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TWO GREAT DOCUMENTS

The editorial below appeared in the May issue of *The Sign*, the widely-known national Catholic magazine published by the Passionist Fathers. It was signed by Father Ralph Gorman, C.P. It follows:

Near the middle of the nineteenth century two men, unknown to each other, spent several years at Brussels in Belgium. Both were passionately interested in social questions and both observed at first hand the terrible evils of laissez-faire capitalism in that small but highly industrialized country.

One was Karl Marx. His program of reform was embodied in the Communist Manifesto and in *Das Kapital*. The other became pope under the name of Leo XIII. His program was proclaimed to the world on May 15, 1891, in an encyclical called "The Condition of Labor." Pope Pius XI restated and elaborated the Leonine teaching in an encyclical issued on May 15, 1931, entitled "Reconstructing the Social Order." On May 15, we celebrate the sixtieth and twentieth anniversaries of these two great documents.

The reception afforded the widely divergent social doctrines of Marx and of Leo is a sad commentary on human nature and the faith of Catholics. The teachings of Marx have been adopted as the Communist bible; they have been studied, analyzed, and applied; they have been spread over the earth with a fanatical and violent zeal.

The teachings of Leo and Pius have had a mixed reception. They are little known outside the Church. An elite few among Catholics have received them with enthusiasm and have tried to apply their principles to the solution of the pressing problems of our modern industrial society.

Some Catholics have opposed them as the unauthorized pronouncements of ecclesiastics who know little about the economic laws that rule our industrial world. The average Catholic, if he heard of them at all, has only the faintest idea of what they are about.

Many Catholics were scandalized at the bold teachings of Leo XIII. After sixty years and added papal pronouncements on social questions, a large percentage of Catholics are as reactionary as their grand-parents in 1891. They feel that in her social teachings the Church is leaving her altars to descend into the market place, that she is involv-

ing herself in matters that are not her concern.

The fact is, of course, that the Church is entirely within her sphere in interesting herself in the moral aspects of our industrial problems. She cannot admit a divorce between business and morality; she does not teach a religion restricted to Sundays or by the four walls of the church; she does not propound a code of morality that affects a man's private life but overlooks his business and public life. The Church has a place—and by divine right—wherever human beings think and live and act.

And the Church has an interest too in worldly goods. She recommends detachment, but she is an enemy of poverty—at least of a poverty so great that it forces a man to neglect the spiritual in order to concentrate all his efforts on obtaining the bare necessities of life.

She is an enemy of the poverty that creates slums, that forces women and children into factories, that contracts the whole horizon of life to the absolute essentials of food, clothing, and shelter. The Church knows that people ground down by such poverty too often turn a deaf ear to her spiritual message while they listen to the siren voices of false saviors.

In the areas of social justice and social charity there are grave deficiencies in our American industrial life. The encyclicals provide the remedies—but they do not provide them ready-made. They offer a guide, a set of principles, a beacon light, a philosophy rather than a detailed, concrete program. Application of these principles to our particular problems here and now requires study, intelligence, prudence, and a never flagging enthusiasm.

Perhaps it would not be invidious to recommend that for the anniversary of the two great papal documents we resolve to learn a lesson of zeal from the followers of Marx.

TAFTISM

"The emergency is more threatening than real," Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio) told Washington reporters, June 7. "It is on our backs."

Joe Stalin is just a mirage, eh, Senator?

SOLUTION?

What should you do when prices reach for the sky?

"The answer is . . . simple," said Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.) in the House June 4. "It is—do without, buy less. . . ."

GOVERNMENT CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF HANDOUTS

The Government is handing tax benefits to business so fast it can't keep track of them.

"Exactly how much expansion DPA (Defense Production Administration) has underwritten in this manner to date seems to be a moot question, says the June 5 issue of *The Wall Street Journal*. "At a late hour yesterday DPA officials were battling around some three sets of figures. Two press releases issued yesterday, written by different public information people in the agency, contained conflicting sets of figures which each claimed were correct."

Under the tax-handout program the government let big business write off the cost of new plants in 5, instead of the usual 20 to 25 years. This means lower taxes for business and higher taxes for you.

LABOR AND CONTROLS

"Organized labor is the only major group working for extension and strengthening of the Defense Production Act. No business group is working for that objective, to my knowledge."—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston in talk to labor editors.

Union people owe a debt of co-operation and helpfulness to their brothers. If it were not for the other fellows in the Union, each man would stand alone. Then where would he be?

Election day this year in several states and cities will be November 6.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of John L. Foster, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at her residence, 2633 Ringwood street, North Charlotte, North Carolina, on or before the 21st day of June, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This the 21st day of June, 1951.

LAURA H. FOSTER, Administratrix. (6-28; 7-5, 12, 19, 26-C).

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Betty Lou Beede, Plaintiff, vs. Leon Leroy Beede, Defendant. SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of separation for two years or more.

And the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County within twenty days (20) from the 20th day of July, 1951, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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