

THIS DAY and AGE

Catholic Action and Good Citizenship are Related

CATHOLIC LOYALTY ON TRIAL

"Your Honor, Gentlemen of the Jury: It is a terrible duty to decide whether or not a fellow human shall be punished with perpetual imprisonment . . . I repeat for the last time the arguments proving the innocence of the defendant of the charge of High Treason.

"The prisoner has been charged with longstanding disloyalty to his flag. George Randall cannot have been disloyal to his country, because he has never been disloyal to any just authority. I throw down this challenge to the entire state—to produce one single proof that this man has not taught constantly, in public and in private, by word and by example, the God-imposed obligation of obeying all his lawful superiors, of whatever kind. Reverence of every type of rightful authority has been his consistent creed, his unwavering principle, his insistent doctrine. Is this the kind of man who becomes a traitor to his country.

"Furthermore—to every demand that his country made on his services during the past fifty years. George Randall has made a full, enthusiastic and devoted response. When the nation asked him to go to war in her defense, he went gladly. When she needed the aid of his money and property, he gives gladly. Is this disloyalty?

"In a hundred different ways he has contributed to the nation's welfare. The most important need of the nation today is that she should have good families, the source of her future worthy citizens. There is not a man in the whole breadth of the land who has raised a finer family for her than has the man in the prisoner's box. Again, what the nation is crying out for is that her citizens should live moral and upright lives. This man, by his tireless efforts night and day, has been teaching that lesson and with magnificent results.

"It has been charged that he cannot be faithful to the nation because he professes a very special devotion to the pastor of his parish church. That is as absurd as to say that he cannot love his wife because he loves his mother, or that he cannot be loyal to his employer because he gives allegiance to the Einstein theory. In none of these instances do the loyalties interfere with one another, since in no way do they involve the same kind of acts, or the same kind of obligations. Incidentally, this pastor is a veteran of two foreign wars."

The above is nothing more than imaginary account of a trial. George Randall represents the American Catholic, accused of lack of patriotism towards the United States. The same arguments which defends George Randall would defend the American Catholic.

The American Catholic cannot be disloyal to the American flag, because among the Catholic Church's fundamental teachings is that of obedience to all authority established by God; and the Catholic holds that the authority of a lawful civil government is precisely that kind of authority. "God wishes that in a civil government there should be rulers," said Leo XIII, and he adds: "Therefore it is of supreme importance that rulers should have the power to oblige their subjects to obedience, even under pain of sin." "The obedience we give to civil rulers," says the Catechism of the Council of Trent, "is rendered at the same time to God . . . for rulers are the ministers of God."

This conviction the American Catholics have ever proved by their acts. In the recent World War, Catholics, although representing but one-fifth of the country's total population, constituted approximately one-third of our naval forces and about one-fourth of the army.

What is true of our imaginary George Randall's achievements in the sphere of family and moral life is true in even greater measure of the American Catholic. The fact that the nation lives today is due in no small degree to the families raised according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. For in the whole world today she is the only force that teaches men how to raise the type of family that alone can save the nation from ruin.

No man knew this country better or was more loyal to her than George Washington. This is what he said in his Farewell Address, on the 17th of September, 1796, and it would seem that in his great words the question at the beginning of this article is best answered.

LITTS TO OPEN CAGE DRILLS NEXT WEEK

TO OPEN PRACTICE ON TUESDAY, OCT. 15th

By George Venstovus

With cool weather coming on, activity in the Cleveland Lithuanian Athletic Club is on the upswing.

Last week, the clubs bowling league got under way, and quite a few good scores were made.

Any Lithuanian bowler desiring to bowl among his own, is asked to report at Coventry Recreation, Sunday at 1:30 p. m. or get in touch with Al Samolis, Pete Vitonis or Chas. Norbuta.

Basketball season is just about one month away. The Inter-Lodge league held one meeting and decided to limit the league to only eight teams. Another radical change made, is that the Inter-Lodge league will play as an open league this season. For eleven years this league operated as a closed loop, but starting this year, it will play as an open league. This means that every team will have to be organized, as players will only be allowed to play in only one league.

This will give an opportunity for many more young men to become regulars.

All candidates for our Inter-Lodge team are asked to turn out for this first practice, Tuesday, Oct. 17. Bring your uniforms and gym shoes, and be prepared to start practicing at 7 p. m. Our period will be from 7 until 8, so be on time.

The regular monthly meeting of the club will be held Tuesday night, Oct. 17 in the Lithuanian Hall at 8:30 p. m., immediately after the basketball practice.

This will be a very important meeting and every member should be present. We also invite every one interested in sports to our meetings.

For the coming season, the club has devised something for the younger fellows also. A team will be organized for boys under 16 and entered in one of the city leagues. Only Lithuanian boys will be taken in. We have more plans for you, come to the meeting Tuesday night, October 17, and hear about them.

FORTHY HOURS DEVOTION

The impressive devotions of Fortny Hours will be held on October 22, 23 and 24th at St. George's Church.

Among the visiting clergy will be Monsignor Macijauskas visiting in the United States from Lithuania.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

KWYER KRIER'S COLUMN

By Sapieškio Žukas

Recent illuminating reports disclose Miss Nellie Chip'e, comely choir mademoiselle, as an ambitious young lass who is attending a Comptometer's School in expectation of a career. Nell's attitude is to be highly recommended. By the way, she anticipates capacitating as bridesmaid for the November wedding of Eleanor Evans and Anthony Buda.

Besides being observed as Columbus Day, October 12th also marks the anniversary of Al Grazulis' birth. For Columbus, however, A.F.D. doesn't "cock up" such sensible gifts as a "small volume of air wrapped in a large volume of paper."

The Italian poet, Marini, (1569-1625) known for pomposity, may have been Connie Raymond's ideal writing stylist, but she most decidedly "deflated" me when, after remarking that her recent letter of gratitude to the choir was all right, she indignantly, yet sincerely, exclaimed: "All right! Why, I think it was good!" And honestly, it was; so the mention herein is quite in order.

With the elections of choir executives and officials close at hand, may we (mutatis mutandis) suggest several exceptionally worthy candidates for your consideration; they are: Miss Al Katlen, Miss Nell Chip'e, Miss Julia Halaburda and Mrs. Reggie Brazaitis, Tony Dumchus, and Bruno Kudzus. Their qualifying merit will inevitably be revealed if they are given an opportunity for so doing.

EFFICIENCY

During the war, a green kid came up to Fort Harrison from the Tennessee hills. One morning he was ordered out on the rifle range and surprised the whole outfit by consistently plunking the bull's eye. So remarkable was his performance that he found himself facing the general.

"Young man!" the old general said, "I want an explanation from you—how does it come that you can hit that target whenever you please and old enlisted men that have been in the service for years can't hit it once?" The lad squirmed then said: "I reckon it's this way. My pappy's sick, en my folks is poor, en they ain't got no groceries, ever. So my pappy, ever since I kin remember, every morning he gives me a rifle and one bullet and on charge of powder and he sez to me: 'Here, boy—go en git breakfast!' You see, when they put it that way, you can't miss."

THE END

DUKES AND DOONKS PLAY FOR CROWN

GAME TO BE PLAYED THIS SUNDAY

The Dukes and the Doonks play for the St. George Softball League championship this Sunday afternoon October 15th at 2:30 p. m. in the St. George playground.

Either Fumic or Seletel is slated to pitch for the Dukes while Joe Godnik will do the mound work for the Doonks.

This game will draw down the curtain on the St. George softball league for the year. Everyone is invited to come out and watch these two fine teams fight for this coveted title. It will be an exciting contest and therefore plenty of thrills and excitement is in store for all those coming out to see the game.

Come out and root your favorite team to the championship of the St. George Softball League.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES Sunday, Oct. 15th, 2:30 P. M. Dukes vs. Doonks (1st game of 2 out of 3 series)

EASY DIVORCE IS UNFAIR TO WOMEN

MAKES WOMEN FEEL INSECURE IN MARRIAGE

Though after a while we shall undoubtedly hear of agitation for further facilities for easy and cheap divorce, for there is no halfway house between the concept of Christian marriage and that of the Bolsheviks, it is worth while noting from the United States that easy divorce does not make life better for women as a whole.

The individual woman, the "hard case" of which we always hear so much from divorce propagandists, does indeed get freed from her drunken or degenerate husband, but the social effects of easy divorce mean that an atmosphere favorable to marital infidelity is created.

In the States there are certain circles in which a woman need feel no shame in going after a married man nor a man in trying to get another man's wife. In fact it would be considered narrow-minded and intolerable for a married person to take exception to a dangerous friendship developing between his partner and a third person.

The consequence is that even after marriage a wife does not feel secure. The other woman may capture her husband, for a man is always, a good bread-ticket in the States, and in spite of maternity and home cares the wife must face competition from every flapper who takes a fancy to her husband. The strain is noticeable even to the casual observer, and is often commented on by women.

STATE NOT SOURCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

There is growing up throughout the world the idea that the State is the source of human rights. Here in America, we believe that man has rights anterior to the State, and that the State exists for man and not man for the State. The Declaration of Independence asserts the source of these inalienable rights is the Creator. The Bill of Rights of the Constitution safeguards these rights against federal encroachment. The problem before America today is the presentation of the sovereignty of man against those who dissolve man into the State. Unfortunately there are a few in our midst who are seeking to undermine the Constitution by declaring that it only the product of eighteenth century thinking. But this is not the truth, for the principle of the natural rights of man is as independent of time as the multiplication table.

AUSTRALIA TAKES UP FIGHT AGAINST DIRTY LITERATURE

Another nation has taken up the fight against indecent literature. And "America's Greatest Shame" is given more world wide publicity. J. A. Perkins, assistant minister of the customs in Australia, has said that of seventy-two magazines banned by his superiors, practically all are published in the United States. While producing some of the best magazines in the world, he said, the United States is the worst offender in the production of pornographic pulp magazines.

The campaign to eliminate lewd literature from the newstands of Australia has the backing of Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons. It is, he says, one of the most popular moves his government has made.

The campaign is also spreading in the United States. But it won't succeed unless it has YOUR cooperation. Officials everywhere

will back it if they know that popular opinion which seeks to undermine the morals of youth.

When one has too many friends it is well to recall the plight of one who prayed for protection a gainst his friends since he felt he could battle his enemies alone.

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