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EASY ESSAYS

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Unpopular Front

1. Four in One

2. Always they

3. The Common Good

4. Who believes

5. One I and one I

6. Ideals and not deals-

7. The Thomistic Doctrine of the Common Good.

H. They and We

1. People say...

2. You ought to do that.

3. We ought to make our homes.

III. What Makes Man Human

1. To teach a child to take—

2. To serve and not to rule—

3. To be content with what man is.

4. To nourish and to nurture—

5. Idle and not dead-

6. Creed and not greed—

IV. Judah Jubilee

1. The Jews had a way.

2. Every tenth year debts were remitted, land went back to the owner.

3. The Jews did that.

4. They said, "to be our brother's keeper.

V. Let the Jews Be Jews

1. Nothing in the world has ever made the effort they made in Germany.

2. The Catholic Worker is a workingmen's paper which is published to bring Catholic social principles to the workers in industry, in men and women people in mills, in factories, in mines and lumber camps, on ships that sail all over the world, and on the Catholic mission on the continent.

The booklet has been published by the Catholic Workers' newspaper The Catholic Worker of which Father John Dunn is editor. It was written by Dorothy Day, the latter two from Harriet Beecher Stowe. The Catholic Worker is a local paper, it doesn't just go to the workers in New York, where it is published, but goes all over the United States and Canada and even over the whole world.

Workers have written to us from farms and factories. We received one letter from a miner who worked in the oldest mine on the continent, on Nova Scotia, a mine which stretches five miles from the surface to the bottom. He wrote letters from Pullman car makers, from automobile workers, from stock yard workers, and we also receive letters from people working in mills.

They read our paper and are interested in it, because it tells the stories of workers all over the country.

Our paper is especially addressed to Catholics, because we are Catholics, and because a great number of people from the countryside have been addressed by the Catholic Worker, in which the families have been here for generations, are Catholics. We are all Catholics first of all, whether we are French or Irish, Lithuanian or Italian. Nationalities make no difference. Catholic principles remain the same. And the Church has a great deal to say about these principles in regard to the rights and duties of labor.

A Share in Industry

Your right and your duty to organize, to join a union, is an elementary right, a natural right, but it is also a duty. As long as we hope that Pope Leo XIII went great a labor in which he told the workers of the world that the only way to better their position was to organize into union so that they could achieve better wages and hours, better working conditions, and the right to a voice in the control of their work, cemented by the right of the body and soul, temples of the Holy Ghost.

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The editorial, for which this space is usually reserved, will be found on the first page. We have been forced, because of finances, to confine ourselves to four pages for the last two issues. We hope that the October number will signal our return to normal.

CONDITIONS FOR A JUST WAR

I. The war must be undertaken in defense of a just right.

II. The means and right must be suitable and proportionate to the magnitude of the damages to be inflicted during the war.

III. Exemption must be absolutely the last resort.

IV. There must be a reasonable hope of victory.

V. The right intention must exist at the declaration of war, and must continue for the duration of the war.

VI. The war must be legally conducted.

PAX does not believe that any modern war can measure up to these requirements. Consequently, its members refuse to take part in any modern war.

War

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What interests we are serving by encouraging and taking part in war in a modern war when what is told us before varies bewilderingly with what we hear after.

Let us put the Church's definition of a just war in these terms: "A just war is one in which the combatants are incontestably bound to protect their lives and property and to live up to the moral laws of the Church; and where noncombatants will be willing to shed their blood. In this case the combatants are incontestably bound to protect their lives and property, and to live up to the moral laws of the Church; and where noncombatants will be willing to shed their blood. In this case the combatants are incontestably bound to protect their lives and property, and to live up to the moral laws of the Church; and where noncombatants will be willing to shed their blood. In this case the combatants are incontestably bound to protect their lives and property, and to live up to the moral laws of the Church; and where noncombatants will be willing to shed their blood. 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... they decently and provide them with clothing and education, I met a woman in Lowell the other day whose husband had gone to work in the mills when he was nine years old.

The first organizing and publicity work was done in New England, who were trying to better their condition. Over and over again in the last hundred years, the workers have been trying to organize. Sometimes they have succeeded, sometimes organizations have sprung up, and when they have a fair to organize for Fathers Charles Callahan in Lowell, including the mill workers, to go on strike. Many times strikes have been lost, or have seemed to be lost in the history of labor. Yet almost every strike has brought about better conditions, better wages. They may seem to have been broken by the employer, if only to keep the workers contented, to keep them from striking again; if only to keep them from organizing into unions.

The employers know the strength there is in unions, and they will give even wages and give bonuses at the very threat of forming a union.

Solidarity Needed

And now once more there is a chance of building up a strong union of the workers, who can act as a body and bargain collectively. But this demands an opposite organization, which we shall call solidarity to distinguish it from the national organization, do not think just in terms of your own interests, but you would have to help another town achieve those same conditions, by both moral and physical support. And only a national organization can do this.

As Catholics you certainly ought to realize the necessity to work as a body. You are all members of the Mystical Body of Christ and St. Paul's saying was that when one member suffers, the health of the whole body is lowered. If some of you, in other words, are satisfied with your wages and benefits, but the whole community is not, then, you are acting against the Mystical Body of Christ. As long as the great mass of workers have not the things which every man has the right to his comfort while his brother is in misery.

A brother is a witness to you all. He was a worker and He loved the workers. The last words He said to His disciples, the last commandment He gave, which comprised all the rest, was that we were to love one another. We cannot, in other words, love God if we do not love our neighbor. And if we love our neighbor, we have to show by our love to try to help him.

Of ourselves we can do nothing: We must band together, and with God's help, fight for better conditions for the workers throughout the country, not only in one town.

Brotherhood of Man

If we are not working together, we are denying Christ in His poor. And He said, "Inasmuch as you have not done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have not done it unto me." If we are working together, we are doing this for a simple reason. He is doing this for a simple reason.

We are trying to teach them too, the principles of Christian solidarity, so that they will help each other. And by bettering your conditions you in turn better your own conditions. But this does not mean that you are not entitled to better your own conditions. But this does not mean that you are not entitled to better your own conditions.

Bad Distribution

Do you know what Moses Pendleton, president of the American Woolen Company, got last year in salary and bonus? He got $376,000, which is more than a quarter of a million dollars, approaching the half million mark.

The average mill worker gets $4,689 a year. We are all brothers, son of the same Father. If we are Christians we believe this. Does one brother, no matter how smart or how hard he works, need help? Does another, who requires it, get help? Does one have a right to his comfort while his brother is in misery?

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Father Rice and Father Hensler, and Monsignor O'Toole of Pittsburgh have all gone out to organize, sometimes they have succeeded. Sometimes organizations have sprung up, and when they are under constant pressure, have been broken. As the ordinary anti-Marxist pamphlet says, if the Communists get away with their racket, there will be no such thing as Communism. It is not just the conflict of the classes which will stop with the development of the industrial type of organization.

Another important thing is that to some extent you will have comfort and security in which to plan.

Solidarity Needed

"My Father who art in Heaven," But we don't address the Blessed Virgin and say, "Pray for us sinners." If we are not working together, we are denying, in effect, this idea of brotherhood, and we are at the same time denying the good conditions in Father Rice's union. A special meeting was held for the purpose of forming an organization in their respective churches.

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The real or Imaginary fears for the condition of the American labor movement.

Waterfront Plans

A special meeting for waterfront workers, to discuss the subject of maritime unionism, and the advantages of a national organization. Plans will be laid for the proposed opening of an ACTU headquarters on the waterfront, and the publication of a waterfront paper, carrying news and comments for all maritime workers.

Word comes from Edward A. Martin of the Chicago Federation of Waterfront Workers, 1814 W. Taylor Street, that ACTU organizations are moving in that direction. Also from Eugene B. Collier, 55 Rittenhouse St., Y. and James McHale, 66 K Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., news of prospective organization in their respective cities.

COMMUNISM

WHY COMMUNISM GETS AWAY WITH IT BY DONALD ATWATER

Catholics have long been the easy targets for those who try to fight Communism. From the days of St. Paul to the present day, there have been many attempts to bring about justice in the world. But one thing has remained constant: Communism has always been successful. Why is this so? The answer lies in the way in which Communists present their case. They do so in a way that makes it difficult for their opponents to counter their arguments. This is why Communism gets away with it.

It is important to understand the reasons why Communism is so effective in arguing its case. First, Communists are able to offer a number of appealing promises. They promise a world free of poverty, hunger, and want. They promise a world where everyone is treated equally. They promise a world where the rich are taxed to support the poor. These promises are attractive to many people, and they help to make Communism attractive to them.

Another reason why Communism is so effective is that it is able to offer a simple and straightforward explanation of how the world works. Communists believe that the current system is a system of exploitation, where the rich get richer while the poor get poorer. They believe that the solution to this problem is to establish a system of collective ownership, where everyone owns and runs the means of production. This is a simple and straightforward explanation of how the world works, and it is one that many people find convincing.

Finally, Communists are able to offer a powerful and persuasive argument about the moral imperatives of their cause. They argue that the current system is unjust, and that the poor have a moral duty to overthrow it. They argue that the poor have a moral right to demand a better world, and that they have a moral obligation to work towards this end. This argument is powerful and persuasive, and it helps to make Communism attractive to many people.

In conclusion, Communism gets away with it because it is able to offer a number of appealing promises, it is able to offer a simple and straightforward explanation of how the world works, and it is able to offer a powerful and persuasive argument about the moral imperatives of its cause. It is important to understand these reasons, so that we can better understand why Communism is so successful. It is also important to remember that Communism is not a just system, and that it is important to work towards a world in which everyone is treated equally, and in which the rich do not exploit the poor.

Priests Show Interest In ACTU Action

From "impressions of Mill Street" of the Catholic Worker, by Our P. Hensler in "The Catholic Worker," we clipped the following:

"We went to a meeting of the Association of Catholic Unionists. It was well attended. We gave short talks, and the time was devoted to questions and discussion from the floor. The discussion was for the most part, without exception, quite a intelligent, Catholic, and solid group of people. We have been told that the Catholic unions from Indias were there.

A staff member from one of America's foremost Catholic newspapers and a professor from Fordham attended.

The real interest in the clergymen is one of the most heartening things about the situation today. It is the ACTU. If it can be brought closer to the workingman and his ACTU, then it will have served its noble purpose."

Glarified Casserly

This was a rather special speech, of course, but we do not think it a wrong thing to mention the unions that are forming in the United States Steel Corporation, were all able to sign a contract with the company, with a national organization, which was able to bring strength and a sense of solidarity to workers in Lawrence, New Orleans, and other cities. A national organization, in that it can take care of its very poorest members, is essential. For instance, if you have a strong union and good conditions in one town, you would have to help another town achieve those same conditions, by both moral and physical support. And only a national organization can do this.

Racial Prejudice Is A Stupid Sin!

CHICAGO LETTER

No sin, we think, is grounded on grounds which are not of racial prejudice. But when Catholic writers do not use the challenging doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ, they look on the matter as guilt of prejudice, and think that the sin of prejudice in others becomes particular Catholicism. Catholicism is certainly not traditionally anti-racist, but there are a number of Christian sects where there are no inter-racial barriers that would allow them to think that almost without exception they are oppressing blacks. Similarly, Catholics are not generally interested in the social problems that arise from the fact that Catholicism arises not from their own culture, but have been brought into their country.

So when we Catholics are called upon to act as a people and as a church, we are not called upon to carry on the same kind of racial discrimination, it is no reduction, as many would have it, on the Catholicism we professe. Rather it is an act of charity and as a people, not as individuals, it is what we do to make the world a better place.
There Is No Unemployment on the Land

A Village Experiment

The following is taken from an article by Frank Orton, in the June 3, 1936, issue of AMERICA. Arranged by Peter Maurin.

1. Up in Vermont

2. In the Village

3. Thousands lived in the country.

4. The comfort of the country.

5. These curious customs were associated with the French Canadians.

6. All in the Village

7. One look at the background of the French Canadians.

8. Let the Jews be Jews

9. And what does it profit them

10. For Christ's Sake

11. The First Christians

12. They died for their faith

13. The First Christians

14. The First Christians

15. These Chinese Catholics

16. Chinese Catholics

17. One way to fight Communism

18. Non-Communists are writing about the need for Christ's work among the Chinese Catholics.

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