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STORY OF THE WEEK

Problems of American Politics As Seen By Britisher

SEEING OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US SHOULD HELP AMERICAN READERS

By Charles Smyth

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HAVING just returned from a visit to the United States, I feel that there are certain things to be said about American politics which may be of interest. Not having been in America for more than a quarter of a century, I was prepared to see many changes. I did not in fact find as many as I had anticipated. It is true that taxation is infinitely higher than it was under the presidency of Mr. Coolidge, and that there has also been a considerable measure of inflation.

It is true also that New York is in some respects a less attractive city than it was: the Times Square area has visibly gone downhill: and the city is worried over the influx of Puerto Ricans, who, being American citizens, cannot be excluded by the immigration authorities, and are now flocking into New York at a formidable rate. They are accustomed to poverty, overcrowding, and bad living conditions and they are turning considerable areas of the city into slums, where often a whole family occupies a single room. Many of them have no visible means of support, and are dependent upon public relief. They constitute a problem to which no solution has yet been discovered.

But New York is not America: and the fundamental change is that Americans are infinitely better informed about Europe and about Britain than they were in 1926. This is, of course, to be expected. One thing, however, requires to be said, and to be said with considerable emphasis. The Americans are extremely generous, but they are also sensitive. They like to be thanked. This is perfectly natural. It would be an exaggeration to say that they feel that their generosity is being exploited, but it is evident that they feel that the gratitude of those on whom they are spending their money is not always so vocal as it might be.

I read in a New York paper a report of Sir Winston Churchill's speech at Margate, in which it was noted, without bitterness, that his tribute to the U.S. A. was received with more perfunctory applause than other passages of purely domestic interest. It would be foolish to attach too much importance to this, but it is a

pointer: and we should perhaps do well to remember that it is always a mistake to take too much for granted, and to omit the courtesy of showing, perhaps more demonstratively than is our normal custom, the gratitude and appreciation that we sincerely feel.

Ashamed of McCarthy

The Americans, for their part, are anxious that we should not pay too much attention to, or exaggerate the importance of Senator Mc-Carthy, of whose activities most of them are more than a little ashamed. He is, none the less a formidable fiure. He is alleged to be extremely ambitious; he is said to have boasted privately that he is going to be the first Roman Catholic to enter the White House as President of the United States (a boast which is most unlikely to be fulfilled): he has also been described to me as a fascist.

But his present eminence is essentially symptomatic. It is a by-product of the resentment of big business against the New Deal and all who were associated with it—the liberals, and the college professors—and now that, after two decades in the political wilderness, the Republican party is again in power, it feels that the time has come to pay off old scores. It should be remembered that the gulf between the intellectual and the common man has always been much wider in the United States than in this country: the college professor is always suspect: and it is felt, not wholly without reason,

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that the college professors were deeply implicated in the New Deal, and did pretty well out of it.

Of this accumulated resentment, McCarthyism is the expression at a popular level. It may be a purely transient phenomenon, and its intrinsic significance may be extremely superficial: but it has its roots in something that is permanent and profound, a sentiment that usually describes itself as "Americanism" and requires to be understood and not despised.

Powerful Racial Groups

Another thing which it is also important for us to remember is that the foreign policy of the U.S. A. is always complicated by the necessity of not antagonising large and powerful groups of voters of foreign origin and antecedents. For example, there is no Arab vote in America, but there is considerable Jewish vote which has always to be reckored with: and it is therefore difficult for any administration to be entirely objective in its attitude towards the state of Israel. In the course of his recent campaign for the mayorality of New York, Mr. Robert T. Wagner, Jr. significantly denounced as "cruel and intemperate" the action of the a ministration in withholding grants in aid from "a valued ally . . . and a nation which is a symbol of hope for the oppressed throughout the world."

Again, in 1919, the United States Senate, with only one dissentient, urged the Versailles peace conference to grant a hearing to the advocates of Irish independence, although Great Britain had served notice that it would walk out of the conference if this were done. In the same year, the Republican party successfully mobilised the Ital'an-American vote against

Democratic administration, because President Wilson at Versailles opposed the cession of certain Istrian territory to Italy.

Political leaders in the United States are under the necessity of propitiating not only sectional and economic interests, but also the interests of such foreign nations as have sent immigrants to the United States in considerable numbers over a period of years. The appeal to what, during the first world war (and with particular reference to the German-American and Irish-American sections of the population). was known as "hyphenated Americanism," can frequently be exploited against the party in power, and may even turn a presidential election.

Eisenhower's Triumph

This is a consideration that can never be forgotten by any administration, particularly if its majority in the legislature is slender and precarious: and the majority on which the present Republican administration depends is precarious indeed. The election of President Eisenhower was obviously a personal rather than a party triumph: it would be a great mistake to infer from it that the electorate has swung back to Republicanism.

All this has to be borne in mind whenever we feel disposed to criticise American foreign policy. The President of the United States wields immense power, but at the same time he occupies a very vulnerable position: and, in the words of the Washington correspondent of the New York Times (October 23), Mr. Wagner's speech, already quoted, "was in line with an old political tactic employed by candi'ates on many occasions in American history when high considerations of foreign policy, designed to protect

world peace and thereby the security of the United States, have persuaded the executive to oppose the foreign policies of nations with close links to large groups in this country."

It has at the same time to be remembered that the tendency of American statesmanship to apply moral considerations based upon insufficient knowledge has often led to a fatal over-simplication of international problems. Woodrow Wilson regarded it as axiomatic that monarchies were intrinsically immoral: and the result was the rise of the dictatorships upon the ruins of his League of Nations. Franklin Roosevelt, despite his sympathy for Britain, had an idee fixe that empires are intrinsically immoral: and the result has been the sinister development of Soviet imperialism.

It is a fortunate thing for the world that President Eisenhower knows Europe, but it must not be forgotten that New York is farther from San Francisco than from London, and it would be unreasonable to expect the citizens of the state of California to feel closely bound to the European continent.

As against this, there are the all-important facts that the United States is now alive to its respons bilities as a world power, and that its mind is clear upon the fundamental issues between the free world and the slave world of modern times, and that its heart is very much in the right place. Misunderstands and conflicts of opinion between us there are bound to be: but they must never be permitted to obscure these primary considerations. Anti-American utterance by English politicians may prove to be as impolitic as they are ungenerous.

CHURCH LOBBYING IS URGED

★ Hope that the Protestant denominations will step up their legislative activities in Washington in the next few years was expressed by E. Raymond Wilson, executive secretary of the Friends' committee on national legislation.

He voiced the desire that "the next decade will see not only a marked expansion of the Washington office of the National Council of Churches, but also in the personnel and finances allocated by the Protestant Churches to work in and out of Washington on issues before the Congress."

Mr. Wilson spoke at a dinner in his honor which also marked the committee's tenth anniversary.

He discussed five major opportunities in the legislative field to which the Quaker agency and other religious and civic groups might direct attention in the next ten years. They are:

- (1) "The transfer from a world of violence to a world of law and government," chiefly by strengthening the "peacemaking functions" of the United Nations.
- (2) "The transfer from security based on arms and bombs to security based on universal disarmament." In this connection, Mr. Wilson referred favorably to President Eisenhower's recent atom pool proposal.
- (3) "Transforming our world neighborhood into a brother-hood" by a "healing ministry of reconciliation." He urged "working with people where they are, in an expanded technical assistance program, sharing our supplies with a famine-stricken humanity, resettling the dispossessed, (and) opening our doors wider to the

suffering millions seeking asylum."

- (4) "To build securely the economic foundations of peace."
- (5) "Advancement of the human rights of all men."

ASKS METHODISTS FIGHT ATTACKS

★ Bishops of the Methodist Church called on the denomination's members to speak out against attacks upon religion and democracy.

The Council of Methodist Bishops, in a statement issued at the close of its four-day semi-annual meeting, said:

"We view with alarm the lethargy on the part of many of our members in complacently accepting sinister and unwarranted attacks upon religion and democracy, as though these attacks were established facts.

"We would hope that our people would express themselves with regard to contemporary Christian issues at the local and national levels."

Such expressions, the bishops added, should be "commendatory as well as critical" and should be made through letters to the press and legislative representatives and in conversations with associates and neighbors.

"We resent unproved assertions that the Protestant ministry is honeycombed with disloyalty," the Methodist statement said.

"We are unalterably opposed to Communism, but we know that the alternative to Communism is not an American brand of fascism.

"Our time-honored and selfauthenticated procedures for determining guilt and disloyalty can so easily be discarded in fanatical investigations. We must oppose those who in the name of Americanism employ the methods of repression, who speak with the voice of democracy but whose hands are the hands of tyranny."

The 53 bishops expressed concern that "areas of freedom of speech and thought are being narrowed all over the world."

Self-appointed defenders of our liberty, they said, may destroy it by their use of name-calling and unfounded accusations against those who protest against thought control.

WITNESS ARTICLES FOR LENT

★ At the meeting of Witness editors in New York on January 5th it was decided that the series of articles for Lent would be on the general theme of "Problems of Christian Living." Subjects and contributors will be announced next week but we make this preliminary announcement so that rectors and others may plan to use the articles with groups.

This is the plan: we have assigned subjects to eight people. Each of them will prepare a paper of about 1.000 words. The writer will then meet with a small group for the reading of his paper, which will be followed by discussion, taken down by a stenographer or wire-recorder. The group will consist of any people the author may select, representative of various walks of life. Then each week in Lent, starting the week before Ash Wednesday, one of these articles will be featured, together with a verbatim report of the discussion.

It is our belief that this material will stimulate classes and discussion groups that we hope will be organized in many parishes. A detailed anouncement of authors and subjects will be made next week.

Seminaries Present Needs For Coming Campaign

★ These are the urgent needs of the seminaries to be met by the Builders For Christ campaign, to be conducted this spring:

Berkeley Divinity School: More than 75,000 volumes belonging to the school's library are now scattered on three floors of the main building. The urgent need is for a modern fireproof library to house the books, which include many valuable collections, to provide reading rooms for the students, conference rooms for the faculty, and a large lecture hall. The addition of a library to the school will remove the only notation standing against accreditation of Berkeley by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Bexley Hall: Seventy-seven students and instructors are now residing in a dormitory built to accommodate twenty-four. A new dormitory is the first need and will aid in the expansion of the seminary which, alone in its section of the country, represents the-ological education in the Episcopal Church.

Church Divinity School of the Pacific: An attic now serving as a storage place for many of the school's books and a reading room with space for only fifteen of the one hundred students must be replaced by a new library building.

Philadelphia Divinity School: Students now eat in the basement of the main building, a room which houses the heating system for the plant and which is, consequently, badly ventilated and overcrowded. A new dining room and kitchen are imperative.

Episcopal Theological School: Two faculty houses must be constructed. One member of the staff is now commuting from Connecticut because of lack of adequate housing at the school.

Theological Seminary of the Southwest: Applicants have been turned down because of the absence of adequate facilities. A long-rang building program is underway on a five-acre tract of land bequeathed to the seminary. The Builders For Christ campaign is asked to provide funds for a new library-classroom unit.

General Theological Seminary: A four-story apartment building is planned for faculty members to ease the condition which finds the seminary 1) housing a family in a classroom building; 2) paying outside rent for two families and asking another faculty member to pay his own; 3) turning down younger staff members because of their married status.

Nashotah: Harsh climate and an isolated geographical location necessitate the building of a gymnasium which students may use in the winter.

Virginia Seminary: The present library was built to accommodate less than one hundred students. Enrollment now reaches 186. To meet the standards of the American Library Association, the seminary proposes to build a new wing to the present library and modernize outmoded equipment.

Seabury-Western: Outgrown library facilities and the need for a large lecture hall make necessary an addition to Wheeler Hall, which will include a library extension, classrooms, and an auditorium lounge.

Sewanee: An addition of two or three stories to a wing of St. Luke's Hall, which would allow for more classrooms, an expanded library, and new faculty offices, will meet the demands of the almost doubled enrollment which is anticipated within the next few years.

Total amount for all seminaries: \$2,000,000.

BEXLEY HALL GETS GRANT

★ The Firestone foundation has just granted \$9,000 to Kenyon College for its divinity school, Bexley Hall. The money will provide three three-year scholarships for men entering the seminary in the autumn of 1954. This is the fourth such grant that the foundation has made to Kenyon, bringing the total of its contributions to \$33,000.

kecipients of Firestone scholarships are designated by Bishop Nelson M. Burrough, Ohio, following recommencations made by the faculty of Bexley Hall. Men from any diocese are eligible for consideration. Previous recipients have come from many parts of the country, including the dioceses of Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio and Southern Ohio, Western North Carolina, and Northern Michigan.

MARMION ACCEPTS ELECTION

★ The Rev. William Marmion, rector of St. Andrew's Wilmington, Delaware, on December 26th accepted his election as bishop of the diocese of Southwestern Virginia. He so informed Bishop Henry D. Phillips whom he will succeed upon his retirement on March 24th.

EDITORIALS

Yes Men

IF THERE is one group of people for whom I have little or no respect, it is the one made up of those who in common parlance, are called "yes" men or "me toos." It makes no difference whether the terms are applied to them in relation to political, social, intellectual, or religious and spiritual matters; or to those in authority in such spheres. Yet I am urging the reader to be that very thing—a" yes man."

What is the meaning of this apparent contradiction? The difficulty is resolved when I write that the kind of "yes men" that I honor and love, and urge the reader to become are "yes men" in relation to God—the sort of "Yes man" that St. Paul says Jesus Christ was. Writing to the Corinthians (2:1-18), he declares: "Jesus Christ * * * was not yes and no; but in him it was always 'Yes'; for all the promises of God find their yes in him."

So, we learn that the Christian man is a yes man; and the Christian religion is an affirmative, and not a negative thing. It is a life of do-s, and not of don'ts. It is remembered that Jesus said (St. Matt. 7:21) "Not every one who says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, he who does the will of my Father, who is in heaven."

Manifestly, if we maintain an attitude of "yes" toward the word and will of God, there will be no room in heart, or life or deed for "no." I believe that that is why Jesus proclaimed as a fundamental of the Christian or perfect life, the injunction, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind * * * thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." That is, be something positive, and do something to express that inner feeling and being. Then there will be no need for negative commands—the "thou shalt nots"—and no room for them, the yeses rub out the noes.

As St. Paul writes, "love is the fulfilling of the law." He also advises the Galatians (5:16): "Walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." In other words, fill your minds with good thoughts and there will be no room for vicious ones; fill your soul with love and there will be no room for hate and selfishness; fill your life with the Spirit and there will be no room for wicked thoughts and evil deeds.

It is as if we take a vessel full of water, and pour into it fluid gold, the water running out, as the gold runs in, not a drop of water being left and only gold being finally found in the vessel. Even so, the men continually yes toward God will perceive the pure gold of strong and noble character increasing within themselves, and made bright and beautiful with joy, and with both blessingness and blessedness.

Perhaps some one may say, "you tell us that we must always be yes men; but are there not times in actual experience when we must say "No"—times of temptation, times of persecution by the devil and his cohorts, times of seductive persuasion wherein falsehood is made to appear as truth, and evil as innocence or even as good?" That is a plausible question indeed. The answer seems to be this: If we are thoroughly "yes" men to God, that is, truly love him and obey his will, and because it is his will, and not for any reward on earth or in heaven, the devil will be defeated before he delivers his temptation to us. In the atmosphere of purity, honesty, truth, justice and love, he cannot breathe; from it, he will flee, as he did from the presence of Christ in the wilderness.

St. Paul gives similar advice to the Ephesians (6:18): "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil * * * Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breast plate of righteousness, and having your feet shod with the equipment of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you can quench the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication."

If there should arise times of doubt as to whether our answer should be yes or no let it

believe that Jesus is the revelation of God in human form because they think he was born in a unique way. They believe he was born not as we are, but without the intervention of a human father. He was conceived by the spirit of God, and born of a virgin. This is not the time or place to go into the doctrine of the virgin birth, but simply to say this: even if Jesus were born in a unique way, and it is perfectly possible that he was, it does not seem to me that it is any ground for believing what Christians believe about him. A person might be uniquely born, and turn out to be a scoundrel. That is, if we believe that Jesus was born in a unique way, we believe it because he was a unique person but it does not seem to follow, in my mind at least, that because he was born in a unique way, therefore, he must be a unique person, unless there is something else about him that points to that fact. That ground, I would say, is an inadequate ground.

Some people believe it because he performed miracles. That, too, is a large subject, and I do not propose to enter into discussion of it, but to say simply this: If all the miracles of Jesus could be shown to us to be an accurate recording of historic events, it would prove nothing about the nature of Jesus. When you consider the fact that there is not one miracle that Jesus is claimed to have performed, that has not been attributed to people both in the Old Testament and the New, it seems to me to be obvious that the fact of miracles, whether they are true or whether they are not, and especially if they are, are not adequate grounds for believing anything unique about Jesus. Men in the Old Testament made the sun stand still, and in the Acts of the Apostles raised the dead, and nobody ever dreamed that they were in any way unique, or an incarnation of God. The miracles by themselves show that Jesus had an extraordinary power to do wonders, a power which he shares with scores of other human beings before and since.

Still others believe the Christian teaching about Jesus because they say Jesus claimed to be God, and if he claimed to be God, he must be either a liar, or a deluded maniac, if he is not God. The only alternative in their mind is that he is God. That is an argument put forward by such a worthy person as C. S Lewis. And yet, it seems to me to be shaky ground for belief in the divinity of Chr.st. For one thing, we are not at all sure that he did

claim to be God. He certainly didn't in the Synoptic Gospels, which are closer to him in point of time. He does in the Fourth Gospel, which is a very different matter, and hereagain I am not stopping to argue the question because it is too big; I am only saying that if he did claim to be God, it would not to my mind be altogether felicitous evidence. In my experience with people, and especially with distinguished people of great significance, the ones who claim most about themselves are least likely to be what they claim to be. The great people that you know do not go around claiming to be great; they go about doing their work and other people make the claim. As far as I can see, Jesus made no claims to be divine in the sense that we believe him to be. Much more appropriately, his faithful followers made that

On What Ground?

IF THESE grounds are inadequate, what are the grounds on which a Christian can bebelieve such a thing about Christ as we have described? In my own case, and I am speaking now personally because I don't know any other way to speak, the best ground that I know is the authentic appeal of Jesus himself. When I was in college, I heard, I think for the first time, about the windows in Chartres Cathedral. I saw pictures of them in a fine arts course, and I was told that they were the most beautiful stained glass windows in the world. I had never seen them; I didn't know whether they were or not, though I had no reason to doubt what the professor said, but I didn't think much about it. Later on, after I got out of college, I went to Chartres and when I walked into the cathedral and looked at the windows, I said to myself: These are the most beautiful windows in the world! If anybody had said to me how do you know, on what grounds do you make such a judgment, all I could have said was. I can't answer that; I can't prove it; I know I am not alone in feeling it; all I can say to you is, look at the windows, and if you do not see it, there is nothing I can do to make you see it. But I see it!

Now, there is something about Jesus that makes an appeal to people as they come into contact with him, whether personally when he was alive, or in spirit through the fellowship of his Church, or in a literary way through the Gospels, that makes that sort of authentic appeal. You have probably been brought up as

I was on the doctrine that Jesus is God, Incarnate. Perhaps you were told that he is the son of God. Whatever the language was doesn't make so much difference. At the time you didn't know whether he was or not. You perhaps had no reason to doubt what your parents or teachers told you, but you really didn't know and the only way you will ever find out is to look at him; to go into the cathedral and see the windows for yourself, and see whether when you stand before that figure, you feel as though you were standing in the presence of deity. If you do feel it, you can't tell anyone why you feel it; I've tried to put down here a few reasons why I feel it, and I realize as I am talking that it is useless to say why I feel it, yet I try to say it.

I feel it because there is something that we call the numinous about Jesus; I feel in the presence of him the way I feel under the stars; they make you bow your head in awe. There is a kind of absolute authority about him; I feel in the presence of him the way I feel when I am in the presence of the laws of nature, which are the laws of God. You obey, or else! I feel when I am in the presence of him the perfection of his own performance in which the word and the deed are completely matched; something never before or ever since accomplished by one of the human race. And I know when I am in the presence of Jesus that he does something to me that only God can do. He releases me, at least for the time being, from the forces which are most likely to damage me, and he gives me the power and the incentive to be the self that I know I ought to be, and in my best moments want to be.

When you come into the presence of someone like that, you may not be able to put in so many words what you think about him; you may not be able to say that the formula in the Nicene Creed expresses exactly what you feel about Jesus, but certainly it seems to me that you are in a position where you must say something like this: I find in Jesus all that I ever hoped to find in God, and I find in God, all the tenderness and the love that I find in Christ. Those are some of the things that the divinity of Christ means to a Christian.

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BETHLEHEM of Judea is many miles away and many years have passed since the Shepherds came to the cradle, and a multitude of the heavenly host began the beautiful anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace toward men of good will."

There is no geography in the Spirit, and it has no calendars or clocks. A thousand years are but yesterday. The peace that came long ago can still come when we have "men of good will."

Something strange and beautiful happens to the hearts of men and women when the birthday of our Lord draws near. Christmas comes and lights a star of hope over a disordered world. It brings a promise of peace and good will. Perhaps the very plight of humanity this year will enable us to understand more fully the essential meaning of this holy season.

How hopeless the future would be without the blessed assurance that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Our little man made schemes vanish like idle dreams apart from God, and we are apt to become cynical about Christmas.

We witness the greedy hand of commercialism and resent the mock sentimentality attached to this sacred day. Like old Scrooge in Dickens' Christmas Carol, we may say that Merry Christmas is humbug. But something happened to Scrooge that brought out his better self. It may happen to us if we are willing to risk it.

If the present world picture makes faith grow dim, let it be revived again by drawing closer to Christ at his holy altar and receive the strength which is his alone to give. Let not private trouble nor the crash of world forces drown out the message the manger has to give. Cynicism, fear and distrust can never make us happy. Neither can they make a better world. Goodness and peace are built out of faith, a faith that has its root in the goodness of God. That goodness speaks to us today just as clearly as it did on the first birthday of our Lord of the "peace beyond all understanding."

God grant that we may in our hearts, in our homes and in our Church renew our allegiance

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THE NEW BOOKS

GEORGE H. MACMURRAY-Book Editor

The Kingdom of God, by John Bright. Abingdon-Cokesbury. \$3.75

According to Dr. Bright the Kingdom of God is two things: (1) it is the developing "great expectation" that unifies the various bits of literature collected together and called the Bible, and (2) it is and always was the essential motive and goal of the living Church. (The first is easier to show than the second, and actually he only asserts the second, without marshalling the evidences of Church history.) Old Testament scholar the author is concerned to explain that the New Testament only makes sense as a continuation of the Old. He fears that as Marcion was an ancient heretic who scoffed at the Old Testament, modern Protestants are a generation of Marcionites; and further, that as Protestantism came into being as a reaffirmation of the Bible's authority, its present neglect of the Bible will spell its doom. Bright's book is an historical approach to biblical theology, showing that the classical doctrine of salvation stands or falls with the Kingdom-hope. He has tried throughout to express himself in a nontechnical way but it must be confessed that very few people without a theological training would read it. The publishers gave him their 1952 award of \$7500 for constructive Christian writing.

-Joseph F. Fletcher

Religion of the Age and of the Ages, by Abraham M. Hershman. Bloch Publishing Co. \$3.00

This is a collection of very able sermons by one of the best preachers in the American synagogue. It is full of quotations from rabbinic literature, which should add greatly to its interest for Christian clergymen who have had Hebrew in seminary. The general outlook of the author is "social," though the sermons are specifically addressed to members of the Jewish faith.

-Frederick C. Grant

Famous Humanitarians, by William Oliver Stevens. Dodd, Mead, \$2.75

This is a book comprising short sketches of twenty characters accurately defined as "humanitarians." It has been written primarily for teen-age boys and girls and its simple style and vivid narrative makes it suitable for that circle of readers. But there will be grownups, I think, who will read with pleasure any one or all of these biographical sketches. If this present reviewer represents the average adult reader, there will be found several of these heroes whose lives are little known.

All but one of these characters—St. Vincent de Paul—lived and did their notable work in the 19th century and a few in the early 20th century. I wonder if every reader of this review knows precisely who "Ira Dutton" was and "Jean Henri Dunant" and just what Dorothea Dix was famous for; she wasn't the 'advice to the lovelorn' columnist. I didn't, but I do now!

Edward Jenner and Walter Reed are bracketed together, quite suitably; Samuel Gridley Howe and Helen Keller; William Lloyd Garrison and Harriet Beacher Stowe. There is an especially good account of Florence Nightingale. Dr. Grenfell and Albert Schweitzer are the last of the score of short chapters, the latter the only character still living.

I think that all young folks and every older person with the milk of human kindness in him will be happy and thrilled to read all the chapters of this delightful book. It's too late now to recommend copies of this for Christmas gifts, but our young friends all have birthdays coming along.—Kenneth R. Forbes

Experience And Interpretation, by Charles E. Raven. Cambridge, \$4.00

Man's Need And God's Action, by Reuel L. Howe. Seabury, \$2.50

Two great new books prove how wide and varied theology can be. Both have a scientific approach to theology; but some will find that Raven reads like a dictionary run wild, and others would feel that Howe sounds like a Parent-Teachers' Meeting. It depends on whether you prefer your illustrations taken from allopolyploid grasses or from the crises in little Judy's life. "Man's Need" can be read for the ideas its author puts so clearly; "Experience" for the epigrammatical seed-thoughts Raven sheds as he wrestles with his themes.

-Hugh McCandless

Let's Live: A Program of Conduct by Claud Richards. Exposition Press. \$3.00

To meet the crisis of our time in family life and in international life, Mr. Richards proposes "home evenings." There in each family its members would sing together (as they can), read together (from the old standbys), talk together and think together (of the messages in this present volume.) The chapters, enough for a two-year series of monthly talks, provide, suitably enough, homely and old-fashioned With these few would truths. quarrel, and for them few could work up the enthusiasm shown by the author. The author's Mormon convictions seem to merge into a general American religion of the Bible belt, which is set forth that all may hereafter live a righteous and sober life.-Thomas J. Bigham

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★ The Toronto diocesan council of the Church of England in Canada launched a campaign against "trashy literature catering purely to sheer animal lust."

"The situation now is that almost every newsstand, drug store and tobacconist displays an incredible amount of such trash and that anyone, young or old, can peruse it in the store and purchase it for outside reading," the council said.

"The average Christian parent has not the least idea how many of these publications are now available in the store just around the corner nor are people aware of the fantastic rate at which such magazines are breeding."

The council said that a Church official surveyed an average tobacconist and found 27 different magazines dealing in lewd photographs.

"It is evident that there is money in the business and the market is being flooded for all it is worth," the Church group said.

As a first step in its campaign the council has set up a committee to make a study of "how to combat this evil in all its ramifications, including the vulgar 25 cent novels, the risque 'joke,' and the cheap love comic books for adolescents, all of which are increasing at a fabulous rate."

FORMER PRIEST NAMED PRIZE WINNER

★ A defrocked Italian Roman Catholic priest is among the ten recipients of the 1953 Stalin peace prize announced by the Moscow Radio.

He is Andrea Gaggero, who was reduced to lay status in May by the sacred congregation of the holy office "for being guilty of serious disobedience of orders given by his ecclesiastical superiors."

Mr. Gaggero took part in the Warsow peace Congress of 1950 after he had been ordered to sever his relations with the World Peace Council, an organization of which he was an elected member.

Author Howard Fast was the only American recipient of this year's Stalin prize, which, in the Communist world, is considered to be a counterpart of the Nobel prizes.

Americans previously awarded the prize were Bishop Arthur W. Moulton, retired Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Utah, who declined and singer Paul Robeson.

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Also because of the increased interest in parish day schools, the conference will be addressed by the Rev. Allen B. Clarkson, chairman of the committee on parish schools in the province of Sewanee.

Other speakers will be the Rev. George MacCray, associate director of the Presiding

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MACKAY STATEMENT BRINGS PROTEST

★ A group of laymen of the Presbyterian Church, organized as Presbyterian Churchmen, have protested the statement on the present world and national situations issued recently by the Council of the Church, over the signature of President John A. Mackay of Princeton Seminary, who is also the moderator of the Church.

The Council's criticism of the Un-American Activities Committee is described as "leftist apostacy and propaganda" by the laymen.

They also object to the statement in the Mackay pronouncement which states that the United Nations "is the best available agent for international cooperation."

The laymen conclude their open letter with the statement that "it is our firm contention that we commission our church leaders, and provide them with funds, explicitly to preach, teach and interpret the blessed gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to so fire the minds of our young seminarians that they may go out and forcefully declare the message of salvation through Christ to a troubled and chaotic world."

BUFFALO OFFICIALS AT ST. PAUL'S

★ Charles P. Taft, Episcopalian of Cincinnati, urged officials of Buffalo, N. Y., to greater public service based on "the moral foundations of religion."

The service, held at St. Paul's Cathedral, was attended by Mayor Pankow and about 500 city officials and workers, and was the first of its kind ever held on a city-wide, interdenominational basis.

"What has religion to do with politics and government?" Mr. Taft asked. "Does God control Caesar? He does. Religion belongs in every phase of life, community service and representation above all. Yet we find resistance to this application."

He stated that it is not enough for individuals to express their religion by "participating in discussion groups and confining it to our churches—rather, we must express God's will in the community in which we live."

The service was conducted by Dean McNairy, with Bishop Scaife reading the closing prayers in which he prayed for divine favor "upon these thy servants called to public office."

FUND TO AID SEMINARIANS

★ The diocese of Iowa has received \$100,000 to aid students studying for the ministry. It is the gift of the late B. C. Way and his wife of Mason City.

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INDUSTRIAL WORK DISCUSSED

★ The Rev. G. Paul Musselman, secretary of urban industrial Church work for the National Council, spoke on that subject at the meeting of the Auxiliary of New York, held at the synod hall, January 5th. In the afternoon there was a conference on education led by the Pev. J. Stuart Wetmore, cirector of education for the diocese.

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Clergy Changes:

ELSOM ELDRIDGE, formerly rector of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, N. H., has been appointed executive sec'y of the province of New England.

DAVIS M. TALBOT, formerly rector of Trinity, Coshocton, O., is now rector of Christ Church, Clayton, N. Y.

JAMES M. LICHLITER, rector of Emmanuel, Webster Groves, Mo., becomes rector of St. Paul's, Akron, O., Feb. 1.

WILLIAM H. BAAR, former Lutheran studying for Episcopal ordination, has been appointed director of Brent House, hostel at the University of Chicago.

Ordinations:

EDWARD D. COLHOUN Jr. was ordained priest by Bishop Phillips, Dec. 21, at St. Stephen's, Forest, Va., where he is rector. He is also rector of St. Peter's, Altavista, and the Good Shepherd, Evington.

HAROLD E. BRAUN was ordained deacon by Bishop Burroughs, Dec. 16. at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. He is ass't at St. Peter's, Lakewood.

Ordained Priests by Bishop Burroughs, Dec. 16, at Trinity Cathedral. Cleveland:

ROBERT C. DEAN, rector of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst; CHARLES H. EVANS, ass't at St. Mark's, Cleveland; JAMES S. JOHNSTON, ass't at St. Paul's, Akron; WILLIAM G. KNAPP, ass't at St. John's, Youngstown; EDWIN G. MOLNAR, ass't at the Ascension, Lakewood; ROB-ERT H. WILKINSON, ass't at St. Mark's, Toledo.

DAVID A. STAMBAUGH was ordained priest by Bishop Burroughs, Dec. 16, at Trinity, Fostoria, O., where he is rector.

JAMES L. P. TRAUTWEIN was ordained priest by Bishop Tucker, Dec. 19, at St. Andrew's, Toledo, O. He is in charge of St. John's, Napoleon, O., and St. John's, Bowling Green.

HERBERT G. MYERS was ordanied priest by Bishop Burroughs, Dec. 20, at Christ Church, Kent, O. He is rector of Grace Church, Ravenna, O.

WARD E. GONGOLL, in charge of St. George's, Englewood, Col., and St. Timothy's, Littleton, and RICHARD N. HUTCHINS, curate at Trinity, Greeley, Col., were ordained priests by Bishop Bowen, Dec. 21, at the Ascension,

LAWRENCE J. ROWE was ordained priest by Bishop Emery, Dec. 10 at Grace Church, Jamestown, N. D., where he is rector.

Ordained priests by Bishop Sterrett, Dec. 12, at Nativity Cathedral. Bethlehem, Pa.; THEODORE L. WEATHERLEY, rector of St. George's, Nanticoke, Pa.; PETER B. GOODFELLOW, on the cathedral staff; RICHARD L. BAUD-ER, ass't at St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre; DAVID W. JONES, rector of the Church of the Faith, Mahanoy City, Pa.

LEWIS F. COLE was ordained priest by Bishop Peabody, Dec. 21, at St. Mark's, Port Leyden, N. Y. He is ass't in the Boonville field.

ROGER P. RISHEL was ordained priest by Bishop Peabody, Dec. 22, at Grace Church, Utica, N.Y., where he is curate.

JOHN . H. GORTON was ordained priest by Bishop Peabody, Dec. 30,



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Anniversary:

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Honors:

WILLIAM WAY, rector emeritus of Grace Church, Charleston, S. C., has been re-elected for the thirty-sixth term as president of the New England Society of the city.

FRANK L. TITUS, rector of the Holy Cross, Miami, has been elected chaplain of the Forty and Eight Society of the Fla. American Legion.

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BACKFIRE

ALBERT J. duBOIS

Director, American Church Union In your issue of December 17, 1953, top of page 16, you have a heading as follows: 'Catholic Pastor offers" . . . It is not encouraging to find The Witness fa.ling into the common American habit of speech which assumes that the Catholic Church is the Roman Catholic Church. This sort of reference on y plays into the hands of the Roman Church in its effort to claim to be the exclusive Catholic body in the world. I note that the same use of the word Catholic appears in the "Story of the Week" on page three.

While I am writing you, may I call attention to the fact omitted in your article on page 6, with reference to the Rev. Raymond Raynes. We should be glad to have it known that Father Raynes toured the United States under the auspices of the American Church Union. So many people are under the misapprehension that the Church Union does not carry on a positive program that it is always regrettable when references of this sort are ommitted as they concern the positive things which we are continually doing.

Ed. Note: It is our practice to use its full title when referring to the Roman Church in the body of a story. In writing headlines however, it is necessary to count letters and spaces so that headline writers are allowed poetic license.

THOMAS A. CHURCH

Layman of New York

Thanks for the report of the Rev. Raymond Raynes address about the situation in South Africa. We all look in vain for reports from that country in our newspapers and it is fine to have the frequent reports in the Witness.

I do disagree with the reverend gentleman in one regard. He said that he did not blame the press for what he calls a conspiracy of silence. He believes, according to the Witness report, that this results

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from the dependency of the U. S. and British press upon the South Africa press ass'n for information and it in turn is kept in tight control by the government.

We here in America have come to expect more ingenuity than that from our newspapers and I am sure they would find ways to get the story of the S. African situation to their readers if they wanted to do so. Could it be that the owners of our hewspapers actually are sympathetic with the Malan government and its repressive measures?

CHARLES I. CONDER

O Vicar at Indio, Calif.

A communicant teen-ager of St. Paul's Barstow, Elizabeth Lorraine Hill, born July 10, 1937, freckle-faced and auburn-haired has been missing from her Barstow home for several weeks. She is a good member of the Church, has attended youth camps and may attend Episcopal Church services wherever she may be.

World it be possible for you to publish this brief letter with the request that anyone seeing her please get in touch at once with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hill, Hill's Dairy, Barstow, California.

NORMAN A. DAVIS

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Whereas, Many parishes and missions of the Church have as yet not shared in the Theological Education Sunday offering; therefore be it

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