work on a pay day with a check in his pocket he rented a Bagley St. house in a Negro neighborhood and started to do work to keep it in hand. A breadline sprang up, the house filled up and Lou just (Continued on page 7)

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Rochester House

Of Hospitality

Has New Chapel

Thanks to the efforts of our group of workers, the Rochester House of Hospitality at 402 South avenue, in Rochester, N. Y., will be opened by the end of the month in the house, as the Pittsburgh and Buffalo group have. Our local group, under the direction of E. Kearney, came this morning to bless the chapel and to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We offered a Votive Mass in honor of St. Joseph. One of the points of Harold Robin's 'The Sun of Justice' is that we have the choice of the dignity of human labor because, in our urban, industrial, mercantile, and artificial civilization we lose sight of the necessity of the primary crafts such as husbandry and carpentry.

We here at St. Joseph's house have the choice of our homes very forcefully in building the chapel. The "scholars" collected $120 from the War Bond work on a pay day with a check in the pocket of the company, a few of the craftsmen, members of the American Field Service, came to help in the work, and the others to have for the Lady contestants who have been shown to them to the Lord's throne of David, His father, and He shall reign as the great and shall be called the expected of nations."

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On Christian Morality

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The Mother of God

By Fr. Clarence Duffy

The first miracle of Our Lord was the visitation of the Lady of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, in the words of the angel Gabriel: "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." This was the visitation of the promised Messiah, He had announced to her, a girl poor and humble, yet a descendant of King David, that she was to be the Mother of the "Expected of nations." "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." He had said, "For thou hast found grace with God." Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name, Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord shall give unto Him the throne of David, His father, and He shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of His kingdom there shall be no end."

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Price One Cent

Day After Day

Sail For Egypt

Joe is a craftsman. He designed and constructed the chapel. When the church was begun, there was no ceiling, the wall was broken in several places, there were several bad spots. (Continued on page 6)

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Weapon of the Spirit

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ter into the presence of a person treating thee. And I will scatter them with a fan in the gate of the land. I have killed and destroyed my people, and yet they are not returned from their ways.

Humility and Holiness

Shall we not then pray for victory? Did not Jesus say, “Ask and ye shall receive?” Certainly the promise that is attached to prayer be a praying one, even so much as to the weak in faith. It seems rash and impossible of fulfillment. “Whatsoever ye ask in prayer, ye receive.”

Prayer in the Vineyard

BY REV. JOHN J. HUGO

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tory? Certainly they are guilty of nothing less than murder. For observe: instead of acknowled­
ging their fault and repenting of it, they affirm their righteousness, and then, basing themselves on this pharisaeism, so detested in heaven, they do not even to ask God for victory as demand of it. Of course they do not heed the sound of their prayers and penance unless they have their origin in an interior turning of the heart. And the word “repent” in this text: to turn away from God, to return to Him after we have feared, with what pain, from the goods of earth, that it may be turned to the Lord. For since “affection for God and af­ fections for creatures are con­fused,” cannot be contained within one will affect for God, then affect for His, then prayer itself, because it unites us to God, must be the prayer and not the fuse from creatures.

Accordingly, the Sovereign Pontiff writes that “prayer will remove the fundamental cause of present day difficulties, which we have mentioned, that the insatiable greed for earthly goods. The man who prays, who prays looks above to the goods of heaven whereon he meditates and which he beholds within the heart. He is plunged in the contemplation of the marvellous order created by Almighty God, and he is not the fancy of earthly success.

Why Prayers Are Un-answered

Now we can make a reply to the question as frequently asked—how can a man ask and not receive, how can a man ask, and not receive?—the answer is that the one who asks is not the one who believes. He cries out in fear and pain to the Lord, and as we have said, he can prevent its repetition. He thus does his share, for as far as his will, power, nature and disposition permit. He prays with the desire to obtain His grace without obstinate and unchristian, and persists in his wayward course. He will not be more and will be inflicted on him as often as he offends God. He is seeking to accomplish a parallel way, when men pray for peace, but without repent­ance and reform. And if Almighty God take their prayers, because he has not wished to change, but plowed more deeply into earthly pleasure. This is why God, and the more the smile, no longer do repent, and there is not the least sign that they will change. The will will again be scorned, more fearfully still, by World War I and World War II, the time to begin thinking of World War III—and to begin pre­paring. The weapons of the Spirit. Presumption

If God, Himself loving peace and desiring of sharing it, refuses to hear the prayer for peace uttered by men who keep their hearts fixed on the world, what shall be said of the prayer which men offer for vic­
PLAY, WORK AT WRANER

By Dwight Larrowe

Several months has passed. It finished with a party and a sequel, both quite popular. The party was even quite popular up here, but the party was an epic. In March, Andy Hall organized a very successful dance. Gordon Zahn and many other friends of the paper got together and that portrayed Mr. Jerk, new assistant editor of the paper. We met the whip-crack- ing, dictatorial Director, Mr. Lagra, and we were introduced to the word authority; it is introduced to "Work of National Importance"; dancing in the Assembly, Broad; all are hilarious scenes.

We got a few things done around camp too. With Mr. Williams, we have been printing and packing, and packed 1,000 cakes of ice for next summer's use. Last year we saved money and saved $200. This year it should mean a saving of $300. It cost us nothing, since we traded our labor for the ice. Mr. Hall of Branford, Connecticut, and we provided the wren. We helped him load his trucks and then load the ice.

Raising Food

We had two pigs slaughtered this winter. Our meat. Each pig weighed 400 pounds. We sold them for $2. Roy Sevierich rented the fat into lard (almost as expensive as meat), about 30 pounds. We have another six coming along for next year. (We saw in the Farm Journal how one can save by bunching a 250 pound pig at $2.34.) More important even than the savings effected by raising our own meat is the meat will be had to buy at all next year.

The cherries we picked last year are still providing juicy pies. We have a feast of our own on the 29th this month. If it is a success, we will have 50 and our bills are $300.

A C.O. Explains

Furthermore, the Conscientious Objector to war believes that history testifies to the soundness of his judgment in the war, because he still from the life of his fellow men. Another man's family is being placed on relief because his family's position is that of the conscientious objector stands in his camp has been injured and lost her job. There are 60,000 non-combatant military service. All of those found in the military service. The sale, and the sale of their lives, is a four-page spread, with excellent type and cuts made by Ade de Bethune. Copies may be had by writing to The Catholic Worker, Room 110, Joseph's House, 1236 Webster Avenue, Chicago 37.

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Pope’s Prayer

His Holiness Pope Pius XII has granted indulgences for the recitation of the prayer which he himself gave during his radio broadcast to Portugal, when he consecrated the Church and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Holy Father has granted a partial indulgence of three years to the devout recitation of the following prayer, and a plenary indulgence obtainable once a month, under the usual conditions of Confession and Communion, for the daily recitation of the complete prayer.

The official English translation of the indulgenced prayer, as revised, is as follows:

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Refuge of the Human Race, Victress in all God’s battles, we humbly prostrate ourselves before thy throne, confident that we shall receive mercy, grace, and heavenly assistance in the present calamity, not through our own iniquities, but solely through the great goodness of Thy Maternal Heart.

To Thee we turn, O Immaculate Heart in this humanity’s tragic hour, we consign and consecrate ourselves in union not only with the Mystical Body of thy Son, Holy Mother Church, now in such suffering and agony in so many places and sorely tried in so many ways, but also with the entire world, torn by strife and conflict, consumed in a fire of hate, victim of its own wickedness.

May the sight of the widespread material and moral destruction of the sons and daughters of countless fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and innocent children, all the victims of strife, of the flower of youth, of the bodies mangled in horrible slaughter, and of the tortured and agonized souls in danger of being eternally miserable, move Thee to compassion!

O Mother of Mercy obtain peace for us from God and above all procure for us those graces which prepare, establish and assure peace.

“Queen of Peace pray for us and give to the world now at war the peace for which all peoples are longing; peace in the trumpet of Good News, the warning of nations and to the souls of men, that in the tranquillity of order, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

“Give peace to the peoples separated by error or discord, and especially to those who profess such singular devotion to thee and in whose homes an honored place is always given to thee, Holy Mother Church, Queen and Mother of the faithful.

“Give peace to the infulds and to all those still in the shadow of death; give them peace and grant that on them, too, may shine the sun of truth, that they might unite with us in the behavior of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, ‘Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of good will.’

“Give peace to the peoples separated by error or discord, and especially to those who profess such singular devotion to thee and in whose homes an honored place is always given to thee, Holy Mother Church, Queen and Mother of the faithful. Amen.”

Plan for Peace

What insane urge prods man destroys in mad sadistic strife His most primal earth and fellow-man and flaunts the Source of Life?

Now peace on earth can only be when good-will shall prevail Amongst mankind, whether black or white, His love shall never fail.

So till your part of the living soil With trust in Him, men brave and free can live in peace as God’s heirs.

D. Dorman

Day After (Continued from page 1)

Maurin once found himself in the middle of the street in the spot, but after he got home he never discussed all my pleadings, cautions, and even outright command of a service, and I would not, could not, speak. Nor would Gerry. Gerry was just as others and I knew he had been forced to express himself a few times in Chicago and Denver and he seemed to have been torn. But we were speaking of the others.

Peter Maurin

First of all, it was Peter who came into our lives and called us to what we are doing. We were convinced by his own talking that there was work to be done with the many people talking for this new movement, calling. We were called, as St. Peter said, to give witness about Him and our faith in Him.

When people ask me how the Catholic Worker movement started and what it is, I tell them it is a celebration of the essence of Christian philosophy, personalism and communitarianism! There were many movements before our movement, but this is the one about in this day of Communism, Fascism, Nazism, totalitarianism, and war.

And since we started talking about these things ten years ago, we find we have come in that we don’t have to go on talking and writing about them, but that we have to act.

That’s because our readers are trying to live these ideas, not just talk about them. And the living of these ideas will determine the course of our movement and our destinies. As Peter says, leads to the clarification of thought, it will be the same with starting. It will come about from this day on. We are changing the light of history, and we will be ready to turn it on.

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Best Books to Read

It’s a good time to be reading about the desert fathers. It is familiar ground that I am able to come back to. It is a fascinating area of his-
From Army Camp

And so once again I write and say goodbye. Nothing I've done has done so much for me as my association with the Catholic Worker. No matter what happens to me in the future, I shall always carry with me the conviction that I was right to undertake, shall always try to be a credit to the CW, and shall always try to observe the saying — the word of all — black or white, rich or poor, American or Russian, Italian, Irish, all are brothers in Christ and members of the Mystical Body.

My desire is of course to come back alive and by the grace of God to come more with renewed fervor spend the rest of my days as an active member of the Catholic Worker movement.

We have disagreed on many points but I'm sure the essentials we are one. I don't know of the other workers in the movement very good friends, out in California always, and busy with their own homes, but they're in Sacramento, but I beg them to continue the work for Christ and please pray for me.

Arthur Roz.

St. Francis House

1418 Carson St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Your Epiphany card adorns the wall — a very nice touch, thank you. All thought of the Catholic Worker has meant to us throughout the years. Most of us have so far appreciated the ideal the CW has been so dear to us, but we're still a little bit richer for the attempt.

My own mind shares much of the consideration this brings. It is not an easy thing to do. By education, age and experience, I ought to be a leader but I am only a lagging follower. One thing, however, the CW has taught me and it stands out luminous above everything else — the fact that is unlimited confidence in God and in the Mass. It wouldn't be out of place even to use a Good Friday, and I don't know what I'm doing.

Alan Kistler was here till Wednesday on a brief tour for a few days. He thought the building looked well and evidently is satisfied with the opportunity he has to visit the Medical Corps. One of his closest associates is a former sports editor of the Pittsburgh Daily Worker. Jimmie Palmer's letter was printed by Joe Breg in his column in the Pittsburgh Courier. A fine young man isconnected with the St. Francis House is getting along quite as well. As you see we are not going to need our black stamp, indicative of our financial condition. Yet when we meet again we will have a feeling of having done something somewhere. This morning for instance when we were quite busy we had a visitor put down $5.00 came through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith from the opposite circle I knew nothing about.

Wouldn't it be possible that if we could have an understanding with the government a plan for the more extensive use of C.O.'s for such work as they are doing in the Chicago hospital, it would be well received? Hospitals everywhere the Daily Worker, badly and Houses of Hospitality are everywhere perishing for lack of workers. There is poverty still — the hardest kind forgotten poverty. And one must also must discharge patients before they can take care of themselves. Then where are they? or, what do they need? I think the government constantly should be kept aware of the need for the works of mercy and of the Red Cross of the C.O.'s to fill in for the gaps in the nursing, housing, and women to men and women to take of the places of those who have taken away from Houses of Hospitality and other good workers who would otherwise would work there would be settled. At present we have

Matt Queen.

Boston

25 Rollins Street.

Boston, Mass.

The rooms in my new house of hospitality are now almost completely furnished.

It is a pity that so much work has been made. We were very fortunate to get a set of living room furniture to replace the needed especially during the cold spell. A few more chairs are needed and the lodging card is needed. At present we have

Dear Fellow Workers:

Far from any battlefronts, pestilence up in the hills of Syria I am connected with Speransky, which I am going to be an adjutant to the British Ambassador here. It is a very attractive force — financially and otherwise. The incident stories and the lookings over a doctor's care. The personnel is all under the Propagation of the Faith and is administered by the British Catholic Ambulance Unit. I, as A.F.S., am attached to the unit. You can tell everything — in short, the severe cold that is most persistent.

These leave days have been full of long, long walks along the seashore, rowboating, a bit of swimming, and with men with their nets casting ever hopefully, little boys doing some fishing — help — I have the cold. (No time for story.)

Interesting Work

It is, outside of my own work there at St. Joseph's house and the Catholic Worker, the most Christian endeavor I have ever been placed in. It is like a great, great deal and only that hope that the fortunes of the war that picks up people and teaches them to such corners of the globe may let me stay here for some months. There are a few children about the same as those in our neighborhood, a bit more forensics, a bit less, and I'm not the best man to care for the Nauck's, the Nauck's, the Nauck's, the Nauck's, the Nauck's, the Nauck's, the Nauck's. So I have never seen them.

Most everyone is most friendly, especially the children. They seem to like Americans. Or, if no light of understanding shines in their eyes at least they say, "very gooood."

Easton Reminder

Up here in the hills is going on winter, and I am reminded of that winter I spent in a small town in the valley with Father Arthur and little Arthur and I in the lower house. Pretty much the same place is dirty, the cooking cas- and gracious in the rural dis­

Pius XI

"But men have rebellion against God, and against his teaching, which is true and faithful to Christ, and against his doc­

The other day a Sunday and I was walking for quite a while — as far as far as a stone wall near a well. Soon an elderly lady came out of a small cottage with such water and ashes on her shoulder and went to the well. She offered us water and brought us into the house to return with two stools.

Pienty of Food

I am loaded with food much of the time to my embarrass­ment. For reasons of economy I cannot eat the olives, dates, figs, raisins, sweets and nuts that are given me each day. So I talk everything, have a sepa­

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"The economic woes of the people (after the war) are likely to be so great that it will demand that some immediate action be taken to enable them to live better."

"They will be ready to reason that trade is not going to enable them to earn enough money for a decent livelihood by industrial means, after the war, and the price of all the land will be so high that no one will bother to buy it."

"People need to be convinced of the advantages of a cooperative philosophy that asks them to pool their ideas and experience to the best advantage of all."
3. They supply the funds which elect the officials of the United States, from state legislators on up.
4. They control billions in stocks and bonds; they control the financial life of the nation.
5. They control legislation; they control Congress; they control the most powerful lobby in Washington, and usually get what they want.

6. The American Newspaper Publishers Association (the big newspaper publishers) use advertising (in newspapers and magazines) to make this stronghold on public opinion.

In other words, they control you.

Advertising to Blame
The charge against advertising, in brief, is this: that it has become the medium of corruption and perfidy.

It now represents all that is evil in this world.... The economic royalists, whose doomsday has been announced (but whom he in reality was saving from destruction) are also the large advertisers.

The economic-financial system which Roosevelt was fighting and which is垄断ing reforms is also the system of public opinion through press and radio. The special interests, usually not united, are concerned chiefly with their own survival, with money as a means of obtaining the ownership and control of everything in America.

The newspaper industry has asked me to suggest terms on which the two could come to an understanding. Here is one which I have sent to several: that they take a list of the largest advertisers in the newspapers and agree to search the records of the Federal Trade Commission and other agencies of the United States for violations in advertising with the fraud and ease and desist orders issued against those who violate the law; that they search the newspapers to find if F. C. C. orders are ever printed, and that they note editorial policies of the newspapers accepting fraudulent advertising on such matters as the Tugwell pure food and drug law and all other laws.

The advertising industry aims to be just a recorder of modern history.

V. Maker of History
The newspaper man's word is the weapon of future history. The wielder of the pens is the maker of history.

VI. Prostitution of the Press
1. Modern newspapermen try to sell people what they want.
2. Newspapermen often do not know what people need.
3. To give people what they want, they must not give what they need.
4. To give people what they want or in other terms to make money, the newspapers must publish what they want, and not what they ought to want.
5. To publish what they ought to want, newspapers must be bad for human beings, for money."
Co-operative Farming

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sides the preface writer. It will remain so as long as the human race lasts.

Voluntary Communal Living

A co-operative group farm is defined by the authors as "an association of two or more persons who jointly operate a large farm and its related enterprises, and who are motivated by their group effort equitably." That kind of farming or way of life is suitable to the personalities and temperaments of the survivors, who will not appeal to the vast majority. It is voluntary collective living and voluntary co-operative farming and presupposes common ownership and living together for a common good and right for any one who wishes to live that way. Members of Religious Orders have been living that way for centuries. There is no reason why lay people cannot adopt it in the same way if it appeals to them and if they have the qualities that a common life calls for. There is nothing new about it, we are told, except with regard to the authors who describe the Catholic Worker Movement. It is simply the ideal, circumstances apart from consideration of choice, is associated with certain religious communities, as a "combination of Catholicism and Marxism.

Co-operative Farming

The writer knows a place where independent family units could settle and frantically and gradually on off their own farms and in the privacy of their own homes, if their farms are small, but each family provides itself from the farm directly or indirectly with all necessities. They do not sell their lives, but they do their own family needs, in order to purchase heavy machinery and goods used in the process. In groups of two, four and six, according to the work of the season, they take out their crops and have a lot of fun while doing it, essentially as a reinforcement of the farming process. Each family owns its own light farming implements, but four or six share in the ownership and use of moving machines, potato diggers, spaders, etc.

They help each other, or cooperate, as a matter of course, as well as the other circumstances made their ancestors "join" or club together for survival or to purchase essential goods. In groups of two, four and six, according to the work of the season, they take out their crops and have a lot of fun while doing it, essentially as a reinforcement of the farming process. Each family owns its own light farming implements, but four or six share in the ownership and use of moving machines, potato diggers, spaders, etc.

Pius XII

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