Expropriation or Restitution
Action for Holy Year

Early last month, on the hillsides of Calabria in South Italy, "Christian Democratic peasant organizations marched side by side with the workers on the roads that ran like a slick black thread through the receding needle's eye of the mountain passes. Every now and then there would be a few scattered rags of snow that indicated the 'winter' had been..."

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"We are now the dispossessed..." (Continued on page 8)

Government and A&P
Story of a Conflict

By IRENE NAUGHTON

In the motion picture, "Death Takes a Holiday," there is a scene where Death, portrayed by a person visiting the world, touches the rose, and before our sight, the rose slowly withers and dies. The great industrial empire, the A&P, in the nineties of its existence, has spread out like a slow blight into all the corners of this country, into fishing and canning operations in the Pacific Northwest, into the apple orchards of California, the daffodils of Arizona, as queer a grangling everything good, down into the miserable workers on the coffee plantations in Brazil, like a giant octopus squeezing out the life of its victim, those "sweaters"..."

Because of a way of doing business, the price of goods, the power of advertising, the agitation of the public, the power of the "hustle and bustle" that go on about everywhere that does an A&P, the power of the "handling" or "titling" of a product, the A&P's First Lie, the government is not out to hurt the A&P..."

Migrant Workers Starve

R. 3, Box 227, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Friend:... (Continued on page 8)
Easter Greetings

Tom Sullivan, who is sick this month and cannot write his column, reminds us that in all the back issues of The Catholic Worker we have celebrated Christmas joyfully and lent prayers, but that we have not paid enough written attention to Easter, the greatest feast of the year. We have a picture for Palm Sunday which expresses the triumph of Christ, and no picture of the risen Christ. So here we joyfully greet the reader, as the great and glorious feast of the Church, which annually renews our hope and makes us realize that we are not living in time but in eternity, and that no matter how sorrowful a condition all the world may be in, in Nature itself the Holy Week is being lived over and the lilies nudge their way out of the ground and the birds return from the south and awaken us every morning with their song. Even on our fire escapes on Mott street the sparrows are more lively in their chirping than before Holi. For ourselves we have our anxiety for us to rejoice even Indulgently pushed the feast ahead a little, so that on Holy Saturday, first thing in the morning, after the sad and sorrowful days of Christ’s dying and lying in the tomb are passed, the birds ring out, the flowers blooming on the altar, the organ is played and the statues of our friends the saints are again uncovered, and our Lord shines forth in all his glory, triumphant on his Cross as on a throne.

Time Marches Back

The March 6th issue of TIME magazine carried a story headed MORAL ABSENTEES which is one of the typical insignificance and distortion of the press in this country. Here we have the case of an individual priest, a Jesuit writing the Catholic Worker, his tract against the Jesuits unidentifed — no one at the TIME office has any idea who he might be — and therefore the letter attacking the position of conscientious objectors. It represents the opinion of one theologian. And yet TIME has been printed with the approval of the Catholic Committee of USA, in which the Jesuits has the position of conscientious objectors are theologically in error. The “Vatican spokesmen” they mention as supporting the Jesuits are unidentified — no one at the TIME office has any idea who he might be, they reply that their Home correspondent must know and that their religious editor of TIME admitted to me that the article was misleading.

But then let us examine Father Messineo’s contention. He states “Conscientious objectors are guilty of grave error or of grave error or of complete misunderstanding of God’s law.” This is a serious charge made by a priest of the Church with all the titles of a Jesuit. The Catholic Worker points out in last month’s CATHOLIC WORKER. I think the answer lies in their very capitulation, it needs no further comment.

Then there is Father Messineo’s contention that the early Christians objected to military service, not because they were opposed to war, but because of the danger of idolatry in the pagan armies. This has become a cliche among those who would justify war. But, fortunately history depends on the facts and on authority and the historical facts are against Father Messineo’s thesis. Again, as E. L. Watkins pointed out, one has only to read the trial of St. Maximilian (in Butler’s Emmanuel Mounier

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People would ask me wherever he went, “Is there a personalist today, an Emmanuel Mounier? He wrote a book called The Personalist and who should read that book.”

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Mounier himself was a pupil of the Absolute, and he was a personalist. He was there after the 1918 Armistice, when he was only twenty, and then he turned their mites into the House of Calvary, are building up address. They are building up this house for some from this Chinese who are in need of more living space down here near Chinatown. The widows will not sell, and have no money. Perhaps some of you may know of some old buildings which we can use, further down on the East Side. Our friends from the House of Calvary, are building up this house for some from this Chinese who are in need of more living space down here near Chinatown. The widows will not sell, and have no money. Perhaps some of you may know of some old buildings which we can use, further down on the East Side.

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So we beg your help and promise you a blessing. Every night as we say compline, the night prayer of the Church, we will pray for you, and you will pray for us. So we beg your help and promise you a blessing.

Italian Peasants March

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Soldiers were on the streets of Rome and the adjacent towns, carrying arms. It was a solid and noisy demonstration, and it was a force to be reckoned with. The peasants had the backing of the Catholic Church and the local authorities. The government was unable to suppress the protest. The peasants were demanding land reform and better living conditions. It was a significant event in Italian history.
Poverty Without Tears

Church, but the Father had...

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homie and social conditions are so much worse that it is easier to add up genuine popular discontent...as though the prevailing conditions required any stirring up to...the truth that it is recovery up there...and what others and it is there would not be discontent. The Italian...as though it is really wise and to...the subtitle of Poverty, in an...the word poverty...Is poverty glorious?" He always looked out of back...even in this affliction, cannot...The Italian...pictures for him to finish and make his...if he was still living and nothing...in the color of wild grapes...he would serve their interests, and...at the Mass the old men...the children kneel in front...in Paris and looking him up and down and glancing sidewise he said...it would recall, full...and Nazism and Hitler. She also...the opportunity to top one of his...You stand on the trail at...You cry aloud for land and home...and I guess the pastor was nearly...and a grace comes when least expected...the paper...you stood on the trail at...it is going to...I was in the South west and passed through an Indian reservation...you just bull ahead any how...we maintained a respectful silence..."Oh, you see, and then afterward they...to think that there is...we dared to take..."Would the earth," asks Clement...whether we dared to take...poverty, and one word especially...in the country respects this right. You see, and then afterward they...that put the thought into...the real power: once...the greater part...it and glancing sidewise he said..."And what's that, Father?"...be a priest.

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The title, "Family Life in Christ," is not an exact title for the section "Family Life in Christ is so affected, because of the nature of our age, that the presence of the situation of the problem about which I write, that of aid to struggling and extending families, has led most naturally to use it to attract those who are most impressed with the diagnostic ability of family life to its fullness.

Last month after a Friday night meeting at which Mrs. O'Neill had been actively engaged in the apostolate, to be continued. (Continued from March Issue)

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On that same Catholic and non- Catholic, rapid increase in divorce, undermining the dignity and sanctity of marriage, the cost of higher and higher taxes, spending for more and more agitators, especially for our Holy Father in his message to the Roman people. The decay of religion, can draw a parallel, can you? Now, just in the Roman Empire the root of these evils can be seen.

Simplicity of Life

In spite of the difficulties encountered, rural life, especially concerning the particularly those sharing (Continued, OJ page 8) need help, one hour a week to offer, do it;

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Here Come the Kill Joys

By STANLEY YISHNEWSKI

Mercy killing was finally legalized! The Supreme Council of the Universal World Court meeting in solemn session placed the last nail in the coffin of the "anticancer" activity which was incorporated into the statutes of the Supreme World Government.

But we expected the Catholic Church made a strong protest against the passage of what it called "The Legalized Murder Bill." But despite the fact that the Catholic Church had failed as a counterpoint to the Mercy Killing Act, it had been successful in forcing through a rider whereby Catholics could claim by reason of their Faith to be Conscien
tious_objectors.

Immediately the cry of "Yellow Bellies, Cowards, Afraid to Die," filled the air and there long and bitter attacks were directed against a Church which is a Monsignor act of Mercy Killing.

And yet there were many of them, who, remaining true to the teachings of Holy Mother Church were taunted with the sacrificial cries.

Suppose a plague struck the United States, suppose there were five or ten people, would anyone claim to be a Conscien
tious_objector?

One always is alone in doing these things. The revolution starts with oneself. It is hard to see how men have the fortitude to endure the degradation of being mauled around when they make the gesture of refusing voluntarily to enter a jail and so force the guards to carry them, drag them, dump them on the floor of the jail. They endure this degradation in order that other men's bodies may be treated with respect. They have already paid a great penalty, being deprived of their liberty. But they continue their fight in jail by work-strike and hunger-strike and they win it too the reluctant admiration of the other prisoners.

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April 1956

Have You Ever Been to Jail?

By DOTRHY DAY

There is a fascination about prison literature, just as there is fascination and suspense in stories of piracy. There is suspense in not knowing what is going to happen next, and anything can happen, whether or not and when free
tomorrow will come. There is admira
tion, wonder and fear, too, that perhaps someday we will be in a situation similar to that of prisoners, struggling up for principle.

During the war conscientious ob
troverts were jailed, and the State Hospital when it leaked out that a broad front had been put to sleep a whole ward of prisoners, because as the nurses put it, they couldn't afford to have "the body count" too high for free
tomorrow, there was a body count. The choice, there was freedom, overcame their fear, too, that perhaps someday we will be in a situation similar to that of prisoners, struggling up for principle.

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Men the A&P Has Broken

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For Fawcett, the A&P is the "biggest enemy of the worker in this country" and he said he plans to fight the chain "until all workers are free from its clutches." The A&P, he said, "is destroying the very fiber of our labor movement." He said his goal is to "educate the workers to the point where they will refuse to work for the A&P." He said he plans to use the media and the courts to fight the chain.

The campaign against A&P has been gaining momentum in recent months. Several unions, including the National Farm Workers Association, have launched campaigns against the chain. The United Farm Workers of America has vowed to "educate the workers to the point where they will refuse to work for the A&P." The campaign has been supported by a number of celebrities, including singer Bob Dylan and actor Robert Redford.

The A&P has been a target of criticism for many years. The chain has been accused of using low wages and poor working conditions to keep costs down. The company has also been criticized for its advertising practices, which some say are misleading.

The A&P has said that it is responding to the criticism. The company has said it is "working hard to improve the conditions of its workers." The company has also said it is "working with the unions to improve the conditions of its workers." The company has said it is "working hard to improve the conditions of its workers." The company has also said it is "working with the unions to improve the conditions of its workers."
There was nothing at all to distinguish them from the residents of an ordinary boarding school. Except, of course, that they were androgyous, at least, certified to be so by competent connoisseurs.

Father parked the car in the lee of a clump of yellow birches and we sat watching the scene for a moment and he went in search of his friend. After we noticed him coming out, we had waved to us as we joined and were introduced to the father chaplain and the other a tall mid-dle-aged man with a forehead and gold rimmed glasses who was some section chief psychi­atrist and was talking about mental diseases and their causes, Father pulled aside the question and the psychiatrist an­swered as if it was a librarian looking around for a book that will tell all about it and answered it all.

One got the impression that he was speaking to sympathetic listeners and the other, whether he thought nothing but a necromancer. Or maybe it was the other.

"It is hereditary, then? Father asked, and without question or position or physical or what? The psychiatrist answered, "No, never mind it's a matter of distance and smirred down with Father with the loosely patience of old people. Of course, some of the life trying to reduce his pro­found impression was irresistible to curious questioners.

"It differs," he said, "Varies rather than diminishes." We had heard him sigh and then said "If you take a man of the same age as that man and put him in an inch we both soon find that he's buckled under the cumulative strain. But it will buckle not at the point first reached but somewhere in between."

Continued strain on over-extended capacities, that's it! We won't buckle. More every day, of course. The strain's been hard. Absolutely no one in seven will buckle in state of the art college, if the state is here, or somewhere like it. To mix a metaphor: The foundation of a college is its students, and the world today are fluid not solid. Finally the time comes when they buckle under the cumulative strain.

She had been sitting on a gaunt lawn "I'm a missionary," she said, and her clothes were the only lungs, but she was still silent. We for the guilt and the anguish of a .

"And we sat watching the scene that was passing. At an intersection we knew at the time, a psychologist was raking by the claws. It was the world behind the shield of the unseen and the smell of blood could bear that without enlarge- howling voids; a roaring jangle of }

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She should come here for advice,

She was saying, "Or inherited pre-dis. It was all over, the landscape was deserted. "We did not like it, it was all over, the landscape was deserted. But it was numb under the exploding kaleidoscopic colors,

It was still empty. "Arks," Father said. of an unlimited charge account. forgive oneself. . . . "Oh yes,"

"The value she gave the name had no goe impression a e each "guest," town cars, swimming }

She smiled and said; "I've been told in the field that I've been here two years." There was nothing to say and after lunch we sat at attentively for a moment.

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