

Receives Award



David E. Lilienthal (above), a non-Catholic of Norris, Tenn., has been awarded the annual Catholic Committee of the South award. Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority since 1941, he receives the award for his contribution to the South, not only as an engineering and industrial feat but for its humanitarian aspects. (NC Photos)

Priest Calms Crowd

Dover, N. H.—(NC)—An unidentified visiting priest was credited with being instrumental in calming and evacuating a matinee movie audience here at the Strand Theater while a \$250,000 fire raged nearby.

"Some person rushed into the lobby shouting 'fire,'" Melvin Morrison, the theater manager, explained, "but the priest and a former Strand employee calmed the crowd and the ushers quietly directed the moviegoers out by way of exits farthest from the flames."

Quints At Christening

Callander, Ont.—(NC)—The Quintuplets were interested spectators when Bishop Alexander Vachon, Archbishop of Ottawa, officiated at the christening of their baby brother here in the presence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne, and other members of the family. The baby was christened Joseph Alexander Claude Dionne. The godparents were Rose and Ernest Dionne, two of the older children.

Communism Threat Priest Warns

New York, Sept. 26—(NC)—"Why Worry About Communism?" an article by the Rev. John F. Cronin, S. C., of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, is included in the first issue of Plain Talk, monthly on international affairs published here.

Answering the question he poses in his title, Father Cronin points out that a powerful Soviet army is being maintained in a world in which the only possible opposition to that army could come from the United States or Britain. Through its excellent intelligence service, Russia knows the powerful reaction in both these countries against war, he adds; yet in the Soviet press the capitalist nations are being vilified "in terms formerly reserved for Hitler" and pictured as potential aggressors.

Father Cronin describes how the Comintern underground in France, Italy, Western Germany, Spain, Belgium, Norway, Manchuria and China, together with absolute communist control in countries like Yugoslavia, has made a communist Europe and Asia a distinct possibility within the next few years. With this accomplished, the British Empire could be written off, he writes, and then "our first lines of defense, Great Britain and China, would be ready for the plucking." To complete the encirclement, communist agents are now active in Canada and Latin America, he warns.

Completing this picture with a summary of the American Communist Party as a fifth column which has penetrated into strategic positions in government, labor and organs for influencing public opinion, Father Cronin concludes that the import of the situation is serious beyond doubt and that "it does mean that communism is a threat to our welfare."

Priest Directs Convoy

Rome—(Radio, N. C.)—Another Vatican convoy of 17 large trucks and trailers loaded with food and clothing for German relief has left here enroute to Munich under the direction of the Rev. Richard K. Burns, a priest of the Rochester, N. Y., diocese.

Saints and Their Days

Sunday, October 6.—St. Bruno was born at Cologne about the year 1030 and cultivated his rare natural gifts at Paris. He was made canon of Cologne and later accorded the same dignity at Rheims. Resolving to forsake the world, he and six companions applied to Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, who directed them into a wild solitude called the Chartrreuse. There they lived in poverty, self-denial and silence, meeting only for the worship of God. Bruno was called to Rome by Pope Urban II, but the distractions of the city disturbed him and he sought permission to resume his monastic life in Calabria. There he lived in humility and self-denial until his death in 1101.

Monday, October.—St. Mark, Pope, was a Roman by birth. He succeeded St. Sylvester in the Apostolic Chair in 336. After a reign of only eight months and 20 days he died and was buried in a ceremony on the Ardeatine Way. The cemetery has since borne his name.

Tuesday, October 8.—St. Bridget of Sweden was a member of the Swedish royal family, born in 1304. She married Prince Ulpho of Sweden. They had eight children. Many years later she and her husband separated by mutual consent. He joined the Cistercian Order and his wife founded the community of St. Saviour in the Abbey of Wastain.

Wednesday, October 9.—St. Dionysius and his Companions, Martyrs. Of all the Roman missionaries sent into Gaul, St. Dionysius penetrated farthest into that country. He fixed his See at Paris, and through his efforts and those of his disciple, the Sees of Chartres, Senlis, Meaux and Cologne were erected in the fourth century. During the persecution of Valerian he was imprisoned and later beheaded, together with St. Rusticus, a priest, and Eleutherius, a deacon.

Thursday, October 10.—St. Francis Borgia, Duke of Gandia and Captain-General of Catalonia, entered the Society of Jesus and was later chosen as its head. When the Turks menaced Christendom, St. Francis was sent by the Pope on a mission to enlist the aid of the Christian princes. The fatigues of this mission exhausted him and he died on his return to Rome in 1572.

LARGER THAN THE SKY

THE STORY OF JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS, BASED ON THE BOOK BY COVELLE NEWCOMB ILLUSTRATED BY ADDISON BURBANK

PRESENTED BY TIMELESS TOPIX THE CATHOLIC COMIC 128 E. 10TH ST. ST. PAUL I, MINN.

AS A BOY IN IRELAND, JAMES ALWAYS DEFENDED THE WEAK.

THAT'S MY BAIT! GIVE IT HERE, OR ELSE...

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HIM, BARNEY!

SMACK!

GIVE IT TO HIM, JIM! GIVE IT TO HIM HARD!

AFTER JAMES HAD GIVEN THE BULLY A TROUNCING...

COME NOW BARNEY, THE FIGHT'S OVER. THROW YOUR LINE IN WITH THE REST OF US!

HEY BARNEY, YOU'VE GOT A BITE! GO AHEAD AND LAND HIM!

FIRMNESS FOR THE RIGHT WITHOUT MALICE TOWARDS THOSE WHO DISAGREED WITH HIM, WAS AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN THE CHARACTER OF JAMES GIBBONS.

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Friday, October 11.—St. Tarachus and his companions. In the year 304 Tarachus, Probus and Andronicus, differing in age and nationality but united in faith, were denounced as Christians. They were tortured and finally exposed to wild beasts. When the animals refused to harm them, the gladiators were ordered to slay them.

Saturday, October 12.—St. Wilfred, Bishop, was born about 634 and was trained by the Celtic monks at Lindisfarne in the rites and usages of the British Church. Even as a boy he longed for perfect conformity in discipline as in doctrine with the Holy See, and after a trip to Rome he founded a strictly Roman monastery at Ripon under the rule of St. Benedict. In 664 he was made Bishop of Lindisfarne and five years later was transferred to York.

Bishop Hunt Appointed Throne Assistant

Salt Lake City—(NC)—Bishop Duane G. Hunt of Salt Lake has been appointed an Assistant at the Pontifical Throne by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the prelate has been informed in a message from His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. The honor comes in recognition of Bishop Hunt's outstanding achievements in advancing Catholicism in Utah.

Prelates who are Assistant at the Papal Throne belong to the papal chapel and at solemn functions in the Vatican they surround the throne of the Holy Father. The honor is a mark of special esteem when conferred upon Bishops who are not residents of Rome.

The Labor Union: Threat or Promise? by Father William J. Smith, S.J.

Trade unionism is here and it is here to stay. It is a good thing that it is. American workers need the strength and unity that comes through organization. The country as a whole shall benefit from it once the aims and objectives of the workers are clearly understood and honestly appraised.

Any good thing, however, can be abused and many a good movement has been destroyed or crippled by poor leadership, wrong techniques or imprudent counsel. We sincerely do not want to see that happen to the American trade movement.

The healthy growth of the workers' organizations can be helped immeasurably if it is encouraged, and supported by the right kind of people. A strong, honest, intelligent public opinion is needed if the trade unions are to be channelled in the right direction. To help in the building up of such a sound public opinion it is necessary to know some of

the fundamental facts about trade unionism and to clarify the issues on controversial subjects that arise regarding them.

First of all the labor unions are, historically and in their origin, fundamentally American. They grew right out of the capitalistic system. From the earliest days of American industry, it was soon recognized that if the worker was to get justice, if he was to meet the mounting power possessed by the developing big corporations, he would have to pool his individual strength with his fellow workers and make his demands on a basis of a common unity. It is as simple as that. The trade union is a challenge to the trend toward monopoly that American business almost from the beginning.

The history of the trade union is one of suffering and hardship. Until the passage of the Wagner Act, hostility to the right of workers to organize into unions was very prevalent. Any number of very unAmerican tactics were

used by various big firms to prevent such organization.

And yet, the right to join a union is a natural one. God put the instinct in the human heart when he first created man. We just can not live properly and develop our human personalities all by ourselves. We need the help and the cooperation of our fellowmen to perfect the nature that God has bestowed upon us.

That is behind the whole idea of industry. Fellow beings join their human energy to the capital that others contribute to an industry in order to provide better food, clothing, housing and all manner of utensils for all. The group that represents the employer is organized in a large or small way depending upon the size of the company. It becomes a compact unit to insure efficiency and to protect the interests of the investor. It is only logical that the workers do the same thing.

The correct and human approach, then, would be for both

sides to recognize the fact that they have a common and mutual aim. They should desire to produce goods or give service so that the worker might have a just wage, the consumer an honest price, the investor a decent profit. Such an objective can not be attained unless both sides are willing to work and plan in a spirit of cooperation.

It is because, almost from the beginning, the bigger the employer became, the less did he seem willing to give the workers a proper representation in determining what was just and proper that a good many of the unions came into existence. They were fighting for justice for the worker.

Today things have become quite complicated. Industrial relations have grown up in a spirit of conflict. On both sides we find men and leaders who are antagonistic one to the other. What is needed is honest leadership on both sides of the table.

The workers can develop the

right kind of leadership if they join their labor unions in great numbers, attend their union meetings and demand that their leaders follow their desires in true democratic fashion. The company union has no place in American industry. It is today illegal. The workers should be free and independent to choose and direct their own union activities. They shall be if they are convinced that trade unionism is a good thing, that they need it and that they alone shall run their unions, without interference either from the bosses in the Front Office or from any dictatorial union leader anywhere.

Trade unionism can be a threat to American life under the leadership of the wrong people. It can be the greatest blessing and boon to American workers if the members really take it seriously and do their duty to make it so. The type of unionism that is to prevail depends upon the workers themselves.