Wreckers of Europe
by Peter Maurin

1. Philipp the Fair
In the middle of the sixteenth century some Universities gave up the exclusive teaching of Canon Law and started to teach civil law.

2. Roman Law-minded lawyers backed Philipp the Fair in his battles with Boniface VIII.

3. The aim of Roman Law is to enable the rich men to live in comfort by making the rich men how to keep the poor.

4. The aim of Canon Law is to enable the good men to live in comfort by making the good men to carry their cross and not to double-cross.

II. Machiavelli

1. Afraid to be HI. H. Tawney
high ethics were taught to people who read the Law was the Law of the Land.

2. While Savonarola was trying to bring back the high ethics of the Canon Law Machiavelli in his "The Prince" was trying to teach the rulers how to rule people.

3. "Dividing to rule" has been the slogan of politicians since Machiavelli with few exceptions.

4. So today we say that politics is only politics. (Continued on page 5)

Funds Needed
It is impossible to give all the news of groups throughout the country in these four pages. We must continue this format until our bills are paid, and it is hard to include the serious matter of principles and still have space for the human interest stories which illustrate those principles.

We are sending out an appeal now for funds as there is very little money coming in. What with thirty houses and ten farms, the support needed for these necessarily that many old friends are not able to respond to the New York house, because they are contributing to their local houses. And we are very badly off indeed right now, so we urge everyone to please help the "poor house" wherever you are.

Peace-Time Conscription
A Catholic View
By Rt. Rev. G. Barry O'Toole, Ph.D., S.T.D.

In a series of articles begun on page 1 here conscription for expeditious murr of doubtful justification. Naturally conscription is the purpose of national defense. Clearly, the problem posed by this conscription legislation is not the same as the question considered in my articles. For this reason certain readers of THE CATHOLIC WORKER have asked me to take into account the changed circumstances and to state my attitude toward the law actually in force.

Five New Points
Here let me sum up under five points my conclusions relative to the new issues raised:

(1) Insanely as the recommendation to shed blood is a coward of Christian perfection, proposed to all the faithful and imposed by Canon Law upon the clergy, and insanely as the Church has enrolled as saints in the Martyrology men who lived like St. Marcellus and Maximillian suffered martyrs rather than worship idolatries. Catholics have the right, though not the duty, to be conscientious objectors, and, under the terms of the present Conscription Act, their right to be such is legally recognized; however, it goes without saying that they must be sincere in their motivation, not refusing military service out of cowardice or indolence, but from the pure and spiritual motive of seeking Christian perfection.

(2) Since the professed purpose of the Conscription Act is something morally good, namely the legitimate defense of our native country, Catholics need no sin in submitting to conscription or in being accepting military service.

(3) On the other hand, peace-time conscription, in the opinion of the writer, does open violence to the personal dignity and rights of the human individual and therefore involves a despotic usurpation of power on the part of the Government; hence, outside of a time of national danger, one would have a perfect right to refuse obedience to a law of military conscription.

(4) Actually, however, America's need of defense is grave, and not to jeopardize that defense, there should be no passive resistance to the law until after the time of crisis has passed.

(5) But this does not mean that we are to relax our efforts to have this bad law repealed and to retire from office the Senators and Congressmen who voted for its passage; on the contrary, we ought to redouble our efforts, particularly because the sinister forces responsible for this law are now hard at work seeking to have Congress make law permanent and widen its scope so as to include men at all ages, and even women.

Lobbying Militarists
We cannot afford to give a free hand to the army of lobbyists whose persistent aim is to militarize America and to substitute for its democratic institutions the very totalitarianism they profess to combat. Not long ago, in a message addressed to a civic Committee Against War, I had occasion to develop this thought; let me set down in substance what I said:

"Because I am thoroughly in sympathy with the aim of keeping America, out of war, I was glad to receive the invitation to speak at your meeting.

"Let me begin by stating that I am unequivocally in favor of such military preparations as will be adequate to defend our shores; that much is absolutely necessary until the United States has time to build a two-ocean navy. As Archbishop Spellman remarked the other day, to demand peace, for other nations have wasted peace, but were denied it because they lacked the mean to enforce their demand.

American Way
"But what was needed for such defense was a well-trained army of enthusiastic volunteers whose morale would not be undermined by the presence of malcontents and possible saboteurs. One way to secure an army like that was the traditional American way of voluntary enlistment, which Congress has just scrapped without so much as giving it two months of fair trial. In fact, so sound and determined were the Washington politicians and army heads to fosst conscription on American manhood that they deliberately concealed from the youth of the nation the fact that in the terms of the existing law provision had been made for one-year enlistments. Hence, our young men were confronted with no choice save that between a three-year period of enlistment and a one-year period of conscription. Indeed, so eager was the Administration to make a failure of voluntary enlistments that, far from making a dramatic appeal for volunteers, it instructed all army recruiting offices to refuse to accept enlistments for one year—orders that were countermanded only after Congress had passed the Conscription Act.

"Conscription of men leads logically to conscription of capital, and conscription of capital is but another name for State Socialism. Why should a government that does not scruple to transgress God's commandments, by enslaving and kidnapping human beings draw the line at stealing private property. Is the pocketbook of a rich man something more sacred than the life and liberty of an ordinary man? God forbid!—whatever a half wrong Willie may think to the contrary.

Modern Slavery
"Thanks to our cowardly acquiescence, our nation has traveled a long way by now upon the road that leads to State Socialism. Call to mind the confiscatory inheritance taxes and sales taxes already levied upon the people. Consider the enormous burden of further taxation that will be laid upon their backs next year when it comes to footing the bill for the wasteful expenditures that will be drained by our

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Short Trip

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close to Portsmouth Priory (our Fr. Wooda is there who spent his summer there and has written it up for us). It is a most beautiful property. It is a place to which we all wish we could have gone.

This group has close contact with other CW groups too. Ade Ely-Leigh, a member of our group, is spending the summer at St. Benedict's farm, Upton, Mass. According to the group's description, they are working for a new social order, which has come to be known as a community which breaks bread with brothers of whatever race, color, or creed. "This is my body," Christ said at the last supper, as He held out the bread. When He said, the Bread of life each day, the grace we receive remains a dead weight in the soul unless we cooperate with that grace. When we cooperate with Christ, we "work with" Christ, ministering to our brothers.

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Almighty everlasting God, who in Thy beloved Son, King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things anew; grant in Thy mercy that all the families of the nations, rent asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule.

HUNGER

We must minister to people's bodies in order to reach their souls. We believe we can speak of our bodies with our mouths. The Catholic Worker movement, working for a new social order, has come to be known as a community which breaks bread with brothers of whatever race, color or creed. "This is my body," Christ said at the last supper, as He held out the bread. When He said, the Bread of life each day, the grace we receive remains a dead weight in the soul unless we cooperate with that grace. When we cooperate with Christ, we "work with" Christ, ministering to our brothers.

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Street of the Poor

A timeless and manifold street, Slum Bowl! The poor are always with us, forgotten. They gather like flies in homes that are rotten. Homeless who have nowhere else to go. Christ in Galilee knows this street well. From Bethlehem's stable to Calvary, this world of the poor, of Mary and Mary, As other streets leading to heaven or hell.

A street of urchins playing noon and night, Of garbage smogs, and tumbling chimneys, rats, Of street children, who place better their needs. Christ in Galilee knows this street well. From Bethlehem's stable to Calvary, this world of the poor, of Mary and Mary, As other streets leading to heaven or hell.

A street of dissonance and an hundred cats. The streets of the rich are shining wide and fine, But Christ walks this dark narrow street of mine. —William Gauchat.

John D. Moore

A Valley's Broken People Find the Brotherhood of Man

The State of Maine's St. John Valley showed Father D. W. Hessler last year a population of 30,000. Discouraged and soured by exploitation and unwarded toil, a valley divided against itself, itself, itself. Not enough shoes, clothing, to go around; not enough food to keep the larger families from hunger. Hunger even reached through malnutrition by the dread disease—pellagra. This past three years ago, when Father Soucy first came into St. John Valley, Father Soucy first came, Father Soucy first came. Father Soucy first came. That these people who are these clothes, fed, busy, relatively prosperous. For the people of this industry is producing and marketing $350,000 worth of needledow this year. A cooperative creamery is nearing annual production of 150,000 pounds annually of butter. Thanks of a reconstructed community—helped toward food-tired, mindless, tireless priest, a servant of Christ whose heart and brain and body are for the brotherhood of man. Christ's envoy to a wearied, minded, tireless priest, a community. Surround a keen-dwelling and marketing $350,000 around the corner. It ease. pellagra.

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To God's love the greater gratitude. To one more Catholic priest, the accolade.

Man's Right To The Land

Dear Editor:

I am glad to have the September issue of your paper, and to see again the page-heading "The Land;—There Is No Unemployment On the Land." Very interesting and somewhat nearer the "Illinois Woman's Story of a Farm." A family newly from the city near by- out of the city's garb of operating a farm. They are evidently of the quality to succeed.

I note that their present exchange of products for necessities is the same as their own. The same certain cash requirement is the same. In the year forty acres, meaning that the commercial value of these forty acres is less than $100. The thought never occurs to these people that such land is the right to free to those who, like themselves, want to use it. So strong in the force of custom to simple the minds of the people, that it shocks the minds of the robbers to be told that they are being robbed—for "Rent Is Robbery."

It is clear that these people need that sixty dollars badly; but the friends of the poor lack the knowledge and the courage to explain to them this truth. Any public through the books will explain the Land Question. But they have not yet learned that there are other types of democracy; and these suffer the need of sixty dollars, which to the land owner is unnecessary.

John Harrington.

Books, Pamphlets and Articles

Father Daniel Lord's article in Queen's Work, Oct. 1940.
Father John Kenneth Ryan's book, Modern War and Basic Ethics. (Cath Univ.)

Fiction Recommended


Msgr. O'Toole

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spendthrift politicians under the usual abused pretext of their necessity to continue their armed defense. Think, too, of those WPA laborers, demanding higher pay, that are standing in line of starvation from all means of subsistence—"You cannot strike against the Government's policy of unemployment, for the Government is the only employer." Executive forbade strike under government contract for the reason that their hands divided against the workers of the convicts in a Florida chain-gaging, forced labor in Soviet Russia. Add to this peace-time conscription of both men and property and you are far away from the communist utopia where an almighty State emerges as the sole owner and the sole employer.

The conscription laws have not only dealt a serious blow to human dignity, they are bound to make "progress" appear to the generation and moral and social evils. Youth, wrote Pope Leo XIII, "separated from the kind of service and advice and instruction of their parents, are plunged into the darkness of the barracke; robust young men are taken from the cultivation of the soil, from enrolling studies, from trade, from industry, to be mere agents of the Education of the public good demands that a 100% Frenchman, should be free to those who, like the rest of the Catholic Church."

To the End of the World


Wreckers of Europe

By Peter Maurin

III. Luther

1. Christ established the Church to be the teacher of all men.

2. Luther told the people not to listen to the Church. The teacher established by Christ but to find from the Bible what we want to do.

3. Since Luther people meet in churches to listen to somebody who gives them a personal interpretation of what is in the Bible while they profess to be the interpreter of the Church's teaching. In the preacher's interpretation but in their personal interpretation.

IV. Richelieu

1. Richelieu was a cardinal of the Catholic Church.

2. He should have been a 100% Catholic.

3. If he chose to become a 100% Frenchman, as a 100% Frenchman he could not stand. Thus Austria is unoccupied.

5. To make Austria weaker he had to make Austria weaken power in Europe.

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V. Adam Smith

1. Adam Smith expanded the theory that everything would be lovely if everybody took in the lowest type of service in the present we bear patiently. As a 100% Frenchman.

2. English first and other nations second acted on that theory.

3. The search for markets and raw materials is at the base of modern imperialism.

4. Modern imperialism is at the base of modern wars.

VI. Napoleon

1. Napoleon having become ignoble, the French bourgeoisie chose Napoleon who chose the French nobility.

2. Having got rid of the French nobility, the French bourgeoisie split in two and brought about the French terror.

3. Napoleon Bourbons ended the French terror and started a war for the extermination of foreign nobility.

4. French rule ended the French terror and the Treaty of Vienna established a compromise between landed aristocracy and plutocratic bourgeoisie.

VII. Hitler

1. In the eighteenth century secularist educators spread the idea that the Nordic race is a superior race.

2. What secularist educators taught now Hitler believes.

3. Hitler believes that inferior races ought to make room for the Nordic race.

4. In 1914 the Allies claimed that the Nordic race was to make the world safe for democracy.

5. Hitler believes that democracy is dangerous for the Nordic race and that under it he would trade safe for inferior races.

Let all guests who come be received as Christ Himself, for He will say: "If two or three of you be gathered together anywhere, there am I in the midst of them."—St. Benedict in his Rule.

N. Y. MEETINGS

Every Wednesday evening at 8:30 in the store at 113 Mott St.
At present all hands under the leadership of John Filliger have been busy harvesting and preserving. There are stretches of sun till late fall, and the farmer must work from sun up to sun down. Here on the Community we have been busy with the harvesting getting in the potatoes, the alfalfa and soon for the 1000 of the plum, crab and apple trees. 

Under the leadership of Arthur Durrenberg, the preserving department has made great strides. Your city person never knew the art of fractioning of gazing on jars after jars filled with home preserved concoctions, apricotauce, apple sauce, string beans, etc. After looking at the jars one can well imagine all the weather eye at the sky and say, come on winter we are prepared. Have you looked in the available jars we are unable to put up more preserves though popular backyard pro- fessorian abundance of vegetable, fruits and etc. It says the farmer for his efforts in cultivating the soil. We could not believe it was several hundred Mason jars.

Simple Life

In an effort to cònimize our meals we have been meatless and vegetarian. This may take courage in the fact that they have won many a battle not only through volun- tary ones. Potatoes and to- matoes, tomatoes and potatoes, have been our mainstay and we matter how pronounced or with what skill our cook Hugh Boyle disguises them they still remain potatoes and tomatoes. Apple pie a la Boyle is the high mark of our efforts. The one remarked "you couldn't get such meals at the best res- taurants in the world." 

Vegetarians we not be for all, but we are seeing the need of a margin and as soon as the weather is cold we intend to slaughter our hogs, but the stay up to the day and weather. God has furnished us with evil looking tusks, weighs $3.25, postpaid. 

Bl. Martin de Porres

The trouble with the "Back to the Land" movement said the Prof. is that there are too many poor folks that want to do it and with that he proceeded to illus- trate by laying with his back on the ground. "Back to the Land" smacks too much of de- ceit and a much more ap- propriate slogan would be: "Forward to the Land." I have been reading three in- teresting books by a Jesuitarian, The Manifest: The Hostage of the Community, by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Rural Roads to Science, by Hugo T. Wilson and Father Rawe, S.J., Practical Farming for Beginners by H. A. Higham.

The last named is an inter- esting account of how Mr. Higham turned farming as a commercial venture and failed but made a success of it. The book is chockful of helpful hints for the novice farmer.

In closing, may I beg for the prayers of our readers for the success of the Catholic Com- munities throughout the country. In these trying times they need your prayers and support.

AMDG.

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The Mexican Chihuahua dog we had for over a year and we haven't had one till one adopted him today. He is a dog of the blue setter clan and we hope that he will stay and we'll keep him because he doesn't call for us. We've always wanted a setter as a dog and now that my boss promised one we traded two dogs and a brand new, no pie have their backs to it and new recruits, though involun- tary, to tell us that summer has fled ts cucume Pumts or 14 the sun. The beauties of the last war when they played on our idealism to en- gage in our war butchery. This time we who intend to re- move our conscientious objectors will have ourselves ostracized and derided; jobs will be hard to get and the government is imperative that the Catholic Worker groups concentrate on one thing and one thing they will be a better position to aid conscientious objectors. It is the families of those of us who go to jail.

Forward...

Here most of the farmers who really have plenty of wood want don't use enough of their own home grown greens and fruits as they should. They sell their milk and cream and buy butter back from the store. We have had our home and some even sell all their hogs on the market and buy more meat and eggs to buy their grocerise, when they could eat them. We would sell home and live and buy butter back with our homestead and sell eggs. The Wise, St. Louis, and while we haven't a hen, we've several people and we wouldn't try our hand at rais- ing birds that way.

A Better Way Than Theirs

The first two years would be the hardest, we think, for any- one from a city background, we have real gals to tackle all the prob- lems that you will meet up with. We've got to get your game and find that the grass had kist and piled up 130 years old. You--I did not find and I cried as a baby mother and you wouldn't be able to use it but buy local.

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