

INSTALLMENT TWELVE

The head of the Soviet labor movement was a very smart man of forty-three called Kuznetsov. He He was really keen. He'd lived in America, graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology with a mas-ter's degree in metallurgy, and if you tried to point out that his labor movement here wasn't really free, he'd come right back at you with some American example trying to prove that ours was even less free. He outlined their set-up like this. All Soviet unions-representing 22, 000,000 workers-send delegates to the All-Union Trades Congress. This meets every year or so but hasn't since the war. This corresponds to our AFL and CIO national conventions rolled into one. It's strictly labor-no soldiers or farmers are labor-no soluters or tarmers are in it. This big Congress elects fifty-five members to something they call the Plenum. These fifty-five elect eighteen to something called the Presidium. And these eighteen elect-ed him its secretary, which makes him head of the workers. We said him head of the workers. He said at least 90 or 35 per cent of all workers belonged to trade unions.



Stalin stayed in Moscow when Germany advanced on city.

So we asked him who didn't belong. "Well," he said, "some apprentices are too young, and then in the re-occupied regions, it takes a little time to convince all workers they should belong." He said the dues were 1 per cent of a worker's salary. There is no initiation fee, but they sell you a book costing only one rouble.

"Now, is this a perfectly free union movement," we asked him, "or is it directed by your government?'

plant director, where we will spend the night. We drive through teem-ing, unpainted slums which are It was perfectly free, he assured Of course, he said, anyone they elected to their Congress must be

approved by the government. He said, "in 1919 a strike in one steel mill lasted two days. And in 1923 there was another little strike In western Russia. We were changing over from the old czarist money to Soviet roubles, and it took time to get it all printed and out to the workers. As soon as the situation was explained to them, they went back to work. There have been no strikes since, and in the future there won't be any because our workers understand they are all working for each other."

"If a worker is discontented and gets discharged for any reason, would it be difficult for him to get gets a job some place else?' 'Very, very difficult," said Kuz-

netsov.

"Do you have any absente

tra week's vacation, can go to a special type of rest center equipped to care for invalids. But non-union members are not eligible."

"Usually about 6 per cent of an employee's salary goes for rent in these factory-owned apartments," he said. "Young apprentices live in rent-free dormitories. Older workers may live in them, too, but they pay. Skilled workers, or those exceed their norms, are entitled who to better quarters. Because their pay is more, their rent is proportion-ately higher."

"What relations do you have with

Mail relations do you have with American labor?" we asked. "None at all with the AFL," he said. "We're very much disap-pointed. Also, their representative, Mr. Watt, criticized our Russian Mr. Watt, criticized our Russian Trade Union Movement at the last meeting of the International Labor Organization in Philadelphia. He claimed we were not a free move-ment. You can see that we are. I don't understand why your govern-ment would permit this criticism of

our trade unions." "Russia is your ally," he said. "I can't understand why your govern-ment would permit it, and we sim-ply don't understand the AFL. It

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local dignitaries and important Communists-all grave, cap-wear-ing Russians, well-dressed by Com-munist standards. Zeeses take us

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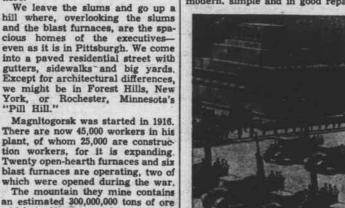
probably isn't the workers, but only the leaders who have these distorted notions. Here we are sure that your workers really want to co-operate with ours, only the leaders won't permit it. We do have some relations with the CIO-letters from Mr. Murray and several others. It is more sympathetic, and desires to co-operate, and more nearly underwith a million people. stands the true position of workers in America and workers here. We

Sverdiovsk is the Soviet center for the manufacture of heavy machine tools. In one big shop we see a gigantic drop forge, made in Duis-burg, Germany. I can well be-lieve that there are only four like it in the world. It can apply pressure of 10,000 tons. hope some day we can co-operate with the American labor movement. After all, we are working for the Until we reach the Urals, which divide Russia-in-Europe from Rus-sia-in-Asia, the country we fly over

is exactly as it was up from Teheran -the same thatched villages domi-nated by white churches with redpainted onion domes. We crossed the Urals, which are, in this area, not mountains but low, rolling hills, wooded with birch, oak, elm, masoaked roof over the most important ma-At this airport, as at all the others we are to touch, we are met by the

1903 under the czar. At Omsk the delegation of digni-

taries shakes hands with us and tells us that our bags will be left at the airport, where we will spend the night. The building is excellent, modern. simple and in good repair.



Occasionally they are protected from its sharp edges by crude duck-LESSON TEXT-Mark 14:3-9; Luke 10:

boards Some attempt is being made to remove the scrap. We see two girls carrying out a load of it on a Russian wheelbarrow, which is a kind of homemade litter, with one pair of wooden handles in front and one be hind. It carries a modest wheel-barrow-load but requires two people. They stumble along with it through the rubbish.

We watch them milling shells for the Red Army. There is no as-sembly belt but at one point they have devised a substitute. When one operation is finished, a shell is placed on a long, inclined rack, down which it rolls into the next room for the next expertise. Only room for the next operation. Only the rack is badly made and now and then a shell falls off. Instead of adjusting the rack, a girl is stationed by it to pick up the shells and put them back on straight.

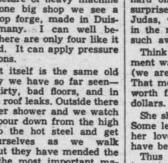
Now we go through a brick plant We watch the women laboriously moving bricks by hand after each processing operation. As we are leaving the plant, we see another column of women marching under guard

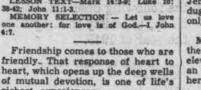
A few hours on the plane brings us to Sverdlovsk, before the revolu-tion called Ekaterinburg because it was founded by Catherine the Great. It was here in a cellar that the hardheaded Bolsheviks shot weak-willed, well-meaning Czar Nicholas II, his wife and family, later changing the name of the town. Sverdlovsk is another Soviet Pittsburgh, bustling

Sverdlovsk is the Soviet center for

The plant itself is the same old Soviet story we have so far seen-no light, dirty, bad floors, and in this one the roof leaks. Outside there is a summer shower and we watch the water pour down from the high ceiling onto the hot steel and get ourselves as we walk through. But they have mended the

chines. Across the street from our fiveyear-plan hotel is the marble opera house. It is a little too ornate, but Russians like it that way. It seems to be the most substantial and carefully built structure in town. It is the provincial opera house, built in





richest experiences. There is too little true friendship in the world because men and wom-en have not learned of the Lord Jesus what it means to be a real friend.

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FRIENDS AT BETHANY

There are mutual privileges and correspondingly mutual responsibili-ties in friendship. There are sorrows to share as well as joys, and there are times when there must be the outpouring of sacrificial devotion.

"There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no, not one!" is not just the sentiment of a hymn writer. There is no friend like the Lord. He, therefore, merits our fullest devotion.

There are three incidents in our esson, all of which took place in Bethany, the little village near Jeru-salem where our Lord had found real friends. He went there to rest, to pray, and to find companionship. These incidents reveal that

I. Love Gives All in Sacrificial Derotion (Mark 14:3-9).

A rather shocking thing took place in the home of Simon. Jesus, his distinguished guest, was at din-ner with the disciples, when a woman walked in unannounced and anointed his head with costly spikenard ointment. The disciples were surprised, and led by the betrayer, Judas, who had his hands on and in the money bags, they protested such awful waste.

Think of it-the value of this ointment was 300 pence, the equivalent (we are told) of 500 days of work. That means in our day it would be worth from three to five thousand

She should have stopped to think! Some lesser gift would have shown her love, and this rich gift could have been used for the poor!

Thus reasons the cool, calculat-ing church member; but the believer with his heart full of love for the Master, gives without stint.

The Lord honored her gift, and accepted it as the anointing of his body for his coming death. He re-minded them that they would always have the poor to care for, and he would soon be gone.

Love which never overflows in the abandonment of sacrifice for the one beloved is a cold and distant thing; in fact, one wonders if it really should be dignified by calling it love at all.

The Lord is looking for followers who are willing to give themselves freely and gladly for him, pour-ing out the lovely fragrance of a life fully yielded to him.

II. Love Shares the Fellowship of Joy (Luke 10:38-42).

The little home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany was light-ed up by that intangible but delightful glow which comes with a friend who honors one's home by his or

her presence. He had often been in this home.

Here he found relaxation and com-fort. Here he gave of himself in fel-lowship and blessing. But there was a shadow over this visit. Martha, eager to have a good



Sallies in Our Alley: Rogers Stearns (the 1-2-3 host) says he didden go to the Derby this yearjust mailed 'em his shirt. . just mailed 'em his shirt. . . Oz Nelson's nifty sum-up: "There are two kinds of people in H'wood--the stand-ins and the stand-outs." . . Jerry Lester thinks the guy who dug up Mussolini's body and took only his leg musta been his agent. . 01

Midtown Vignette: It happened Matiows Vignette: It happened the other afternoon in a Radio City elevator. . . A prim looking wom-ah was teddibly embarrassed when her garter slipped from her nylon. . . . The elevator operator, noting her predicament, stopped the car and doused the lights until she made the adjustment

made the adjustment. Irving Berlin's famous song hit,

"Blue Skies," will be a click all over again this year when it is revived in Paramount's film of the same handle. Count Basie waxed the first recording of it, due next week. . . . Both Louis and Conn tell lis-

. . . Both Louis and Conn ten ins-teners they expect to win by kayos -on the ground both are now "old-er" than they were. . . The John Erskines (Helen Worden) are study-ing Greek for their visit to Greece. ing Greek for their visit to Greece. Erskine plans a book comparing ancient Greece with today's ver-sion. . . 20th Century-Fox bought "Foxes of Harrow," the best seller, for 150 Gs, outbidding Paramount and several Independents. . . The Rockefellers and the broadcasting firms have been having a quiet feud for years as to whether that part of the city should be called Rockefel-ler Center or Radio City.

Hotel rooms are so scarce for any purpose that the hotelmen find themselves the worst victims.... Needing a hotel for their annual Needing a hotel for their annual convention they were unable to find a single leading hotel in the U. S. to accommodate them on the convention date-except one. . . . That hotel is in Biloxi, Mississippi, and they can have it, because the sea-son will have been over and it's the hottest time of the year down there. They took it!

Sounds in the Night: At the Singa-Sounds in the Night: At the Singa-pore: "I hear Serge Rubenstein is in such deep water that he's gonna show up at his trial in a diving suit." ... At Ciro's: "She's so broke she doesn't know where her next heel is coming from." ... In the Stork: "Get a look at that beauti-ful fiddle of a figure." ... At the Village Corners: "She's decided not to be 25 until she's married." ... At Gilmore's: "Aw, stop talkin' through your halo!" ... At the Mer-maid Room: "Marriage is the magic wand that changes Pupply Love into wand that changes Pupply Love into a dog's life.", ... In the Cub Room: "I got a novel idea for the radio. A Mr. and Mistress program."

The Federation of Churches is going to raise heck with the Army for allegedly burning tens of thousands of Bibles left over in army camps.

General Motors' Frigidaire branch has the inside track, they say, on Bing's return to the air-if they can deliver a half-hour NBC spot. . . LaGuardia has refused to accept any part of the \$15,000 sal-ary as chief of UNRRA. . . London reports that Saan O'Casey's play ary as chief of UNRRA.... London reports that Sean O'Casey's play, "Red Roses for Me," is his best since "The Plough and the Stars." It is headed for The Big Apple.... Car dealers hear that 180,000 new ones will be rolling off the assembly lines sooner than suspected. . . . The authors of "Woman Bites Dog" will be amused to know that on the night the show premiered a woman publisher's mutt bit her! Physicians and vets were dragged in, and there was an air of general



WNU Washington Bureau, 1616 Eye St., M. W. Truman Gained Stature **During His First Year**

JUST about all the newspapers and magazines in the country have had their say at appraising President Harry S. Truman after his first wave in office

Your Home Town Reporter has been able during this past year to watch the President, his policies and the operation of his adminis-tration for a statement of his administration from a more or less de-tached viewpoint. Luckily when I attend the President's press confer-ences it is not necessary for me to rush to a phone or to my typewriter and hurriedly dash off a story of my impressions, for in covering for the weekly newspapers I have suf-ficient time to deliberate over what

has happened. President Truman entered the White House as an average Amer-ican without too impressive a record behind him at anything. He had done his stint at farming, at running a haberdashery store and at politics, and in the latter he was more successful. As chairman of the senate war investigating committee, he made a real contribu-tion to the successful culmination of the war. But when he was catapulted into

the presidency by the death of his predecessor, he was untried as a statesman, unknown as to his abili-ties and he faced the heaviest responsibilities any man had ever been called upon to face. He didn't want the job and confessed, his shortcomings, his average Americanism.

The average American back in the home towns of the country like and are proud of our democracy be-cause it gives them, as average cititable it gives them, as average chi-zens, the chance to improve and ad-vance socially, economically and in-tellectually . . . it gives them a chance to grow and better their standards of living.

President Has Grown

This reporter believes that in the year the President has been in the White House, he has grown while House, he has grown grown as any other average Amer-ican man would have grown ... in his proficiency to cope with the most powerful office in the world ... grown in his ability to judge men and their capabilities . . . grown under the pressure of enormous events better to make decisions . . . grown in his contacts with other world leaders.

But in this growth of the Presi-dent he has built up no halos . . . no traditions . . . no myths . . . no superman, he remains an average American who is growing up to his

During our incumbency down here in Washington, we have seen successful business men with fabu-lous reputations as leaders in their fields, tycoons of industry, come to Washington to take part in govern-ment . . . and make miserable failures.

Your Home Town Reporter does not believe the President has made a miserable failure. He is not a a great orator . . . nor is he socialite. His voice on the radio lacks the human appeal which was so apparent in that of his predecessor, but his speeches in cold type, matched speech for speech with the public utterances of the late President Roosevelt, do not suffer by comparison.

He has failed in his efforts to woo the co-operation of his old col-leagues in congress. Our observafirst few days of the "honeymoon" were over, congress has been more concerned with showing the President who was boss than in giving him co-operation, or considering the welfare of the American people. And that state of affairs has come about largely through reaction to the years when congress either went along willingly with President Roosevelt, or grudgingly when he used the big stick to bludgeon them into giving the people his progressive program.



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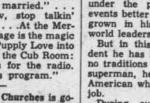
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"We simply don't have it without

"But aren't workers sometimes a little late?"

"Occasionally," he said. "The first time he is warned. The second time he may be fined. If it happens again, he is discharged. If a worker fails to co-operate, damages too much material or does anything else which we consider serious, he may be arrested and tried before a judge, and if he is unable to prove his innocence, sentenced to a number of years' penal labor. The rules in the factories are very strict and rigidly enforced." And the union officials And the union official encourage the workers to testify against a man guilty of these of fenses - maybe they themselves bring charges against him.

"Joining the trade union in plant is completely voluntary," Kuznetsov said.

"How do you account then, for the fact that practically everyone who is eligible joins?"

"It is to their advantage in any country, and particularly in the So-viet Union, where the Trade Union Movement offers many benefits Here a union member received greater sick benefits than a nonion member. There is a housing shortage here and most factories own apartment houses which they rent to the workers. Union members receive first consideration.

"All workers are entitled to vacation with pay, but non-union members cannot spend their vacations in the rest centers maintained for workers. If a worker is sick, the physician may recommend an ex-

which is 60 per cent iron, and another 85,000,000 tons which will run from 50 to 45 per cent-quite a stock Eric tells me that we have pile! only about 100,000,000 tons left at Hibbing, and are using these up at a wartime rate of 27,000,000 tons a year.

After lunch we drive to the big steel plant. I am riding with a cor-

respondent. Suddenly our car turns to one side as we overtake a long column marching four abreast, on its way to work at the plant. Marching ahead of it, behind it and on both sides, are military guards carrying rifles with fixed bayonets. The sec-

ond thing is that the column itself consists of ragged women in makeshift sandals, who glance furtively at our cars.

The correspondent nudges me. Nick, the NKVD man, is riding ir.

I don't know how those women got there or where they were going, so I leave them as material for some mightier talent with greater imaginative powers.

Entering the blast furnace section. the director bellows two noteworthy statistics at us; the first, that on a 1,200,000,000 rouble business this year, he hopes to clear a 50,000,000 rouble profit. Secondly, that in this inferno, they have per month only eight injuries per 10,000 employees.

eight injuries per 10,000 employees. The armament factory takes the prize for the most sloppily organized shop we have seen in the Soviet Un-ion. Stockingless girls with crude sandals, lathing shells for the Red Army, stand on heaps of curled metal scrap from their machines.



Martial law was declared in Moseow and ack-acks brought to city in great numbers.

It seems substantially constructed. Omsk before the war had a popu-lation of 320,000 and now has 514,000 -evacuated workers, of course. We inspect the Mayor of Omsk-Kishemeley Kuzma. This is his second year in office. Before that he was Director of Automobile High-ways, a confusing title since the So-viet Union has few passenger cars and almost no highways. We ask him how he got elected and he answers promptly that the people did it and goes into detail. There were in all five candidates, each representing one of the vari-ous trade unions. Everybody in Ornsk could vote, he says, and of course the ballot was secret.

In the empty airport waiting room, sprawled on the benches were two khaki-clad figures. One asked me something in Russian. The other said, "Hell, Tex, he's no Rus-

I said, "I'm an American. You guys Americans too?" "I should hope to kiss a horse we are," said Tex.

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dinner, was "cumbered" in hear and soon became critical of Mary

because she sat at Jesus' feet. Do not assume that Mary had not done her share of the work. She had, but she "also sat at Jesus' In other words, she knew feet.' when the time had come to guit fussing and to get some real fellowship out of the joy of having Jesus in the home.

We who love and serve the Lord need to watch lest we become so 'cumbered with much serving" that we lose out spiritually. We can become so busy with church work, holding offices in religious organizations, yes, even with preaching and teaching, that we do not have time for personal fellowship with the Lord.

III. Love Bears the Burden of Sorrow (John 11:1-3).

The very home where joy was the portion one day, became the house of sickness, death and sorrow on ther day. Life is like thatmay all expect that tragedy, sick-ness and trouble will come.

What then? Well, you will find that some of your professed friends will disappear. They are fair-weather companions. They have no taste for storms. Real friends will stand by, and what a treasure they to be! prove

But here again, the best friend of all is Jesus. When Lazarus was sick, "his sisters sent unto him." Send for Jesus in the hour of need! Oh, it is true that he did not come until Lazarus was dead, but he had a good reason for that, and in due

time he came.

hysteria.

David Terry, who is of Italian descent, was listening to a bigot be-littling foreigners. . . "And I sup-pose your ancestors came over on the Mayflower," challenged Terry. "Well, yes," said the louse, "now that you mention it, they did." "Well," said the descendant of Columbus, "where do you think they would have landed - if mine hadn't found the place first?"

At a round table discussion of newspaper editors the other eve a publisher opined that Congress, on matters of OPA and such legislature, was running the country be-

"That part isn't so bad," observed an editor. "What worries me is the way Congress runs things behind closed minds."

Horace Greeley's line on the craft: "Journalism will kill you, but it will keep you alive while you're at it."

Street Scene: The little old lady, an institution on 50th Street (as she is the only peddler allowed to squat in the Saks' foyer) arriving there by keb. . . They say an Ameri-can Riviera may spring up at West-port, Conn., the home of several cultural leaders. Via the Longshore Club networks into which much Club property into which mucho mazuma will be chucked. . . . Memo from Jed Kiley at the St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach: "Two years ago I was married in this town. One year ago I was divorced here. This year I was only run over."

'Innate Democracy'

Much has been made of President Truman's off-repeated pleas for help from the people, from in-dustry, from labor, from agriculture. He has said again and again that he cannot do his job alone. This has been interpreted by some as a weakness. But in this column's opinion it is merely an expression of his innate democracy, since democracy after all, is only a huge co-operative governed by a majority opinion.

President Truman has made mistakes . . . mistakes of the heart, rather than the head . . . in nam-ing some advisors and in leaning upon their advice . . . he has confessed his mistakes . . . he has faced defeats . . . seen his administration program emasculated and beaten. even ignored by congress. Today he is less naive, less humble, gray-er, more dignified, more assertive ... than when he went to the White House in April a little more than a year ago. His smile is still spon-taneous and disarmingly human.

Backache May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

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