



THIS DAY and AGE



What is the Relation Between Catholic Action and Social Justice?

SUMMARY OF POPE PIUS XI'S ENCYCLICAL "ON THE CONDITION OF LABOR"

VII. The Workingman's Rights

When workers go on strike, they do so for many reasons; it may be that they consider the hours too long, or the wages are not sufficient for good living. This grave inconvenience, which is not uncommon these days should be obviated by certain public measures that might remedy it. And why? Because such a paralysis of labor hinders not only the masters and their workingman but also the general interests of the public; and above all, due to violence that grows out of such occurrences, public peace is often disturbed. The laws should be promulgated beforehand so that such trouble would never be given a chance to rise; these laws should lend their influence and authority to the removal in good time of the causes which lead to conflicts between masters and those whom they employ.

But if the owners of property are to be made secure so must the workingman for he too has property which needs protection. No man may outrage with impunity that human dignity which God Himself treats with dignity, nor stand in the way of that higher life which is the preparation for the eternal life of Heaven. Nay, more: a man has here no power over himself. To consent to any treatment which is calculated to defend the end and purpose of his being is beyond his right; he cannot give up his soul to servitude: for it is not man's own rights which are here in question, but the rights of God, most sacred and inviolable.

VIII. Hours of Labor

If we turn now to things external our first concern is to save workingmen from those who would use them as instruments for making money. It is unjust and unhuman to so grind men down with labor as to stupefy their minds and wear out their labor. Isn't it queer, and now I am speaking for myself for this is not in the Encyclical that you are liable to be brought to court for making a horse carry too heavy a load or not changing the water in your fish bowl, and you will be fined and maybe spend time in jail. But you can take one man out and make him do three men's work for several days and nobody will say a word. Why they will go even farther by commending you on your economy and your ability to save on a job. We must remember that man's powers are limited. It is true that he becomes stronger when his muscles are constantly exercised, but then only if there is proper intermission and rest. Daily labor, then, must be so regulated so that it last only as long as strength permits. How many and how long the intervals of rest will be should depend on the nature of work, circumstances, of time and place and on the health and strength of the workingman. Those who labor in mines, for instance, should have shorter hours. The hours should be shorter in proportion as their labor is more severe and more trying to health. Then again, the season of the year should be taken into consideration: for frequently a kind of labor is easy at one time of the year and at another very difficult. Take a steel mill for instance. In the winter it isn't so bad, but in the summer it is intolerable for it makes a man perspire profusely and thus saps the strength greatly. Finally, work which is suitable for a strong man cannot be reasonably be required from a woman or child.

In regard to children, great care should be taken not to put them in factories before their minds and bodies are sufficiently mature. For just as a heavy frost in the Spring spoils the buds, so too an early experience of life's hard work spoils the young promise of a child's powers and makes any real education impossible. Women, again, are not fitted for certain trades: for a woman is by nature fitted for housework, and it is that which is best adapted at once to preserve her modesty, and to promote the good bringing up of children and the well being of the family. As a general principle, it may be laid down that the workman ought to have leisure and rest in proportion to the wear and tear of his strength which must be re-supplied.

(Another installment next week)

First Aid

A Doctor had an urgent call from a man who reported that his small son had sucked all the ink out of a fountain pen and swallowed it. "All right, I'll come over at once," said the doctor. "What have you been doing in the meantime?" And the man answered: "Using a pencil."

"Waitress, what's wrong with these eggs?"

"I don't know I only laid the table."

Mr. Flatt—I presume that you would be glad to have me call again.

Miss Sharp—You do.

Mr. Flatt—I do what?

Miss Sharp—Presume.



Here pictured are two mural sculptures which adorn the walls of the newly constructed Ukmergės gymnasium (high school) in Lithuania.

LITTS OPEN SEASON WITH A VICTORY

The Lithuanian A. C. Inter-Lodge League basketball team opened their season by drubbing the George Washingtons, 35 to 16, last Wednesday, Nov. 16 at St. Clair Bath House. Every player on the squad saw action in the opener, in fact, substitutes played most of the game. The G. W.'s opened the game with a zone defense but soon switched to the man for man defense as the Litt boys brilliant passing gave them set-shot after set-shot. The game appeared close for the first few moments but then Johnny Malokas, a newcomer and former All-Ohio guard at Ohio University, started to pop the ball into the basket from all angles. Malokas scored 16 points, while playing a little more than half the game. John's individual performance topped the evening's festivities. The club team led at half time, 19-10. The game raised the stock of the team as one of the heavy favorites for the crown as the G. W.'s are considered a better than average team. The team played the Spartans who also won their first game last Wednesday but no score was available as this paper went to press. All the highlights will be printed next week.

Last Sunday's bowling at Coventry Recreation provided little excitement except in team standings. Bill Norbert's team upset Stan Halaburda's boys in 2 of 3 games to tie for first place. Al Samolis' outfit made it a three-way battle by defeating Pete Vitonis' team, who are steadily improving, in 2 of 3 games. This race is close! Pete Vitonis bowled the high game of the afternoon with a 225 score. Al Samolis again took top individual honors for 3 games with 190-173-222, a 585 series. Pete Vitonis was runner-up with 140-179-225, a 544 series.

Surprise

Rastus: "Did brudder Brown gib the bride away?"
Sam: "No sah! Hes gwine let de groom fine out fuh hisse'f."

Around Town

The annual St. George Bazaar comes to its grand finale this coming Sunday, November 27th. The grand drawing for one-hundred and fifty dollars, will be the climax to this years bazaar.

The Variety Club boys, who are all Lithuanian or Lithuanian by association, sponsor their annual dance, this Saturday, Nov. 26th at the Slovenian Auditorium. All you Gene Sullivan enthusiasts can have your fill of Gene's entrancing rhythms for the small sum of 35c. Last years dance was a great success but this years affair bids to overshadow all the clubs previous efforts.

Dont Forget That... The Lithuanian Women's Club Annual dinner-dance comes off this Saturday at the Mid-Day Club in the Union Commerce Building... The season of Advent starts this Sunday... The Lithuanian A. C. Club plays its regular Inter-Lodge basketball games at the St. Clair Bath House gym every Wednesday evening... The Lithuanian Societies Hall dances continue on every Tuesday evening with Lee Maye's orchestra... The Wednesday socials are still on at St. George's parish... There are only 25 shopping days till Christmas.

ST. GEORGE GIRLS PREPARE FOR CYO BASKETBALL SEASON

At a Diocesan meeting of the CYO held in the Allerton Hotel last Tuesday evening, the Rev. Father O'Brien revealed the type of game and rules by which the CYO girls league shall be run. In view of the fact that St. George's parish shall enter a team in this league we more fully explain the rules and plans.

A new two-court game has been devised instead of the regular three court which has been ruled out. Games will be played in different gyms through-out the city with a final City-Wide play-off culminating the season. The St. George team practices every Monday evening at the East High School gym.

ST. GEORGE SODALITY NEWS

Two Presentations of Minstrel Show Click

A week ago Tuesday the Minstrel was given at Charity Hospital and it was surprising how well it went off. Everyone was at ease and the audience was more than appreciative. Frank Rudd carried the show again and Stella never sang so well.

Last Monday the show was presented at the Good Shepherd Home. Here the evening held many unexpected surprises. In the first place the show went off smoothly even though one of the end girls, Helen Butkus and Isabel Zydonis were absent. Valeria took the interlocutors part very well. In the middle of the performance a big cat wandered on to the stage and almost caused a panic.

After the show Angella presented Father Tom with a "little" gift from the Sodality. The two Bills and Dolly were also remembered. Later everyone returned to the auditorium to hear the band play. It was a thrill to hear those girls play. Bill Deckman who is the director of John Carrol's band directed one of the numbers and Bill McMahon played a trumpet. I don't know who enjoyed the evening more but I'm sure everybody had a grand time.

Bus Days Ahead

Although there won't be any dances or show performances during the coming month there'll be plenty of work to do. At the last meeting it had been decided to hold the show at St. George again next year and the date has been set for the last Sunday in January. Bill intends to change the show so rehearsals will start soon.

Congratulations

Valeria Stepsis celebrated her birthday last Wednesday and Thursday at the dance. Gene dedicated one of the dance numbers to her. I wonder which of the Sullivan boys suggested "Simple and Sweet". It couldn't be more appropriate.

What To Do About It?

Those who read the notice last Sunday know that our club room is still empty. Come on girls if you don't have anything at home, ask your neighbors—this is charity work you know.

A SODALIST

THE VOICE THAT CANNOT BE STILLED

From the building surrounded by the city of Rome is raised to the world time and again the voice of a single man—a man who is spiritual ruler of almost 400,000,000 Catholics—civil ruler of a few hundred subjects in a country of some 160 acres—the Vatican City.

Often his voice is raised in benediction, in spiritual direction—raised to fulfill the obligation imposed upon his predecessor, the first Pope, by the command of our Lord to St. Peter: "Feed my lambs! Feed my sheep!"—raised by authority of Him Who said: "Who heareth you heareth me."

No army or navy or air-fleet or submarines has the Holy Father. No forts or entrenchments or weapons of defense, yet time and again his voice rings out, rebuking war-lords, armed to the teeth—deploring murder and persecution and the robbing of man of his innate rights—censuring those who deny God, who make of their own race the elect of mankind.

Again and again without fear or favor, the Voice of

the Vatican is raised against the enslavement of the laborer through excessive capitalism, the murder of the innocent through so-called mercy killing, the crime against man's body through sterilization, the sin against God and nature through contraception, the threat against civilization through Godless education, the ruin to family and state through divorce.

No matter how popular the sin or the error—no matter how threatening is he who is rebuked, the Voice of the Vicar of Christ comes forth that he who has ears may hear, that the evil may be made manifest, that men of good-will may know and act and be saved.

Peter, the first Pope, and many other Popes raised their voices and were murdered. Our present Holy Father and his successors may suffer a like fate; but the Voice of the Papacy cannot be stilled; for that voice is that echo of another which 1900 years ago guaranteed its own perpetuity by the promise: "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away."

THE ST. GEORGE CHOIR CRIER

Dimple Denters

At the Buz-R—
Father Bartis approached the Choir candy booth to rid himself of a long strip of tickets. "Take down the red box on the second shelf" he said, and proceeded to punch the board. And sure 'nuff, out pops a winning number and the candy was his. One and a half minutes passed. An empty box is seen upon a table and a great number of people seem to be eating candy.

Saw Tony Bacevicius approach his sister Helen in view of selling her a raffle ticket. Followed a long tirade of sales-talk. While Tony paused for breath, Helen broke in to say, "If I don't win do I get my own nickel back?" Good economics that!

Hear Ye!

Many of our choir members will shake out the moth balls form the "soup 'n fish" or the flowing formal in the coming few weeks... Mary Sharkus, Beatrice Orpse and Vicky Citavicius are counting the days till this Saturday upon which date they will attend the annual banquet of the Women's Club at the Mid-Day Club... Frank Greicius will pavant down to the Shore club to trip the light fantastic at a dance sponsored by Notre Dame College—escorting that petite "bit of pretty" Miss Sophia Vasil.

Next Friday, December 2 will be our monthly meeting during which will take place

the ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Following the meeting there will be a social.

This Sunday, November 27, is Communion Sunday.

Yers, long's yule have me,

THE KID

LET'S LAUGH

Lem—I suppose your wife always wants to have the last word.

Ott—Not at all, Lem; she prefers to keep right on talking.

Kodėl Laukiate Iki Pradės Šaltiruo Sigit!

Pirkite Dabar

Nes Vėliaus Kuriuos P kilis Mes užl ukome geriausias Pocahontas ir šiapi geros anglies pečių ku ranimui. Taip pat gero įkuroms medžio.

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