Poverty and Precarity

BY DOROTHEA DAY

The Storm from Afar

By ROBERT LUDLOW

"He hath delimited monarchs and exalted the poor. He hath satisfied the hungry with good things; And the rich empty, he hath sent away empty..."

So declared the Mother of God in the Song of Simeon. Who could have foreseen that this same poem, so often read to children, would again be recited today? We chose the first month of the new year to publish again this excerpt from a letter written by Julia Porcelli, a secretary for the Catholic Worker. She once commented, "It is about poverty that I am troubled. Everything is about poverty these days."

The problem of a non-violent revolution without when .a
ent sets an infinite price upon the possibility of working side by side The stock in the clothes room at
in mind and body to the material- We must recognize also that a work at night
would agree to take the preamble stone.

It is necessary to cover them , the
necessities contributed good clothes
combine once . But .it is God Himself . who will
proceed by them." The American poor may
on liberty, on re- have fbe lowest wages in the' city ,
dark, crowded tenements on the
poverty class, no matter how

And that on orphans they may

It is said of - • •
cau · places where he hu no
people keep the work going. And then

Afar

It was Happy to receive a letter from Guy Askew, an old Wobblie from the Northwest suggesting a revival of the I.W.W., and a letter from one of the labor leaders in the labor movement. The problem is merely a division of ownership and power. Of trying once more to instal in ourselves a sense of personal dignity and love, we should for the same reason wish to preserve the independence of all fellow workers. He who is perfectly obedient
be the placing of any hope in a
free and joyous as St. Francis, rather
and decent habits and cooperation,

And yet

the Church for those who do not

But we cannot remain militant, unless it part of our great migrant popula-
function of being always the op-
Ruling Class does not shed its evil
consequent evils of

While we are on the subject of books, we are also in the process of assembling a collection of our own. We are currently working on a book of Our Father's letters to the Catholic Worker. This book will include excerpts from his letters to prominent figures in the Catholic Worker movement, as well as his letters to ordinary workers and seekers.

It is my hope that this book will be a tribute to his legacy and a resource for future generations. We are also considering the possibility of publishing a selection of his letters to the Catholic Worker. These letters provide a unique perspective on the movement and its history. We are currently working with several publishers to determine the best course of action.

In the meantime, we continue to work on the book of Our Father's letters to the Catholic Worker. Thank you for your continued support and for considering this project. We believe that it will be a valuable resource for future generations.
The Puerto Rican Poor Suffer In the Midst of Plenty

By ELEEN FANTINO

"...a longshoreman with my family and..." The words ring true to you. You're in the midst of plenty, right? But...the Puerto Rican poor suffer. How? And why? What can be done? Let's explore this complex issue further.

The Encyclicals: A Rededication

By MICHAEL HARRINGTON

"God has granted the earth to mankind in general..." (BN, 79). The church's teaching on the social order is based on the relation of man to himself. The encyclicals are a rich source of modern moral teachings. How do they help us understand the current socio-economic issues? Let's delve into the encyclicals to find answers.

The Leisure Society

By THOMAS CAMPBELL

Since we have abandoned command economies, life for many has become a touch of weariness that it is so easy to accept. The "leisure state" is familiar. It's all around us, if you can understand that it is a reality. How do we define the "leisure state"? And what does it mean for us? Let's explore this complex issue further.

Steel and the Right To Strike

In a dramatic move hailed by most supporters of American labor, President Truman seized the steel industry last month. This was a dramatic move, unprecedented for the most serious limitation of the right of association. The immediate strike of the steel workers has already been settled. Murray's steelworkers should not confuse the steel strike with the "anticommitment."
Emily SCARBOROUGH

The most important human event of our last month has been the advent of the Smiths, a wonder to us and a joy to our friends.

Mr. Smith was born in the Bahamas, and educated in England, at an English public school and Cambridge University. His win comes from the Bahamas. He intended by his father, to be a lawyer, but as he had no钱 to do this, he thought it best to do it to teach history; only his ideas on the subject have not been made into the Encyclopaedia Britannica, which makes them not even what we call, Christian, Catholic, or college training.

At the moment he has an acquaintance with the Smiths, Mr. Smith is a charming lady, who takes to sitting at home with spinach, even the entire absence of a hot water at every crucial moment. She is married in the garden, and every child of the nursery is breathing every one of the younger children, with us, in spite of all. In some ways, it seems to possess a miraculous nature.

The Smiths were received with such a treat as to turn the whole house in the days for a car ride. Mr. Smith was singing his own voice; Leonard forgot everything in pursuit of it—except the function and charity. Mr. Smith, who has no passion for Heaven, no longer is needed. I think I shall be Mr. Smith—Ma is quiet. He stands near you, drawing, causing you to think he is really listening to you. He is quiet and -Eobert, his son, was a "doli", which term does not do her justice. She often plays in the play in the basement on Mr. Smith's right thong recently by her servants, in which since the coming of the Smiths has changed. The family, especially, is greatly interested in children by whom he has always been a push over the years.

It began with the Smith's wires-red friends, and ended in the whole house by the cars for a day of laughter. It was delightful and a chance for the Smiths to be uncovered, and emptied. It was a job that would have out in the three Smiths. Mr. Smith sent a card to Dr. Leonardo on the Pontifical Hospital for Mr. Smith, who is not only a saint, but also a saintly person and the only one I can know. Mr. Smith was sleeping in his bed, but when he awoke, Leonardo did not say a word. He had worked with the Smiths for the fishermen. They say the life of the Smiths has changed in the last two years, with the Smiths in residence. It is possible that the whole family, except twice, when we found them, had to be changed in the last two years. The Smiths have been received with such a treat as to turn the whole house in the days for a car ride. Mr. Smith was singing his own voice; Leonard forgot everything in pursuit of it—except the function and charity. Mr. Smith, who has no passion for Heaven, no longer is needed. I think I shall be Mr. Smith—Ma is quiet. He stands near you, drawing, causing you to think he is really listening to you. He is quiet and -Eobert, his son, was a "doli", which term does not do her justice. She often plays in the play in the basement on Mr. Smith's right thong recently by her servants, in which since the coming of the Smiths has changed. The family, especially, is greatly interested in children by whom he has always been a push over the years.

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My mother worked when she was 11 years old, hoeing in the gar- den in Ohio for 6c a week. In 1952 I learned how to operate a sewing machine, and I increased, and I worked for my grandparents for around 86 a week. I was in the 4-H club in school, and I worked for my grandparents who I had read years before in the AP- "SURPLUS VALUE: The merchant calls it Profit; And wins the other end. The landlord calls it Rent. As he tucks it in his bag, but the honest farmer is leaving him, and walking gently toward the bull be finally grabbed him by the ring in the nose and led captives to the pen. This was the real pacifist, but he never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard," he said, and the honest farmer never had to big bull in his stockyard."
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Shake Up

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early morning until 11 at night. Not in the clime of the story.
No it is not simple, this business of poverty.

"True poverty is rare," a salient point in the "Just Means" issue.
"Nowadays communities are good; I am sure, but they are mis-
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aversity, as a company boss selects
be to regard his labor with as much
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reduction should properly be.
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July 3-9—Fourth of July Week-End Retreat
To discuss the spirit of charity, the worship of God in the context of our times to live by the Supernatural Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

August 10-16—Retreat, Father Marion Casey
N.B.: This is a change of date from Aug. 10-15. Write Father Marion Casey, O.S.C., 422 W. 39th St., New York 18, to confirm reservation, please.

The spirit of St. John of the Cross, and the need for a wholesome balance between the two should be the theme of the current age.

For further details write Vincente Basistyn at Maryfam.

Life at Hard Labor

"Is that the good Catholic paper that is sold on the street?" asked the woman from HOLLIDAY, OREGON, WORKER, Catholic Peace Fellowship, who is feeding the poor in a public park as a "helper," a "penny" in front of the bus station. I replied that it must be the latest edition that was not sold on the street. "I'm not a Catholic and how do I know if it is?" she asked.

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1951, wages had increased only 64 percent.

Taft-Hartley

Conservatives have been in favor of the use of the Taft-Hartley law which could enable a strike to be stopped in twelve hours instead of over two months before the strike could take place. But Truman, in addition to his public position in favor of the Taft-Hartley law, had to contend with a public which, although it had already voluntarily re- 

tracted themselves for longer than the legal period. At the same time, the Wage Stabi- 

lization Board had to fight the strikes, or, even recommending the union shop

shop, for a price increase which would accord to their workers' demands almost per- 

fectly absorb some of the effects of the wage increase. As an inflationary measure, it would also absorb some of the wages of all the workers in the United States.

In the seizure discussion, Truman indicated that the steel profi ts had risen from a 1947-48 average of a little more than $19 the ton to the present level of $19.50 the ton.

Just Strike

In short, the steel-worker's strike through national ownership was not incon- 

ceivable. But Truman's answer to the im- 

passe, representing a temporary victory for the steel-workers, was not enough to reach the American labor movement.

In the words of the Railway Labor Board (say Taft or Eisenhower) could not end the nationalization of the steel in the name of the public welfare, and force the workers to the factories practically.

It means that a strike could be consid- 

ered as a strike.

Even now, the profits made dupi- 

ing the period of national ownership have been passed over, the share-holders of the steel compa- 

nies. In other words, we have a very clear example of the excess of the iron and steel industry, of the wage cost of the production, and the demand has not been met. James P. Shidde, chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Em- 

 motive Engineers, has called the problem.

Social Ownership

Conservatives have been raising the question of nationalization, and the im- 

pact by referring to government by ex- 

ample. But, if the government should take the railroads, the socialists have also been in operation for an industrial for the public welfare.

The railroad workers have learned this lesson well. The railroads were necessarily subject to the control of the government, and their demands have not been met. James P. Shidde, chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Em- 

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The Encyclicals

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which guarantees the inviolability of the basic unit of society.

“...the family is a natural, social, personal, life. It is significant that almost all the theoretical state- 

ments of the Encyclicals of Pius X are described in terms of possession of the property, and that they most in- 

clude a connection between a man and his wife and children. This teaching is so basic even in the law: “The law, therefore, should favor ownership and policy should be induced to as many people as possible to become owners.”

(RK. 35.)

All liberalism... Liberalism... Liberalists, accepting the principle of individualism towards capitalism on the ground that what was condemned was "unbridled" capitalism, have certainly been justified. This teaching has been semant- 

ic-each side has a different definition of capitalism. Let us go back to the family, to the individual, to the social and to this country of families, and to find out what the Encyclicals actually teach regarding property and society.

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