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EASY ESSAYS

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Business And Such

I. No Recourse

1. Business men used to say: "We make prosperity through our private enterprise."
2. The workers had nothing to do about the matter of prosperity.
3. They were either put to work or thrown out of employment.
4. And when unemployment came the worker had no recourse against the professed makers of prosperity.

II. Business Is Selfishness

1. Business men believe that you cannot do anything with human nature.
2. But they do something with human nature.
3. By basing business on selfishness business men are busy making human nature more selfish.
4. Because everybody is busy becoming more selfish, we have classes, not functional classes but acquisitive classes, go-getter classes.
5. And acquisitive classes, go-getter classes, give us clashes.

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"For God is a great Lord and a King above all gods. For in His hands are all the ends of the earth." Ps. 94.

"A brother that is helped by his brother, is like a strong city." Proverbs 18, 19.

Truck Strike Model of Non-Violence

"When there is a strike along the waterfront," one of our neighbors near the Charles Street office said one time, "I board up my windows. The bricks have been flying around here many a time."

But that was in the old days when the union did not have the sympathy of the public to the extent it has now and when the employer could hire scabs at will

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Visitors, Criticism, CIO Convention

DAY AFTER DAY

We are having so many visitors this month that we sleep in shifts. For a while we put up four of them in one of the Bowery hotels but even that was too expensive—thirty cents a night each. The place was clean, they said, but noisy. Our visitors are Bob Walsh, head of the

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Silver To Buy Arms For Spain

Exclusive Story Reveals Activity Of Loyalist Agents

A reliable source reports to THE CATHOLIC WORKER that about 2 A.M. on September 5th, a large shipment of silver was taken from a United States Lines boat in New York and, under the watchful eyes of the National Guard, was transported to an unknown destination. Our informant states that the silver was owned by Loyalist Spain. A process server who tried to attach the shipment, also for an unknown party, was thwarted by the guard.

It is conjectured that the silver was being held in government vaults against the time the embargo on Spain will be lifted.

A check-up of the shipping news reveals that a United States ship, "The American Trader," arrived from London on the 4th.

If the story is true, THE CATHOLIC WORKER would like to know just how the silver was earmarked. We would like to know if the collaboration of officials was an assurance that the

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Prayer For Peace

It is difficult to write about the Four Power peace. Difficult, because there is no such thing as a pattern of blacks and whites in the European war fabric. It is easy to say that Czechoslovakia was sold out, that Germany is the most vicious aggressor of all time, that France reneged, that Italy turned traitor as she did in the World War, that English trickery again showed itself under a pro-Nazi Chamberlain. All these things are so easy to say, and there probably is some truth in all of them.

Germany, after groveling for years under the yolk of the Allies' vengeance, the perfidious Versailles Treaty, was intent on getting the Sudeten land. Hitler's claim that the Allies had created Czechoslovakia without regard for racial or other groups is a valid one. The Czech regime has not been innocent of persecuting the Sudeten minority. The plea of the 3,500,000 Sudetens for autonomy is not without merit.

Prayer

One cannot, of course, excuse Hitler's action in precipitating and carrying on the late crisis: but, as an answer to those who would see the world embroiled in another war to protect Czechoslovakia, we point out that it would probably be an unjust war on both sides. Cast whatever aspersions we will in the direction of Mr. Chamberlain (the British Foreign office has never been noted for fair play or even honesty), we can be glad of the results of his parleys even if we have doubts as to his intentions.

Whatever the surface causes for this temporary peace, whether it be the good intentions of the Four Powers, whether it be England's treason and France's, whether it be the letters of President Roosevelt, or it be a combination of these and others, we cannot help but believe that the real reason that Europe is not in the midst of another cataclysm is the prayers that went up, all over the world, for peace. We cannot help but believe that prayer was the only force that could have staved off what looked like the inevitable.

We believe, too, that peace can be maintained permanently if the peoples of the world want it enough to continue to pray, under the leadership of the Holy Father. The Pope's plea for peace came on the feast of St. Wenceslaus. The agreement came the next day, the feast of St. Michael. St. Wenceslaus and Michael are the patrons of Czechoslovakia and Germany respectively. Need we say more? We do not think we are presumptive.



PHILIP HAGREEN

Negroes and Co-operation

As we go to press, the eastern regional conference of the National Negro Congress is being held down in Baltimore and is being covered by our Philadelphia representative, Paul Toner. THE CATHOLIC WORKER sends its greeting to our Negro brothers through him, and expresses its keen interest in this work. From the first issue of the paper the interracial movement has been of vital concern to The Catholic Worker movement and a main point in its program.

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We Appeal To You

There is legend about Moses and why he did not reach the promised land, himself.

The Lord said to him,—"You doubted me, and I forgave you that. You doubted yourself and I forgave you that discouragement. . . . But you doubted those you led, and that I must punish."

St. Catherine of Sienna said, "Is not despondency a greater fault in His eyes than all others? . . . I wish that your despondency may consume itself and vanish away in the ineffable love of God."

With such words as a shield and buckler we cannot be despondent as we write now another appeal to our readers.

Humanly speaking our situation is very bad. We could scarcely mail out the last issue of the paper and here we are getting to another with no money to pay any bills and not money even to mail it out. We need almost five thousand dollars to pay our bills which have accumulated during the summer; and with this issue, the printer has owing to him \$1400. Not to speak of mailing bills, electric, gas, and the little bills incidental to caring for a family so large as ours.

The Line

And yet how small these bills are when you consider the vast numbers we feed throughout the year, usually with nothing but day by day help coming in. If we had a statistical department we could estimate that during the last years we have served a million meals to those least of God's children. But what mother of a family stops to estimate how many meals she has served in her life of loving service! The only figures we need to keep track of are the bills that come in.

It is a more comforting thought to think of the aid we have received from our friends, from readers all over the country and from the men on the line themselves. Every morning one man brings in a few big bags of rolls and cakes which he has received for helping out a bakery around the corner.

It is still dark in the morning when the line begins to form down Mott Street, Scotty, Shorty and Clark and Connell are there mornings cutting the huge wedges of good smelling bread and getting the one hundred and fifty gallons of coffee ready. They don't need any assistance, but I like to be down there two or three times a week for the warm encouragement I receive from just being with them.

There are some that Scotty lets in before the doors are officially

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Excerpt From Letter Of German Bishops

We grieve to know how this confession of faith has become difficult for a great number of our fellow-citizens. In this respect we appeal to all the Catholic community that not one of its members, our brothers, shall suffer misery and hunger for the faith.

We ask you not to murmur and not to be disheartened: "Why are you fearful, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. VIII, 26). This is not the first storm that has blown upon the Catholic Church of Germany and it will hardly be the last. The more we are oppressed, the nearer God is to us. "But if also you suffer anything for justice sake, blessed are ye. (I Peter III, 14)." "Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake." (Matt. V. II).

We ask you to remain true and devoted to folk and Fatherland, for the Fatherland must not be held responsible for the injustices that many within our folk and Fatherland inflict upon us. We know the Fourth Commandment which obliges us to be obedient to the State and civil authorities in everything that pertains to them lawfully, but we also find a supplement to this in the words of the Apostle: "We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts V, 29)."

We ask you to remain one and united in the ties of the Catholic and Christian community that is yours and to merit the blessing promised to the suffering which always leads to victory. "And not only so, but we glory also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience trial; and trial hope; and hope confoundeth not." (Rom. V, 3-5).

Prayers Are Urged

We urge you, therefore, to address your supplications to the Lord that He may grant you Christian strength which has the advantage of all violence: "For the continual prayer of a just man availeth much." (Jam. V, 16).

We ask your prayers for our adolescent youth, subject to influences that cause us to fear the worst for their faith, for our youth who—we proclaim with great joy—in the great majority remain heroically faithful. May Christ, who is the best friend of youth, the only eternal truth, bless and protect our youth!

May Christ live in us all, may the Divine Wisdom, the Force of God impregnate our souls, may the blood of the Divine Redeemer work in you. "This is the stone which was rejected by you the builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts iv, 11-12).

May the Omnipotent and Merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen. Signed at Fulda, August 19, 1938, by all the German Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops.

Silver For Loyalists

C.W. Urges Readers to Demand of Congressmen That Neutrality Laws Stand

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embargo will be lifted! We would know, too, who the state official was who ordered out a contingent of the National Guard to protect the property of an owner who properly should have provided his or their own guard. Who among the supporters of Loyalist Spain has this influence in New York State?

Is this silver a deposit to buy arms and munitions for Loyalist Spain when the Spanish embargo is lifted? If it is, what government officials are so sure the embargo will be lifted? And by what right do they store the funds under government care?

It is common knowledge that the first job of Congress, when it convenes, will be the overhauling of our neutrality laws giving the President wider discretionary powers. Lobbies towards this end are mainly the advocates of "collective security" and upholders of Loyalist Spain. This is in line with the President's avowed policy of "quarantining" the Fascist nations, as he explained in his famous Chicago speech. It is also a step nearer Fascism for the United States. A step nearer WAR!

We are not isolationists. We believe in helping other nations get along, going further in this direction than most internationalists would advocate. But this belief does not include helping another nation to make war, nor does it include the ganging up of the so-called democracies on the Fascist countries. We do not believe in fighting England's wars; we do not believe in entering the United Front with Russia as the "League for Peace and Democracy" would have us do.

We do not believe that the United States should export arms to any nation, in peace or at war! There is only one purpose for arms—War!

THE CATHOLIC WORKER does not often meddle in the realm of legislation. But at this time we feel it imperative that all real believers in peace wake up. We strongly urge that all CW readers write to Secretary of State Hull, demanding an explanation of this silver business. We urge that they write the President, demanding that he adopt a policy of "hands off" anybody's war unless to mediate for the sake of peace. We urge that every CW reader see his Congressman and to demand to know where he stands on neutrality; to let him know that the overwhelming opinion is for a continuance of our neutrality laws with no change unless the change makes the laws more stringent. NO ARMS OR MUNITIONS OR OTHER ARTICLES OF WAR SHOULD LEAVE THIS COUNTRY!

FATHER JUDGE:

"Now I intended to get all I could out of you for Christ and His Church. I came with that deliberate purpose . . . To develop your life so that the Church could get much out of you. The battles are fought outside, in the home, and in the workshop. All good movements have a care for the Christian laity strengthened by the priests. The Saints have done work for the Church. You are the successors of these. Your lives are to be so high, so pure, so unpolluted, so virtuous that they will be an invincible argument for the Church of Christ." —Retreat 1915

The fellowship of men is a fundamental fact and through it alone comes the growth of personality. —Earl Adam.



There is entirely too much made of military maneuvers in the news-reels these days. One cannot attend a movie without being subjected to preparedness propaganda in the form of battleships and airplane formations with a comment now and then about the peace their existence guarantees. If this keeps up it looks as though we'll have to do a bit of picketing.

Fie on the American Legion for its preparedness tone; and double fie for its stand against admitting refugees from benighted Germany and Austria.

It was welcome news that the Chicago *New World* may become a daily. Holland, with its small number of Catholics has over 30 Catho-



Dan Kern

SS. Michael And Wenceslaus Ward Off The Flames Of War

No dailies. The United States has only one, *The Catholic Daily Tribune of Dubuque*.

Some Catholic papers seemed to think that the article in KEN, on the Vatican, was a bit of bait to Catholics by the comrades. Sorry we can't share this opinion. We thought it was fine.

Spanish news has been pretty well pushed off the front pages this month. Rumor has it that the International Brigades will be disbanded, and that Mussolini will withdraw his troops. This column will bet that, left to themselves, the Spanish people will soon settle their differences.

Congrats to Dorothy Dumbor Bromley of The New York Post, for her swell column and her handling of the present war business. Also, condolences to Dorothy Thompson because of her change of heart and her recently acquired pro-war attitude.

Gadfly's LIKES and DISLIKES: Likes: Father Moody's pamphlet, *Why Are the Jews Persecuted?* Published by the Queens Work Press. The publicity given by the daily press to the numerous prayers for peace. The lack of violence in New York's trucking strike. Dislikes: Hitler's logic in the present Czech crisis. The League for Peace and Democracy roping in Mr. Benes (pronounced Benish) to speak at a meeting of its name organization, The Save Czechoslovakia Committee.

Liam O'Ceallaghain

"To countenance race-prejudice is to confirm it; and to confirm it is to wound the very heart of Faith." —Rev. Edward F. Murphy, S.S.J.



Negroes and Co-operation

C.W. Calls Attention of Negro Congress to Antagonish

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All that we write of the new social order which we are trying to build up is of vital interest to Negro as well as to white. And even more—they being the least of God's children in this country, will probably have the most vital part to play in shaping a new America.

Works of Mercy

Great emphasis is being placed by these regional conferences on legislative programs for immediate action. We always stress that even more immediate action is obtained through the Corporal Works of Mercy, as well as the Spiritual. We would class educational and legislative as among the spiritual in this case. But Negroes know this better than others.

A friend of ours, a Georgetown graduate, hitchhiking across the country, said one time that the only Christian charity he encountered was from Negroes and Mexicans. "Those who are in honor are without understanding," the Psalmist says, and the Negro, being without honor, often has the clearer intuitive knowledge which comes from suffering and oppression.

Cooperatives

We wish to call to the attention of the Congress the work which is being done in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Newfoundland, and New Brunswick in building up a new social order which is cooperative and communitarian. Beginning with study clubs and credit unions, going on to cooperative stores and co-operative housing, health and production (lobster and salmon factories, etc.), a tremendous work is being done by the people themselves from the very bottom up.

There are fishermen, farmers, miners and steel workers, a goodly number on relief, and yet they are forging ahead on a program which is attracting the attention of the entire world. These people are of all nationalities, too.

A large delegation of Negro and white students from Columbia attended the conferences this August, and many Negroes came from the South, Louisiana and Alabama, North and South Carolina.

Information can be obtained from Francis Xavier University, Extension Department, Nova Scotia.

Co-operation Adopted by Greendale

(Co-op League News Service)

MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—The model town of Greendale, built by the Farm Security Administration on the outskirts of Milwaukee, will operate all of its stores and services as cooperatives, according to a decision of its residents who have approved a contract between the Greendale Cooperative Association and the F.H.A.

The cooperative, organized by residents of the Model town and created to make it possible for the residents to own and operate their own business enterprises, has entered a management contract with Midland Cooperative Wholesale which will provide general managerial and supervisory services during the early stages of the development.

According to present plans the town will have a cooperative self-service food store, filling station and garage, general merchandise store and pharmacy. Two similar model housing projects at Greendale, Maryland and Greenhills, Ohio, are now operating their business enterprises as cooperatives.

"Men have lost the consciousness that war is a destroying element in the Mystical Body of Christ. As for Christian consciousness today, we do not think of Christian fighting against Christian, but only of the citizens of one country fighting against those of another. War is looked at almost exclusively from the national point of view." The Church and War—Fr. Stratmann, O.P.

Girls Urged To Join Union

Frisco Strike Is Example of Need for Them to Do Duty

We urge our San Francisco readers to note the Legion of Justice which is being inaugurated in Cleveland and not to patronize the department stores which have been on a strike since the end of August. The strike is virtually a lockout since the employer groups refuse to arbitrate differences, and are doing everything in their power to break the well-organized union of 6000 employees which started in 1936 and was working under an agreement for the past year. During that year all differences had been arbitrated peacefully and there had been no stoppages of work. Details as to the strike can be obtained from Father Paul, at the Franciscan Church, who has been helping the strikers and addressing several of their mass meetings.

Here in New York work is being carried on right now to get a closed shop agreement with the Grand stores. Wage increases have been won by the Department Store Employees Union.

It is the duty of every Catholic girl to belong to the union which is trying to help her better her conditions. Her very religious instincts should urge her to join in order to help her fellows. St. Paul's teaching that we are all members one of another and that when the health of one member suffers the health of the whole body is lowered, should be applied to her daily work. One girl may not depend entirely on her wages to live. But another may have to support not only herself but others. It is only by working together for the common good that better conditions can be had and gains already made consolidated.

O. Henry used to write stories about the poor department store girls and their pitiful attempts to live on the wages they received. Times have changed for the better now but there is still great opposition to organization in this field. We urge our readers to ask salesgirls whether or not they are members of their union and to urge them to join.

Movie Co-op Is Innovation

GREENBELT, Md.—The first co-operative movie theatre in the United States, a modern, air-conditioned theatre with the finest available projection and sound equipment, opened here September 21. The theatre, which seats 600, was designed for the comfort of the consumer-owners, and as a result the seats are more ample and the aisles are much wider than usually found in a movie house. The leading movies companies in the United States will supply the pictures which will be selected by a committee of consumer-owners.

The theatre will show movies four evenings a week at present with a matinee for children on Saturday afternoon. A committee of children elected by the cooperatives in the high school and grammar school and the Junior Citizens Association, will have charge of the Saturday matinees and the selection of the pictures. "Efforts have been made to improve children's movies, usually by parents, but Greenbelt is going one step further by giving the children a chance to say what movies they want to see. This part of the experiment will be watched with interest," declared Herbert E. Evans, vice-president of Consumer Distribution Corporation, which is assisting in the development of the co-op enterprises at Greenbelt.

The theatre is equipped for theatrical production, concerts and lectures as well as motion pictures. Telegrams from co-ops and civic leaders congratulating the Greenbelt citizens on their venture in co-operative entertainment poured in before the official opening of the theatre Wednesday night. The keys of the theatre were turned over to the citizens of Greenbelt by Percy S. Brown, president of CDO and executive director of the Good Will Fund.

Cleveland C. W.

We know that Catholic Workers are always eager to hear from the other houses as to the progress they are making. The Blessed Martin de Porres' House in Cleveland is proud of its record to date. We have been open three months. The Most Rev. Jos. Schrembs, S.T.D., L.L.D., Bishop of Cleveland, has expressed his enthusiasm at the work that is being carried on by "his Catholic people." Giving his blessing to the work and the group, he stated that, wishing to more suitably show his enthusiasm for the work we were doing, he would pay our rent for the year 1938. Auxiliary Bishop McFadden also added his enthusiasm to that of Bishop Schrembs.

About two hundred are being fed now in the Cleveland house—men, women and children, colored and white. Clothing is passed out as it comes in. Furniture has also been distributed. Have an offer for all the apples we can pick if we can get a truck to go after them, also an offer for all the vegetables we can pick, so I guess we shall go 'back to the land.'

Peter was here last week for three days. Gave us a series of talks. We have also had other prominent visitors including Fr. Don Kanaly, from Oklahoma City, who had just returned from Belgium and gave us a talk on the Jost Movement, Richard Deverall of the Christian Front, Dr. Arthur G. Falls of the Chicago House, Murphy of the Detroit House, two from the Milwaukee House. Also several including Brother Matthew from the Akron House, two Seminarians from Cincinnati, and many others.

Priests To Be

Four of our best workers have left for the Priesthood this past month, one to the Jesuits; one to Maryknoll, one to Oblates of Mary in Texas, and the other to Fathers of Mercy in Italy. Although we are sorry to lose them we are sure proud of them. Several converts have already been made through the House and several more have applied for instructions. We are saying Compline every night and the Prayer of the Worker (ACTU) to open our meeting and discussion on Sundays. Last Saturday prayer was said in honor of the 101st anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Martin. We hope he will be canonized soon. Also observed the death of our friend Patrick Cardinal Hayes by prayer and attending the Mass said at the Cathedral by Bishop Schrembs.

We have started a Consumers' Legion of Justice, pledging to buy and encourage the buying of Union made products or products made under fair labor conditions. Am enclosing copy of the pledge. Other Houses may have copies of the pledge to sign up their members by writing to the Blessed Martin House. We are planning to get out a small mimeographed paper which will be sent to those people who have

signed so when your pledges are filled return them to the Cleveland House.

Other Activities

Planning a vigorous drive for interracial justice in Cleveland distributing appropriate literature, giving talks before groups, classes, societies, sodalities, etc., and any other forms of activity which may help in riding down the vicious injustices which are daily practiced against our brethren in Christ because of their race.

A League of Peace is also in the making. Practicing the Works of Mercy such as visiting the sick (individual as well as the hospitals) praying for the dead, etc. Selling papers at the different churches every Sunday. Three speakers lined up for next three weeks to talk on following subjects: "Industrial Union," "Cooperative Movement," and "The Evils of Communism."

Started a study club last Wednesday night. Taking up the Encyclicals and the Social Action Pamphlets to start with. Two of our boys are talking about starting a Junior League baseball team for the boys in the neighborhood. Catechetical instruction is given to the children by a school teacher daily. They have learned their prayers and say grace before their meals every night. Guess that's all. Hope we will always have this much news to tell our fellow workers.

With best wishes to you all, we are,

Sincerely your fellow-workers in Christ, Blessed Martin de Porres' House of Hospitality, 2305 Franklin Ave., N.W., Cleveland, Ohio.

CONSUMERS' LEGION OF JUSTICE PLEDGE

"As a form of Catholic Activity available to all, Catholic as well as non-Catholic, to help the worker in his struggle for a just living wage, WE PLEDGE, to buy and encourage the buying of Union made products made under fair labor conditions, as far as possible.

But when a Union made product is known to use inferior materials, practices race discrimination and indulges in racketeering, WE PLEDGE, to withdraw our support."

Just as the Legion of Decency powerfully affected the morality of the movies through the box office, so the Consumers' Legion of Justice can powerfully affect justice in labor conditions across the counter.

e.g.—When buying, ask your dealer whether the product is Union made and whether his own help is getting a living wage. This form of Catholic Activity will encourage not only the dealer but eventually the producer to the use of Union labor.

Please do not sign this Pledge unless you honestly intend to conscientiously observe it! Thank you.

Horror in Hoboken

Hoboken is a small, one mile square city, with a large population. A war made community adjoining the notorious Mayor Hague's Jersey City, its politics are quite as corrupt. Readers of the C.W. will remember that we published, last March, the account of distraught relief client, Joseph Scutellero, and how he killed Overseer of the Poor, Harry Bark. This month, Hoboken, city of beer and McFeelys (Mayor McFeely's relatives), added another crime to its already large roster of shameful relief incidents.

Herman Matson had a WPA job. In speaking against the city relief administration Matson had no axe of his own to grind. He had in mind people like Joseph Scutellero who, typical of the inarticulate citizen, needed his help. Matson, doing his duty by his fellow man, exercising his constitutional rights, was severely beaten by a mob and then arrested by the Hoboken police for "inciting to riot." Naturally, as happens in nearly all such cases, none of the attackers were arrested.

Matson's wife, an expectant mother, went to his aid, and for her loyalty also was kicked and pummeled by the plug-uglies. The rowdies stand as guilty of murder (Mrs. Matson suffered a miscarriage) as any Capone or Dutch Schultz. Nothing will be done about that. But Matson, who did nothing but offend crooked politicians, will probably go to jail.

We expect every CW reader to write to Mayor McFeely of Hoboken, protesting this outrage, and demanding that Matson be freed. It is high time that Catholic politicians learned that Catholics as well as Reds find something loathsome about the way they conduct their offices, and that Catholics are just as quick to condemn such actions.

Cotton Pickers Win Strike

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A sit-down strike of 20,000 cotton pickers in Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas has won wage increases for 18,000 strikers who remained in their homes until planters offered \$1 a 100 pounds. Demands by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, affiliated with the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers (CIO), were met at the end of three days by planters in Oklahoma and Missouri, and in Mississippi county, Ark.

Workers in these areas went back to work September 26 when local committees accepted wages of 85c for 100 pounds on the condition that free transportation be provided to and from the fields. For those who have to pay their own traveling expenses, \$1 or more was agreed upon, reports Secretary H. L. Mitchell of the STFU.

In two Arkansas counties, St. Francis and Crittenden, the struggle for higher wages goes on. Wage levels are being held down because



—Ade Bethune

thousands of unemployed workers from Memphis are being transported across the Mississippi river into Arkansas. Pres. J. R. Butler of the STFU has asked Attorney General Homer Cummings to investigate, and enforce the Byrnes law which prohibits transportation of strike-breakers across state lines.

"Memphis police are always ready to cooperate to the fullest extent with Arkansas planters in keeping down workers' wages," Butler said. "They are reported to have sent a squadron of police to the Memphis side of the Harahan bridge the first day of the strike with orders to arrest any union organizer who might be found there."

W.P.A.

In southeast Missouri, WPA officials turned down the planters' demand that workers be cut off of WPA projects in order to pick cotton. As a result, wages jumped to \$1 on all large plantations with small farmers following suit. E. F. Bunch, long St. Francis county planter paying the union wage of \$1, told a union representative that he was glad to get his entire crop out of the fields before the rains set in and lowered the grade and staple. Bunch has advised other planters to save themselves money by getting their cotton out early.

The strike was called to end a scale ranging from 40c to 85c a 100 pounds. Officials of the STFU pointed out that cotton is selling at 8c a pound, and the government subsidy makes it worth more than 10c a pound. Wages, they argue, should represent at least 10 per cent of the selling price.

"Pray as though everything depended on God, and work as though everything depended on yourself.—St. Ignatious Loyola.



We Appeal To You

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open. Two one-armed men for instance who find it hard to manage in a crowd. A few who have the promise of jobs and must be off early.

Gifts

Every now and then one of the men in the line brings some little gift. It may be the morning paper. This morning it was a pound of spaghetti to put in the soup. Someone had given it to him.

These little gifts warm the heart. There was a big gift a few weeks ago. A woman came in and without leaving her name left a box of coins, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies which totaled \$42.99. We don't know who she is but we want to thank her again most heartily and tell her that her money went for bread for the men we feed every day. The bread man had been about to shut off our credit and now his confidence in St. Joseph is strengthened.

It is hard to face that long line every morning as we go out to Church. Many turn their heads from the passerby or pull their battered caps or hats down over their eyes. Men, conscious of their dignity as men, can never get used to the ugly necessity of standing in line for such a basic necessity as food to keep body and soul together. Every now and then one faints from exhaustion or hunger and has to be brought inside to sit and rest awhile and brought back to courage and endurance again.

One of them whom we brought down to the country for care had to be brought back into the city again to the hospital where he died last Wednesday. He said that he was glad to go, that he was ready.

On the farm he had been fed milk and eggs and our good fresh fruits and vegetables but it was too late. He had never had such attentions before, he said, when some of the group visited him at the hospital. It was bitterly hard to consider that we were too late, and that Dan Russell dead, received attention which had not been given to our fellow member of the Mystical Body living. (Even the undertaker bill of a hundred dollars is unpaid.)

Appeal

We do not tell this story to harrow your emotions. We try to keep to a simple statement of the facts of our work and our needs. We must keep telling you, our readers, and keep calling on you for help. We cannot even have the decent semi-privacy of the mailed appeal to ask your aid. It would cost too much to mail, so we must publish this instead.

But we remember how Rose Hawthorne (Mother Alphonsa) in building up her work for cancer hospitals for the poor, had to appeal again and again. When one appeal was not successful, she sent out another.

We remember our Lord's promise that if not for friendship's sake, then because of our importunity in continuing knocking, our friends would open their doors to us and hand us the loaves we are needing to continue extending hospitality to those who come to us.

And we are counting on your prayers for help. We are counting on the prayers of the mothers of those men and boys we are helping, on the prayers of the mothers of those women who come to us in desperate situations for aid.

The world, the country itself, is in a desperate situation. There are strikes and unemployment, and often we may think there is little we can do to help. We make our appeal again for you to be performing the Works of Mercy to what extent you are able.

Thanksgiving

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed herewith please find \$3. in honor of St. Anthony, to be used in your work of aiding the poor.

About six months ago my pet canary escaped from the house through a door that had been open not more than fifteen seconds. No one saw it fly out, so we didn't know where to look. I promised St. Anthony I would donate \$1. to some

worthy cause in his honor if we found the bird. We did find it, and even though there was snow on the ground that day the bird did not catch cold. Ten minutes after we brought it into the house, it was singing as though nothing had happened.

Due to the fact that it took me so long to come to a decision as to where I would send the money, I am adding \$2. more. Perhaps that will be an incentive to abandon my bad habit of procrastination the next time.

Yours very truly,
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CARDINAL HAYES

Our friend and shepherd, Cardinal Hayes, is dead. With tremendous pomp and with thousands present he was laid to rest after his labor. And we of THE CATHOLIC WORKER feel his loss.

From the first he was our kind friend. In our first year he sent word to us by Monsignor Chidwick that he approved our good work; that it was to be understood that we could not help but make mistakes but the thing was not to persist in them. And we heard from others close to him from time to time, that he followed the work. He said on one occasion that he was amazed that we could do so much with so little for the poor he knew and loved.

One of the last gentle kindnesses he did for us was to subscribe for the Pro Parvulis books for the children who come to our farm every summer.

He was from our neighborhood down here on the East Side and he knew our problems and the life of the poor. He graduated from the very school here on Mott Street that Teresa is attending now.

He was lifted to the rank of one of the princes of the Church and he must often have missed the small comforts of the humble that he knew as a youth. He is happier now. We feel that now too he is closer to us than ever before, and we hope he will remember us and our day by day problems before our Mother and our God.

First Mass

This summer the first Mass was offered up on the CATHOLIC WORKER Farm, and as Father Woods said in his sermon, the farm is now truly dedicated to the Lord. Through the kindness of Cardinal Dougherty permission was given for Mass to be celebrated whenever there was a visiting priest on the farm but we cannot yet have the Blessed Sacrament reserved.

At the first Mass there were about thirty-five present, some of them non-Catholics, and there were twenty-three communions. Fr. Woods was just ordained priest a year ago, and he just received his faculties to hear confessions the night before the Mass. The first confessions he heard were those of two of the CATHOLIC WORKER children, Arthur and Teresa.

The altar was designed by Ade Bethune and built by Mr. O'Connell. He also built us eight benches and the cross for the Corpus which Ade carved for us. Graham Carey donated the candlesticks and the ciborium, and the altar linens came from the sisters of St. Benedict at Minnesota. They had sent them a year or so ago, and their mission unit will be happy to hear that they are now being used. The vestments were made by Ade's mother. Those things needed such as wafers and altar wine, altar cloths and blessed candles were provided by our pastor at Easton, Father Hollahan. We want to express our deep gratitude to them all.

In work such as ours where the day is thronged with people needing help and where problems of human relations and tragedies are ever with us, the remembrance that the Mass is the most important act of the day is an ever present help. The very recollection of it keeps us from being discouraged at the little we can do, and keeps us in peace. Christ the Worker will make up our lack and it is a tremendous thought that when we offer Him to our Father, we are offering all our own petty endeavors which He sanctifies.

It is good to remember the priest in a large parish of ten thousand who must depend solely on prayer and faith in the Sacraments to do his work tranquilly. He cannot possibly deal with many of his people personally. He cannot help them, as a man, nor can he judge them. He must just dispense the daily Bread, to the worthy and the unworthy,—like God shining upon the just and the unjust, and know that the nourishment and growth of souls is in His hands, that besides this great work He can do little else.

Day After Day

(Continued from Page 3)

Catholic Worker activities in England, John Cogley, editor of the Chicago Catholic Worker; Martin Paul, also Chicago; Ray Nagle and Larry Heeney and Mike Strasser, all from Milwaukee; Dave Dunne, Anna Echele from St. Louis. The last two were on the farm, not here in town more than a week.

Last night I read the third book of a series about Therese Neumann, the German mystic, by a German writer. There was a rumor going the rounds that she has been confined recently to a concentration camp because she stated that Hitler was possessed by the devil. The book I read was most impressive, increasing the joy and thanksgiving and awe in one's heart at the thought of Christ's gift of Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Homework

Tamar is going to school on Mott street this year. I am making no speaking trips and welcome this opportunity we have to be together. There is Mass together in the morning, a brief lunch at noon, and after school there is often time for a walk down to the park or the river or the library. It makes us both very happy. I check over her homework at night and find I have a hard time doing it myself. What is a solstice, for instance? Use the words "analysis" and "allotment" in sentences. The only sentences I



—Ade Bethune

could think of were provocative. "An analysis of Fascism shows that it is anti-Catholic," was one. "Has Mussolini given allotments to the widows of the men who were killed in Ethiopia?" But I am afraid those sentences would not sound like Tamar.

Criticism

There was a peculiarly delicate work of mercy to be performed today and this evening I was thinking conversationally with St. Joseph: "That work was performed for you, St. Joseph. I have 'given away an onion.' Please won't you concentrate on our very bad plight right now and nudge somebody so that they will remember to send us some money for our bills?" But I was ashamed at this give and take idea and did not pursue the conversation.

Undoubtedly he is helping us, as he sees fit. I shall keep asking him for help every day, knowing that it will come. I do not need to boast and say, "That was a specially hard job. You must repay me."

David Gordon was in the other day telling us with his peculiar Hebrew intensity how we all deserved to go to hell, me especially, and accusing us of self glorification, pride and self love. Although I do not find many points of agreement with him in his other attitudes, I must admit that we are apt to have such sins hidden deep within us. Criticism never comes a bit amiss. If it is unjust, then we probably deserve it on some other count and are not getting it.

"Pelle"

Looking over *Pelle the Conqueror* again, I still find it the best prole-

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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.

Guide the Works of Our Hands, O Lord

Gnarled hands that ax red cedars down,
Dirt-dried paws taming the wild plow,
Clayed claws that spade flesh's final town,
Coal-grimed grips which unload the scow,
Salt-seared hands that spear the sea-cow,
Steel wrists that sling strong crates aboard,
Keep them all from strife, sin, and row,
Guide the Works of our Hands, O Lord.

Bright needle on my Lady's gown,
Great wind-whipt wheel that guides the prow,
Soft brush which joys in serest brown,
The transit-sight through wood and slough,
The surgeon's knife that prunes life's bough,
The soldier's justice-dealing sword,
With strength and Thy intent endow.
Guide the Works of our Hands, O Lord.

The child's chalk spelling verb and noun,
The nurse's palm on dying brow,
Sage-fingers smoothing a thought-frown,
The writer's pen which none can cow,
Beads that pay off the brave nun's vow,
Chrismed hands that hold the Sacred Hoard,
Preserve them true to what they throw.
Guide the Works of our Hands, O Lord.

Prince, Whose hands Joseph tutored how
To hew the board, pierced hands whence poured
The saving flood, this prayer allow:
Guide the Works of our Hands, O Lord.

Joseph J. Daly.

tarian novel I have ever read. Anderson-Nexo has become a Communist, they say, but this novel was written back in 1910 or thereabouts and is about the cooperative movement in Denmark. That does not make it sound very interesting, but the thousand pages of the life of Pelle, taking him through his childhood on the farm, his apprenticeship in town, his labor organizing in Copenhagen, and finally his building up of a cooperative group, are the best reading I have seen for some time. The book teems with characters, and the description of life in the "Ark," a huge ramshackle tenement, reminds me very much of life on Mott Street.

Whenever I see books of James Farrell mentioned, I think we ought to read Pelle. The contrast between Studs Lonergan and Pelle is like that of darkness and daylight.

Which reminds me again of Gordon's criticism that we exalt the proletariat. If we thought that man is such as Farrell describes him, we would indeed feel pretty hopeless. But the thought of Pelle, glowing with hope, with the desire for sacrifice, his great heart burning with love for his fellows, is an encouragement.

We believe man to be "little less than the angels." But we also know that he is capable of falling lower than the lowest beast. It is because we have faith in the tremendous spiritual capacities of man that we are doing this work.

C.I.O.

Attended the CIO state convention at the Center Hotel, the first to be held. Such conventions are always different in New York to those held in any other city. With all the rush of union activity today, there is little cohesion and the meeting gave all the appearance of being what most meetings are, disorganized rather than organized strength.

Michael Quill was there, seemingly much disturbed by the accusation before the Dies Committee that he was a member of the Communist party. He showed his disturbance like a child. Although I am not sympathetic with his way of rabble-rousing at strike meetings (the crowd loves him) I do think that he has done a good job of organizing the transit workers, a job which needed to be done. I heard him speak at the Hippodrome once and he spoke of the barricades and the clenched fist and the crowd

roared its joy. Brophy and Bridges are quieter speakers by far and do not get such plaudits, but they are far more effective. Of my own knowledge I do not know whether or not Quill is a Communist (the credibility of witnesses may be doubted) but I do know that he is a force for either good or evil and in those things he is doing well he should be helped.

Also as Peter Favre, the great Jesuit said: "It is necessary that one who desires to be serviceable to heretics of this present age should hold them in great affection and love them very truly, putting out of his heart all thoughts and feelings that tend to their discredit. The next thing he must do is to win their good will and love by friendly intercourse and converse on matters about which there is no difference between us, taking care to avoid all controversial subjects that lead to bickering and mutual recrimination. The things that unite us ought to be the first ground of our approach, not the things that keep us apart." M. H. Fabri Monuments, P. 400.

After the meeting I had supper with John Brophy and we talked for an hour and a half of the labor movement and the Church, of Berdyaev's books, "Christianity and Class War," and the "End of Our Time," of the new Brophy residence in Washington near the Catholic University and of how pleasant it was to be with one's children instead of just week-ending with them.

Here is a good quotation from Thomas Mann's book, "The Coming Victory of Democracy."

"Democracy is that form of society which is inspired above every other with the feeling and consciousness of the dignity of man."

We would clarify that by saying that man's dignity is derived from the fact that he is made to the image and likeness of God, and that he is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Christ dignified our human nature by sharing our manhood.

Consequently we believe that unless we have this faith, democracy is impossible of achievement. Therefore, when the Communist talks in terms of democracy, and believes that "atheism is an integral part of Marxism," he is talking of something which is impossible. He is acknowledging and yet denying that man is little less than the angels.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Suggestions

Buffalo, N. Y.
September 5, 1938

Dear Editor:

Your excellent journal comes here addressed to two fathers now lately removed, Fr. Thos. Egan to St. Peter and St. Paul Rectory, P. O. Box 235, St. Thomas, Virgin Is., and the other Fr. Thos. Gilhooly, St. Mary's Rectory, Annapolis, Md.

You deserve a world of congratulations and cooperation for the spirited campaign you drive for the love of God. The Cath. Ev. Guild up here does much to distribute the weekly bundle of the *Catholic Worker* through the untiring efforts of Miss Engel and since she has been sponsoring since she saw it through the new magazine rack on the Library corner up town your esteemed organ has a place of honor and sells well to the general public there. This rack was up and doing during the recent state labor conference and she had all the labor pamphlets, etc., on sale and they did go fast. Perhaps you have some better ideas on sales and corner distribution, etc.; if so, how about sending us some suggestions and also there is a Catholic Study Club here that was quite alive last year but the weekly meetings swung high and wide of the topic at hand and often got out of hand on a mention of the word Communism or Fascism or Spain . . . kind of mental tacks on study chairs, so if you think you have a definite program that should be followed through for one year for a pretty generally mixed group, that has a "socialist" minister and the odd red popping in on us, perhaps here too you could be of help in telling us what you know is a practical and definite schedule to keep to, even telling what books and authorities they should read upon . . . sorry to wander into wordy wastes like that, knowing you are jammed in with work on all fronts but hoping this word of hello and congratulations will show you even Buffalo appreciates your work and wishes you success. God and Our Lady bless you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
L. LYNCH.

Compliment

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

Dear Editor:

There are few things I have read recently which I enjoyed and which gave me more comfort than your excellent article, "On the Use of Force," in the latest issue of the *Catholic Worker*. It was especially comforting to know that your excellent ideas are taking root in the minds of many young groups. My sincerest congratulations to you on the article and on the growing list of *Catholic Worker* Cells. Keep up the good work, no matter what slanderous tongues may say. That is the way Christ himself did it.

Yours in the Mystical Body,
VIRGIL MICHEL, O.S.B.

Editor of English C.W. Visits U. S.

THE CATHOLIC WORKER has been the proud host, for several weeks, of Robert P. Walsh, Manager of the *English Catholic Worker*. Mr. Walsh, widely known in England for his work as editor, union organizer and founder of the House of Hospitality at Wigan, is Chairman of The Catholic Social Guild of Liverpool and a member of the governing body of the Catholic Workers' College at Oxford.

A frequent contributor to *Blackfriars*, *The Month*, *The Catholic Herald*, Mr. Walsh is also a leader in the Young Christian Workers group. He is, at present, lecturing in this country, and his services are available to schools, colleges and other groups through the Lecture League, 415 Lexington Avenue, New York City.



—Ade Bethune

Milwaukee

Holy Family House
1011 North Fifth St.
Milwaukee, Wis.

In order to acquaint Milwaukee readers with The *Catholic Worker* program, the staff of Holy Family House will hold a series of weekly meetings based on that theme, beginning Wednesday, October 5. Included in the series will be discussions on *Catholic Worker* Aims and Principles; the C.W. and the Mystical Body; Program for immediate Relief; Long Range Program; The Personalist Revolution; Labor and the Christian Social Order; and Program for a Living Wage.

The group will commemorate its first anniversary at a Mass offered by the Rev. F. J. Tenpenney on Sunday, October 9, at St. Matthew's Church. Breakfast will follow at Holy Family House.

Like all other C.W. houses, we have been beset with bills this summer. Some of the nine men who are living in the house who have had temporary jobs have particularly impressed us by their example of charity. From their own meager resources they have been buying bread for the line of about 80 men nightly the past three weeks. We are grateful for their help to us and to each other.

In Christ,
NINA POLCYN.

Indian Missions

St. Michael's Indian Mission
St. Michael, North Dakota

Dear Editor:

Again the school bell is ringing at St. Michael's Mission. The Indian children have come back. During the summer the Missionary rounded them up. He found them in tents and teepees, huts and hovels, living in the most abject poverty. Any human heart with the least spark of charity would go out in sympathy to them and want to help them.

Each year brings new surprises. This year we found children 15 years old who could neither read nor write, knew nothing of heaven or hell, of God or the devil. What a task to make citizens out of them for Church and State, for God and Country!

Man Of God

The ever present financial burden of training, educating, and providing for these poor children of the Red Man weighs heavily on the shoulders of the Missionary. Human nature shrinks from it. But the Missionary must be more than human; he must be a man of God. His faith and hope in God almost borders on presumption.

This faith and hope, dear friend, also includes your Christian charity. By your prayers and alms you can ease his burden. He begs for both. It has well been said: "The minute you begin working for the Missions, no matter how little you do, you will see in your every day life a clear manifestation of the gratitude of our Divine Lord."

May the alms you give us not

"La Paix Civile"

September 1*, 1938.

Civile Bureaux :

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Comite Espagnol pour la Paix.

Dear Editor:

I have read with great interest the last issue of your paper which has all my sympathy. The position you have taken concerning the Spanish war corresponds exactly to our own since the beginning of the hostilities. Nearly two years ago *The Catholic Worker* did me the honor of publishing my "Double Refusal." We do not accept that the destiny of our country be settled by means of a brutal violence which is criminal on the part of some, stupidity on the part of others, sterile in all cases. We, as Christians, are working for peace and we disapprove every solution engendered by hate or pride and seeking to annihilate the adversary by a crushing victory.

You are already acquainted, I trust, with our work through our bulletin "La Paix Civile," edited in Paris, which we send you regularly. It contains an abundant and carefully selected documentation for a peace of reconciliation. Other committees similar to ours have been constituted: a French one whose chairman is Mr. Jacques Maritain; a British one whose chairman is Mr. Wickham Steed. Others are being constituted in various countries. Do you think that *The Catholic Worker* could take the initiative of suggesting the formation of such a committee in the United States?

Assuring you of our sincere gratitude and sympathy for the campaigns you are leading with such a spirit of justice and Christianity,

We remain, dear Madam,
Very sincerely yours,
ALFREDO MENDIZABAL,
Chairman.

make you poorer, but may they be a channel of abundant graces and favors from Divine Providence. God will not be outdone in generosity.

Gratefully yours in Christ's Love,
FR. EDWARD, O.S.B.



Convert

Dear Editor:

I have been an interested observer of your great work of Christian Charity for quite some time. In fact, I first became acquainted with the *Catholic Worker* Movement before I was a Catholic, at the time when I was investigating the Church; and I want to tell you now what an important part your work and that of your associates played in bringing me into the Church. For your paper was the principal source of my knowledge of the teachings of the Church on the rights of labor as expressed in the two Papal encyclicals. You also gave me an example of true Christianity after the very pattern of our Lord and impressed on my mind the fact that the Church is not the reactionary, retrograde, opportunistic body that the Communists and pinkies try to make her appear. And you have helped me realize that the only true and sound radicalism is Christian Radicalism.

I received your plea a few weeks ago and intended to answer it much sooner than this, but for various reasons, all selfish, and procrastination chief among them, I have not done so. But at last I have aroused myself and am sending you this small contribution. I wish it were larger, but just at present I am unable to send any more than this; if I am more prosperous in the future, I shall send a larger amount next time. I have often wondered how you get the money to continue your work. I hope this will help. You can repay me by remembering me in your prayers; I am sure they will be particularly efficacious.

R. G. W.

Belgian CO's

Dear Editor:

Even William James would be hard put to it to gain the "moral holiday" he advocated, for the two young Belgian C.O.'s, Henri and Constant Splessens, now working out their "moral substitute for war" in the Van der Vorst Prison, Antwerp!

Certainly it seems up to the rest of us, fresh from sea or mountain, to add our letters to those now pouring in to the Belgian Prime Minister, His Excellency, the Honorable Paul Henri Spaak, urging him to review the cases of these two young men, and to grant them freedom alike from prison and from military service. For the account of the brothers' repeated hardships adds a stirring chapter to the *July War Resister*.

This past fortnight the War Resisters' League and the Women's Peace Union have been circulating, as they could, a reprint of this, together with a letter urging American men and women to appeal to Monsieur Spaak, for these young soldiers of Peace. It is not hard for Pacifists, or even good civil libertarians, to argue that the courage and fortitude these boys have shown in refusing an act which their conscience abhors, will be of true value to the Belgium they love. Monsieur Spaak's address is: Rue de La Loi, Brussels, Belgium.

TRACY D. MYGATT

Name Calling

Editor,
"Marxist" *Catholic Worker*,
Dear Sir:

I have just been handed one of your "parasite" papers and note that your co-helpers or contributors can truly be called the Martin Luthers and John Knoxs of our day.

About the use of force. You end your letter by saying you have a heart of stone. You have no charity in your heart, that is plain. If you gave a million dollars to feed the poor and clothe the naked, and not have charity in your heart, you do nothing. I know that you won't print this letter, because some of the people would like to know how you go about the country on money that is supposed to help the poor.

Reds and Atheists?

St. Michael drove the Red Devils out of heaven by force. St. Constantine drove the Atheists by the sword and the Sign of the Cross, and if he did not, we would still be in the catacombs of Rome. The Bishops of Hungary stopped the march of the China hordes into Europe. I am praying and so are thousands of Catholic Priests and Laymen for a victory for Franco.

Gentlemen

The so-called *Catholic Worker* opposed Franco long before Mussolini or Hitler ever said a word about racism. You are the one that started racism in New York. The other lug (Gadfly)—I would call him the poisoned spider and his slur on the intelligence of the people of Brooklyn will be remembered. Patrick Scanlon is the finest gentleman in America. And may I add that the three greatest Catholic Gentlemen, Priests and Laymen, are Dr. Curran, TRUTH, Father Coughlin, JUSTICE, and Mr. Patrick Scanlan, LIGHT. The Brooklyn Tablet, *Light of America*, speaks for American Catholics, but against Marxist Catholics. Did any of the so-called *Catholic Workers* picket the Loyalist picture "Blockade" and where? He, Gadfly the Rat, don't like the hand of Pilate. No Red Rat does. He does not like Social Justice, because he don't know any better.

If you want to get Catholic workmen to listen to you, be yourself a Christian. Anything worth having is worth fighting for. Like the good Roman soldier, keep your armor clean and bright and fight for justice and for right. Peter drew the sword and our Lord rebuked him by reminding him that he that lives by the sword, shall perish by it. Jesus Christ would have had legions of angels to fight for him, but it was to be the death of the cross. Any Catholic man who would not fight in defense of his Church or its Priests or Nuns is a Judas Iscariot.

Sincerely yours for Truth, Justice and Light of the world,
THOMAS KELLY.

Poet's Pence

N. Y. Times,
New York, N. Y.
Sept. 12, 1938.

Dear Editor:

Recently I received from Ade Bethune the enclosed check for \$2.50, the purchase price for a copy I sent her of my book of poems, "Crags."

I am glad to turn this check, properly endorsed, over to you, for such use as *The Catholic Worker* may wish to make of it. In addition, I am matching it with a Money Order in like amount, made out in my favor and endorsed over to you. This also represents the purchase price of a copy of my book.

God has already blessed my little book with a most favorable reception, probably because I set it, printed it, illustrated it and bound it all by myself, without thought of monetary profit. Thus I feel I owe something back to Him.

Maybe St. Joseph, to whom you so often appeal, put this thought into my head. At any rate, I am sure it may help to defray those demon printing bills.

So take it, and God bless you for your saintly work.

Faithfully,
CLIFFORD J. LAUBE

M-Day And The Unemployed

The pages of this paper have more than once taken up the cause of the unattached, transient unemployed. We have been aware of the suffering they endure because of the lack of consideration for them by legislators and people generally. No one seems to want to be aware of their presence or the human suffering of nearly 2,000,000 of our population. It is a horrible thought to know that although they are being slowly murdered by indifference the efficient mobilization plans for war would single out everyone of them for military service. M-Day will overlook no one.

A number of unattached unemployed were felt out by a reporter of a New York newspaper for their attitude on war if, and when, it comes. Though all questioned opposed war, all were willing to go or, in some indirect way, to assist in carrying out a war. Living in a state that has been negligent to its citizens, long suffering from unemployment, harsh treatment by settled residents entrenched in their wealth, police intimidation, municipal lodging house fare are all factors in causing thousands of our unemployed to become war-minded. It is easy for them to cast aside any principles when in dire need of the essentials of life.

"Security"

When we hear an unemployed man say he doesn't like war but would like to go for the sake of three meals a day or "security," we can look askance upon the country which offers talks on confidence as remedies rather than practical solutions, disregard for a large portion of its citizenry to such a point where a war mentality is developed by the force of hunger rather than choice. Men are willing to sell themselves to fight for basic needs no different than the citizens of Germany gave themselves over to state domination and Nazism for the same reasons.

We give deserved sympathy for the victims of Nazism and Italian Fascism and the exiles who must flee their homelands or suffer extreme persecution and even death. Those who remain become the dehumanized property of the state and suffer a plight as bad as that of the refugees themselves. Our own unemployed, especially the transient

unemployed, are refugees in their own right. They are persecuted, routed from town to town, exploited, half-starved. They are truly pushed to the farthest point, but push as we will our mobile population is still there without a homeland. They are ready to exchange appetites for death. Hitler solved unemployment with concentration camps and a military state. Mussolini's solution was a similar one. We see the same trend in the United States when we hear of this muzzling of welcoming a war as a solution to economic problems.

"Refugees"

Our own refugees are here if we look for them to help them. No one seems to look and help but M-Day will find a sudden interest in the army of versatile tradesmen roaming about our country. The draft boards will find here enough soldiers to fill several divisions and to fight a war, which will, in these times, be an unjust one. When the concern for human life needs to be brought to the attention of each and every one of us we are as negligent as the state itself. The state care of unemployed is an unwelcome thing and more individual Christian charity will eliminate it in a large measure. The establishment of a Christian Social Order will be a more welcome thing than state domination of persons which is the limited philosophy of the only groups interested in the welfare of the unemployed, the largest of these being the Workers Alliance.

So there you have it. Our unemployed are receptive to war no matter how unjust. The eyes who can't see them now will find every available one in the event of war. Let us all examine ourselves and see if we can truthfully answer that we are not at fault though it be only in a small degree. The patrioters will have to make very few speeches if a crisis arises. Martial music and pretty girls urging enlistments and all the other psychological inducements to war can be eliminated. Mass hunger will supplant all these measures. You would be surprised if you knew what risks hungry people will undergo to provide food for their stomachs—even to taking a job killing his brother unemployed.

TIM O'BRIEN

The Outstretched Hand

It was not the Communists who first spoke in terms of the outstretched hand, but St. Augustine. In one of the lessons of Matins in the breviary, on June 28th, St. Augustine wrote:

"But we pray that they may not remain in the pit which they themselves dug, but that, by conversion, they may be lawfully begotten to the Church of God, and that Christ may be formed in them, and that they may know the builder and maker of this universe to be the only true God and Lord of all. We beseech these blessings for them, for we love them more profitably than they think to love themselves. For such is our love to them since it is true and for their salvation if they will receive it. For it is like a drastic remedy which consumed the diseased and useless flesh of a wound: for it frees them of all their pride and self exaltation.

"Wherefore we do not weary of trying, with all our might, to stretch out our hand to them."

House of Hospitality

The men for whom Our Dear Lord died
Lie stretched upon the floor.
He had no place to lay His Head,
And they have little more.

The strong right arms that have no work
Are pillows for their heads;
Old sheets of newsprint and their coats
Are all they have for beds.

Their brothers come and vainly knock;
The house can hold no more.
It hurts to say, "There is no room,"
When Christ waits at the door.

MARIE ANTOINETTE DE ROULET

Labor Schools In Milwaukee Archdiocese

Meeting last Monday at the invitation of Archbishop Stritch, 12 priests of Milwaukee Archdiocese discussed plans for the establishment of schools for Catholic workers, arranged for the opening of these classes in mid-October.

Outlining the work to be done by the Catholic Social Action schools, the Rev. Paul F. Tanner said: "Because so many employers and employees have come to collective bargaining tables unfamiliar with the technique of collective bargaining and unacquainted with the basic principles of social justice, there is need for training schools. Just as Catholic doctors who belong to a medical society are expected to bring to that group the Christian principles of justice and charity and to object strenuously to the acceptance of pagan principles and practice, so Catholic workers and employers must be fitted to carry these same principles of justice and



MARY MEDIATRIX

—Ado Bethune

charity into their union meetings and the gatherings of their manufacturers' associations."

Other Cities

Classes will be offered in Labor Ethics, dealing with the rights and duties of workers and employers; public speaking and parliamentary law. The first semester, beginning in mid-October, will run for 10 weeks, closing shortly before Christmas. Classes will be held once a week, the three evening periods running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

In Milwaukee the Catholic Social Action school will be held at Messmer high school, with the Very Rev. Magr. John F. Clark as director. The location of the schools in State cities has not been announced as yet. The following clergy will be in charge: Racine, the Revs. Henry Schmitt and James Kelly; Kenosha, the Rev. Bernard Scholzen; Janesville, the Rev. Leonard Busch; Madison, the Rev. Alvin Kutcher; Fond du Lac, the Rev. Henry G. Riordan; Sheboygan, the Rev. Carl Wagner.

—From the Milwaukee Herald-Citizen

FATHER JUDGE:

"There is the one advantage of necessity, there is one joy to be found in biting need, there is a consolation even when the darkest clouds overshadow. It is this, we have an opportunity of registering a supreme act of trust and confidence in a Being, supremely and infinitely good and loving. It is not so much that we do a thing, or get a thing or have a thing or have any prayer answered but that we show an invincible faith and courage in Jesus Christ."

BOOK REVIEW

PHILIP II. By William Thomas Walsh. New York. Sheed & Ward. \$5.00.

Not for the sake of argument, but for agitating thought so that, perhaps, we may have more light, we will lift from their context quotations from Dr. Walsh's book.

"The Sign of the Cross, said Marcellus, was a better defense for any Christian Prince than arms, and 'the Vicar of Christ requires no sword for his defense; it would be better . . . that he should be murdered by wicked men than that he should give an unseemly example to the Christian world.'"

Again, speaking of the Vicar of Christ on page 186, Dr. Walsh says "Like Peter he saw the sword turned into a rebuke in his hand." On page 484 the author asks "But there was another side of the ledger, of which it must be asked, how much did Philip do to restrict or frustrate the operation of Christ's grace upon the world?" Page 528 gives us "The spirit of man, and not timbers or guns or money or slavish flesh and blood, is what makes history in the long run."

Does the use of force restrict or frustrate the action of Divine Grace in us? Suppose that all the energy and efforts that were devoted by Catholics to killing the Turk and the heretic, the building of fleets and of armies, had been used to overcome evil by good. Suppose the Moslem were welcomed at Lepanto by men eager to be martyrs rather than soldiers and that all worked at strengthening the spiritual rather than the military. What, in God's grace, would have been the outcome?

Proper Light

Dr. Walsh has gone back three centuries into time to show up the deliberately fostered errors which, by now, have permeated the entire civilized world. Philip, the Inquisition, and the later Medieval scene tower above the periphery of Cecil, Elizabeth, and the whole anti-Catholic movement which broke up Christendom are shown in a proper perspective. Further, the actual facts and state of affairs and of minds are rightly placed in the larger framework of the fight between the forces of good and the forces of evil. We are given not only the facts, but the problems behind the facts, in a history with a meaning. In both the writer and his subject there is that common ground of unity in understanding of what makes men and kings great and we become more aware of the difference between a string of events placed without light or in a false light and a perspective of the world as it is to man and as it is in the light of eternal principles.

The pursuit of truth can never stop and it is the duty of us all to extend its boundaries as far as we can. From this base, so to speak, we wish to go further and we, frankly, have the writings of Maritain, Don Sturzo, Father Stratmann and the question of the use of the sword in our minds. In a number of places the author brings out statements and allusions that force us to consider what would have been the result in history if the ideals of Christians had been more of the nature of the Counsels than of the Precepts. As a Christian and Catholic king, Defender of the Faith, and a

ruler disposed towards peace, we can find very few who have surpassed Philip II. With a clear conscience he fought for the Faith against injustices and perversions, and exhibited those traits which make him stand out in history as a real man and every inch the king. With a fair share of human faults, he did strive earnestly to follow his light.

THE POWER OF NON-VIOLENCE. By Richard B. Gregg. J. B. Lippincott Co., \$2.50.

"Greater love hath no man than this. . . ." It is one of those books that, to quote from it, impels one to give the whole book. So much real Catholic thought, wrapped up in the phrases of the non-Catholic (not anti-Catholic) philosopher, deserves the fair-minded consideration of Catholic thinkers.

Mr. Gregg takes the strongest arguments for the use of force, advises it if we cannot believe in a higher moral attitude, and then proceeds convincingly with admirable logic to hold up the non-violent technique as exemplified by Gandhi.

"When the will and imagination are at war, the imagination invariably gains the day. . . . Emotions spread more rapidly than ideas or opinions. For war involves a discipline of fear, and non-violent resistance involves a discipline of anger; and both fear and anger are elemental emotions. Communists are fond of quoting 'Violence is the midwife of a new order of society.' But Marx was mistaken here. Not violence, but suffering is the midwife of a new order of society. Furthermore, the suffering must be, so far as possible, voluntary on the part of those who propose a new order."

Psychologists, biologists, and other scientific men are arriving at the Medieval concepts on the values of suffering, sacrifice, love, and the Christian virtues. If Bourgeois Capitalism with its diverse elements of the spirit has, at times, received Holy Water, it is only being truly Catholic to listen to such men as Mr. Gregg and Gandhi. It can be true that God hides the deeper meaning of our Faith from us when we do not seek it diligently and gives it, under other forms, to these outside the Fold. This book should be read in conjunction with Maritain's "Freedom in the Modern World."

J. A. C.

MEETINGS

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115 Mott Street.

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115 Mott Street.

Mondays, 2:30 P.M.

Association of Catholic Trade Unionists

226 Lafayette Street.

2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 P.M.

C. U. U. Makes Appeal

The Catholic Union of Unemployed has a special message to all readers and friends in the New York area. We are looking for jobs for the members of our group. While of course we would be only too glad to place our men in permanent or temporary jobs, we are also very anxious to find odd jobs.

A great many of you must have small odd jobs to be done around your homes—cleaning a basement, a little carpentering or painting, work in the yard or garden—jobs that require only a few hours work. And it may be that you find difficulty in getting some one for that small job that doesn't call for an employment agency to fill. So many of us are dependent upon this kind of job to tide us over until we find a more permanent one.

The Catholic Union of Unemployed includes men of such diversified trades as carpenters, painters, clerks, printers, pipefitters, sand hog, electricians, accountant, bookkeeper, plumbers, draughtsman, master mariner, chauffeur, machinist, gardener, shoemaker, locomotive fireman. These men are looking for work. If you have any kind of a job please call the C.U.U. at Canal 6-9835 between 4:00 and 7:30 P.M.

Non-Violence Feature of Truck Strike in New York

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to take the jobs of honest men. We thought of this remark however that early morning on one of the first days of the truckdrivers' strike as we stood around the vacant lot over by the Holland tunnel where a terminal had been torn down, leaving thousands of bricks strewn among the wild grasses that waved in the fall wind.

"A good place for a battle," one of the strikers said, heaving a brick playfully towards a companion. There were many impromptu games of ball going on.

The strike was a spontaneous one of the rank and file, and worthy of note in that they were forcing the hands of officials newly elected last November in a revolt against the old time international head of the union, Cashel. The impromptu leaders were three men, Red Klein, John Strong and Will May. It took them five days of an outlaw strike to force their leaders, including Cashel to father the strike and arbitrate with the employer. But in the end, democracy won and the voice of the rank and file was heard.

Strike "Action"

This is the story of one day of the strike.

The men were waiting that morning out there in the field which was their strike headquarters, for word from City Hall and the success of their leaders in arbitrating. They had gathered at seven for a meeting, coming from Sheepshead Bay, from the Bronx and from all parts of New York. At first the weather was merely threatening, but soon a downpour began in earnest and men took shelter in cars and trucks and in the coffee shops around the neighborhood. Reporters and photographers were there in abundance, waiting for something to happen. They wanted action even more than the men, but not the same kind of action. News-hounds always remind me of hovering black buzzards, looking for fallen flesh to pounce on and feed to a sadistic public.

We talked to many of the men that morning, men who had been trucking for twenty and thirty years, who had seen the beginnings of unionism, who had worked long hours and without vacations for small pay. One fellow told us he got married on ten dollars a week and started his family on it.

Pier 42

The leaders came back from city hall to tell the men the conferences were proceeding, and as the rain continued, the city offered Pier 42 for the men to use as a hall. The river was covered with fog by this time and the wind had dropped completely. Bob Walsh, of the English Catholic Worker was with us, much interested in this first glimpse of an American strike scene. It's peculiar combination of disorganization and unity was not typical, we assured him.

All afternoon there on the pier the melancholy sound of fog horns hung over all. But the men, some thousands of them, gathered on the pier and out under the elevated highway were uniformly cheerful and expectant in spite of their hours of waiting, and the four days they had already been out.

The fog was too thick for river traffic so tugs and barges lined the pier on both sides and in between the boats the pouring rain dimpled the slate grey water. The little houses on the backs of the barges were neat and tidy, seen at close range. They were painted white with green shutters, and were carefully screened and curtained. On some there were flower boxes and, easy chairs. Occasionally an aproned woman came to the door and watched the men.

All afternoon there was nothing to do but wait and talk.

Mass Meeting

Most of the men knew The Catholic Worker and expressed their trust in it. But they loudly proclaimed their hostility to Hearst. The only threat of violence was in the desire of some of the men, jocularly expressed, to throw the Hearst reporter and camera man into the river.

The waiting went on all the long afternoon, enlivened by a few beer trucks dispensing beer out under the elevated highway. We wondered whether that were sabotage.

Finally representatives came up from City Hall and told the crowds that further waiting must be done and that a meeting would be held at the Armory on 25th street that evening.

At eight o'clock that night negotiations began between Cashel and the men, the Mayor's representative and the men, and the Governor's representative and the men, but the truckdrivers held fast to their decision to strike until the truckowners were forced to negotiate. They had waited 3 months for a contract already. Cashel and the others wanted them to call off the strike for three to five days and then if no peace were made, to call a strike again. But the men were not to be won, cajoled or bullied. They remained for five more hours firm in their determination to continue the strike which their leaders were refusing to recognize as a strike.

What They Want

The meeting was a lesson in how not to influence a present day mass of striking men who are convinced in the justice of their demands which in this case were a forty hour week at the prevailing wage-scale (a lessening of hours which would take care of the unemployed problem of the union) and a week's vacation with pay. The owners wanted a five per cent cut, the 48 hour week and no vacations.

All attempts that night to stampede the crowd by oratory, by bullying and by persuasiveness met with complete failure. The men remembered with difficulty that they were dealing with representatives of government and had a hard time moderating their boos and catcalls when they did not like what was being said. They did not restrain themselves when it came to Cashel. They showed plainly what they thought of their old-time leader who had held office (under strong arm methods) for so long that it seems impossible at this date to dislodge him.

Many locals have not had elections for years and many have not even called meetings for years.

Associations Needed

There are about 15,000 organized teamsters in New York City, and their union has satisfied itself with trying to get as good wages and hours as possible. There is no attempt made at education or mutual aid, nor of course, of religious indoctrination. The men themselves, Catholic though many of them are, would be startled beyond words at the suggestion of such a thing. Yet the first union of workers ever formed had a religious significance, because when there was religious unity the men linked up their religion with their work. They had a philosophy of labor, though they might have been inarticulate about it.

The Holy Father when he spoke of the need of organizing the workers, said that where it was necessary for men to join a neutral union as our unions in America are,—it is necessary to set up, side by side with them, Christian associations of workers in order that men might have the religious and educational advantages and the mutual aid that such affiliation would bring.

Need for Action

When The Catholic Worker calls attention to these ideas, it is often accused of trying to foster dual unionism. But we mean no such thing. We know that men would be better union men because of it. Street cleaners, firemen, police and other workers for city departments have Holy Name societies and if these men were unionized would such an affiliation be considered dual unionism? Of course not. Not that the Holy Name societies are any social force though they might well be.

If all the priests in New York were to form associations in their parishes of longshoremen, teamsters, transit workers, department-store workers, etc., there would soon be a chance to put some of the Holy Father's ideas into effect instead of just talking generally about the Encyclicals as dealing with principles and not having anything to do with particular cases.

Then the unions would have strength indeed.

Meanwhile, what about the Catholic Truckdrivers themselves thinking along these lines and suggest-

MilkCo-op A Success

Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative Shops' Gratifying Progress in First Four Months of History

In a Brooklyn pasteurizing plant, early in the evening after most of the city has laid aside its work of the day, machinery starts to whirl and out comes a long line of green and white containers, each filled with milk and stamped with the label of the new Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative, of 215 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Since reaching the city this milk has been pasteurized in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health of the City of New York. It is sealed in Co-op containers during the night. Early in the morning cases of these containers are packed in shiny new cream and green trucks and deliv-



—Ade Bethune

ered to cooperative store agencies, one of which is probably located in your neighborhood.

The Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative began selling milk experimentally last June. In those days the line of containers filled at the pasteurizing plant was not so long as it is now. Since June, in less than four months' existence, the cooperative has increased its distribution five times over. The new organization, according to Meyer Parodnec, President, is now selling as much milk in one day as in the entire month of June.

Women who helped organize the cooperative in the days when it was

ing it to their pastors. They can at least put St. Christopher medals in their trucks to acknowledge themselves as Catholic workers.

Unemployment

We talked of these things with the workers that long day of waiting, and we talked too of other methods of dealing with the unemployed problem such as a land movement. Though men have never thought along these lines before, one finds in many of them a quick acceptance of such ideas and a nostalgia for another and more secure way of life, where men will be owners, not employees; where men will be deproletarianized and their dignity recognized as men, rather than as hands.

Truckdrivers are different from factory workers of course in that they have a great amount of responsibility and they make to some extent, their own conditions of labor. The importance of their work (the life of the city depends upon them) makes them conscious of their power, and their dignity as men. And as men they are entitled to more than two days work a week, and enough pay to support their families in modest comfort.

The truck strike ended with a compromise as most strikes do, but it meant some gains for the workers and some losses for the truckowners who did not have the unity or strength that the workers have built up in spite of faulty union-

Worcester, Mass.

Matt Talbot House
11 Chandler Street
Worcester, Mass.

Again, please pardon the paper and pencil. The pen here is terrible and paper is scarce.

A few minutes ago, John Magee and I returned from the farm. The place is a shambles, thanks to the hurricane. We threaded our way to the farm at Upton this afternoon, driving over grounded wires and between trees stretched partially across the road. When we reached the farm, the barr (bad as it was) was flat on the ground. The two pigs, Shirley Temple and Jane Withers, had missed being crushed by a few inches.

The chicken coops were razed to the ground along with the well-house. All that remained standing were the main house and the little house in front of it. Provisionally, not a chicken was killed.

Our two acres of corn was flat. The potato harvest, 150 bushels, was in the cellar, fortunately. A little water soaked around them.

The wind blasted all the front windows from the house. Some went, sashes and all. Mae, who has been our best farmer, was hit by a gash and knocked unconscious for a few seconds.

Shingles were peeling off the roof as the wind reached a velocity estimated at over a hundred miles an hour.

The men decided to crawl into the ambulance. Six of them, Slim, Murray, Pat McDonough, Bill Boyd, John Wilson, Jack Quigley, the cook and McDonald watched the

buildings collapse from the inside of the ambulance. They stayed there till 1 a.m. Incidentally, they took the two pigs into the car too. The hens were outside. The men tried to handle them but it was an impossible task.

All of the apple trees, with a few exceptions were ripped out of the ground.

Trees were down everywhere. When John and I approached Westboro, we saw a car which had blown from the road into a cornfield a hundred feet away.

Today, everyone started to clear up the wreckage. A group are going down from Worcester to pick up the apples.

Boston

In Boston, things go along the same. Some days, over five hundred men come in the line. Here in Worcester, between one and two hundred are served. Seven of us are staying at the new Worcester House of Hospitality. Two of the men are painters and they have made the place look A-1. Dan makes the coffee and keeps the floors and dishes immaculate. William Webb is the cook. He has been canning these last several days.

Mrs. Brady is preparing mimeograph material. Dr. McManamy, the leader here, is going to Chicago for while. She will certainly be missed.

Elizabeth McDermott has been foremost in the work of selling the papers.

Please remember us in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in the Mystical Body of Christ,

ARTHUR SHEEHAN

only an idea growing out of the program of consumer groups interested in breaking the monopoly of the milk trust, see in new organization the beginning of better days for housewives whose responsibility it is to make pay envelopes stretch as far as possible.

Endorsements

Educational classes are being conducted in trade unions. A speakers' bureau has been formed and is ready to furnish trained speakers to auxiliary and union groups. A newspaper, the Organized Consumer, is published by the cooperative from time to time and other printed material has been prepared for groups and individuals interested in consumer problems, more specifically in milk.

The State C.I.O. at its first annual convention, September 17 to 18 in New York City, passed a resolution endorsing the Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative and commending the new organization to its mem-

bers. Endorsements have been received from a long list of local unions, American Labor Party, clubs, settlement houses and other social agencies.

Committed to a policy of providing milk to its members at lowest prevailing retail prices, the cooperative is now selling milk in Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx for 11 cents a quart. Members will receive the additional benefit of dividends divided two-thirds to consumers and one-third to farmers. Groups are now organizing in Queens and Staten Island, and the cooperative milk will be on sale soon in those sections of New York.

At headquarters of the Cooperative, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City, daily calls are received from individuals who wish to join and from members who wonder how soon co-op milk will be on sale in their neighborhoods. They are assured that agencies will be set up in all parts of the city as soon as possible.

PAMPHLETS

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THE LAND

There Is No Unemployment on the Land



FARMING COMMUNE

THE CATHOLIC WORKER farm at Easton has finished its third summer with bulging barns. These are the pleasantest days of all the year down in the country with trees turning to flaming gold and red and the sunlight like liquid honey. The nights are cold so that more blankets are needed by those who come down from Mott Street for the week-end, but those on the farm all the time seem to take it in their stride. Stoves are being set up in the bedrooms,—those oval, sheet iron stoves that hold logs of wood and cast a quick heat of a morning. The wood cutters are busy every day now with their cross cut saws and it becomes so warm during the day that the men strip to the waist and sweat over their work.

After the cold night, mists hang heavy in the valley, hiding the towns of Easton and Phillipsburg from view.

Arthur is up at five every morning and gets the fire going and the breakfast of oatmeal and coffee started before he goes out to milk the cows. Little Arthur, aged ten, rushes out to the barn to help and he has milked not only Rosie (everyone on the farm has learned to milk on Rosie) but also Mollie. Which is brave of him, since it was Mollie (the gift of some relatives of the Newman School head) who tried to toss him with her horns last summer. Mollie's calf remains a small thing—it is her first and she will be butchered by Christmas. Rosie's Gloria, so named by John Filliger, is almost twice her size already. Bessie, who is Rosie's also, is due to drop her calf some time this month.

Farm Talk

(We get a lot of cracks from our land-minded friends about these bits of news as to the cows, and such like items from the farm. But we who are engrossed in trying to work out our ideas as to the land being a solution of the problem of unemployment in this country, can't keep from doing it, and our readers seem to find the same interest we do. I have talked with taxi cab drivers, miners and fishermen and many others throughout the country on my many journeys and the actual details of how a farm is working out is what they are interested in. And it is enjoyable to meet readers who upon being introduced ask after the various animals by name.)

Everyone should be interested in George the goat. He is very much in evidence all over the lower farm, following the children up into the woods, wandering into the kitchen to eat up the bouquet in the middle of the dining table, trying out the various beds throughout the house, much after the fashion of Goldilocks, and sampling the shavings in Mr. O'Connell's tool house. He is little Arthur's constant companion and while he milked the other morning, George watched with engrossed interest. He knows when to butt and when not to butt.

There is a milk goat besides, and thirteen rabbits, and almost two hundred chickens. There are the two horses, Jim and Prince, and there is Tug Boat Annie, the sow, who just had a litter of ten pigs and laid on two. The others are thriving and at this stage are almost attractive. Besides these there are ten more pigs. By next year, John says, we should have about a hundred and fifty, and Mott Street headquarters as well as the farm will rejoice.

And for all these animals we are spending only three dollars a week on feed. The rest we have raised ourselves. The cash we need to spend on the farm each week now amounts to about ten dollars for each farm, and all are looking forward to the community being self supporting. Already baskets of pears, apples, bushels of potatoes and turnips and tomatoes have been brought into St. Joseph's house, so there are grounds for hope that the supplies they will bring us will make up next year for the cash we must send to them.

On The Land

There is still the mortgage of course which must be paid off, six hundred dollars a year, including taxes, interest, for the next six years. That is in the hands of God.

But when the numbers we have taken care of, including batches of half a dozen children every week all summer, some of them staying all summer, are taken into consideration, enthusiasm for our farm program is understandable.

We are learning as we work. St. Francis says that you do not know what you have not practiced. And all that we have learned intensifies our interest in seeing this program being put into effect throughout the country.

If all the land owned by the Church, for instance, and by the different orders, that is not being used at the present time, were turned over to the unemployed and their families, and if leadership could be provided such as Father McGoey's up in King City, Ontario,—then the real wealth of the Church would be increased tremendously.

We have had the farming commune at Easton for two and a half years now. We are trying to combine small holdings of one acre and the communal farm on which all work. And in this farming commune of seventy acres we are trying to apply the principles of the personalist and communitarian revolution. We are doing this with no picked group but with the human material which has come to hand. We are doing it though we are propagandists and editors, writers and lecturers, young and old, unemployed and the lame, the

Business And Such

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III. Priests and Policemen

1. Jean Jacques Rousseau said: "Man is naturally good."
2. Business men say: "Man is naturally bad; you can do nothing with human nature."
3. If it is true as business men say that you can do nothing with human nature, then we need less priests and more policemen.
4. But if God the Father sent His own begotten Son to redeem men, then we need more priests and less policemen.



SAINT TERESA

—Ada Bethune

IV. More Profitable

1. Business men believe in the profit system.
2. Because they believe in the profit system, they try to make the profit system more profitable.
3. In order to make the profit system more profitable business men replace men with machinery.
4. It is true that machines don't strike, but neither do they eat.
5. By replacing men with machinery business men increase the producing power and decrease the consuming power.

V. Sit-Downers

1. In putting more machines into factories

halt and the blind. We did not select each other; we somehow came together. And I come back after this week end, thinking how good God has been and how He has blessed the work of our hands.

In the cities there is unemployment and the breadline. There are municipal lodging houses and the parks where men sit all day and are either sunk in lethargy or are racking their brains for a way out. And on the land there are untitled acres, there is room for every kind of employment where the single unemployed can pioneer and lead the way for the family, thus serving not only himself but the common good.

While we work we pray that the farm at Easton and our writing about it will be so blessed that others will be led in this direction and do likewise. And in the many ways we fail, may they succeed, so that throughout the land there will grow up many communities within communities that will eventually save the nation from disaster.

But even though they be few, we can remember that "the king is not saved by a great army; nor shall the giant be saved by his own great strength. . . . Behold the eyes of the Lord are on them that fear Him; and on them that hope in His mercy. To deliver their souls from death; and feed them in famine."

D. D.

English Land Movement

At Michaelmas, 1934, *The Cross and the Plough* issued its first number. The decision to produce it had been taken at the Catholic Land Federation Conference at Oscott College in the previous August. The Conference itself struck a note, not only of hope, but of brilliant prospect for the Land Movement. Three Training Farms in England alone were busy preparing the first demonstration that townsmen could be trained for the land. A fourth was about to begin its work. Best of all, it seemed that the heavy and sustained pressure for the recognition of our claims by the government was about to succeed.

With the issue this fall, *The Cross and the Plough* begins its fifth year. The only training farm at present in existence is that of Liverpool. The others found the apathy, hostility and refusal of the Government to help too much for them.

With the exception of Liverpool, the severely practical work which filled the horizon in 1934 has ceased. We are reduced to words. The change from a fine energy of action to that of propaganda is so great as to be difficult to realize. It is well to recall these things, especially for new supporters of the movement. We have as compensation elements of substantial hope. The Land Movement is permanently on the Catholic map, and we are faced with such disasters as must impose on us, and before long, resurgence and renewal upon a greater scale. Meantime it is vital to keep alive both the action remaining and its sole means of propaganda.

From *The Cross and the Plough*, published by the Catholic Land Federation of England and Wales, at Weeford Cottage, Hill, Sutton Goldfield, England.

(Editor's Note: In this country, Fr. McGoey's village in King City, Ontario, and Fr. Ligutti's Homestead at Granger, Iowa, have both been substantially helped by the

government in the past. The Catholic Worker farms take a stand against receiving state aid, wishing to emphasize personal responsibility rather than state responsibility, and also to urge the utilization by the Church of any lands at her disposal for the establishment of farming communes. Also to persuade Catholic landowners (and there are few of them) and others to give voluntarily unused land to do their share in deproletarianizing the worker as the Holy Father has advised. Father Terminiello, of Montgomery, Alabama, is working on a Cooperative farm which is accepting no aid from the government.)

Forward to The Land

By STANLEY VISHNEWSKI

Forward to the land, as a slogan more in harmony with our ideals to replace the familiar "Back to the Land," which smacks of defeatism was suggested by Rev. John C. Rawe, S.J., at the Boston Summer School of Catholic Action.

Indicative of the growing interest among Catholics regarding the land movement was the course given by Father Rawe in rural problems, in which he brought out the following interesting points:

1. The rejection of incorporated tenure and cultivation of land. Under such a system the farms would simply become factories with their attendant proletarian problems.

2. As a solution was proposed: "An agrarian economy in which subsistence is a primary objective in land use." The practice of highly diversified farming, (as opposed to the commercialized system of one crop cash farming) for personal use. The use of co-operatives and all intelligent group activity to win for himself a better life.

business men • have given up their job of providing jobs.

2. The job providers have to admit that they sit down on their job of providing jobs.
3. Because the job providers have sat down on their job of providing jobs, the Government has taken up the job of providing jobs.
4. But the Government can only rob Peter to pay Paul and by doing so endanger its own credit.

VI. W.P.A.

1. Some one said that what we need is a machine that will do the work of one man

and will take ten men to run it.

2. But the other fellow said: "We don't need it; we got it already; the W.P.A."
3. W.P.A. jobs cost money.
4. In order to pay for W.P.A. jobs politicians through taxation take the profits out of the profit system.
5. To take the profits out of the profit system is to replace the profit system by another system; a system of more supervision and less vision.

VII. If You Want to Know

1. If you want to know why the things are what they are read:
 - a) "Man the Unknown," by Dr. Alexis Carrel.
 - b) "What Man Has Made of Man," by Mortimer Adler.
 - c) "The Bourgeois Mind," by Nicholas Berdyaev.
2. If you want to know how we got that way read:
 - a) "A Guildsman's Interpretation of History," by Arthur Pentz.
 - b) "Charles V," by Wyndham Lewis.
 - c) "Religion and the Rise of Capitalism," by R. H. Tawney.
3. If you want to know the way out read:
 - a) "Personalist Manifesto," by Emmanuel Mounier.
 - b) "Freedom in the Modern World," by Jacques Maritain.
 - c) "A Philosophy of Work," by Etienne Borne.