Catholic Information

THE CHURCH THAT IS NEVER EMPTY

If you had seen the face of a certain man, who was walking dejectedly down the street, you probably would say, "Poor fellow, he is in some grave trouble."

If you had seen that same face a few minutes later at the altar rail of a Catholic church—a face whose eyes were glued on the tabernacle door in the centre of the altar—whose lips were moving slowly and silently, you might have said: "He seems to be—not just praying—but talking to someone."

And if, awhile later, you had seen that same young man leaving the church with vigorous step and with soft, grateful eyes, you might have actually witnessed the fulfillment of Christ's promise: "Come to me, all you that labor, and are burdened and I will refresh you" (Matt. 11:28)

Catholic churches are Christ's churches. They may at times contain no human beings. But at no time is a Catholic church empty: for in that little altar closet, called the tabernacle, there is always the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, under the form of bread.

This is the Personal Presence, the Real Presence of Christ, who died to redeem the world. This is the Bread of Life, concerning which Christ said: "He that eateth this bread shall live forever" (John 6:59). This is the Bread of the Last Supper, divinely changed to the Body of the Redeemer of God and offered daily to every Catholic in Holy Communion.

This is God, Himself, to revere whom the Catholic bends his knee before the altar and adores his hat before the church door. This is the Holy Eucharist which draws from all quarters of the globe hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, for prayer, adoration, penitentiam, and supplication at the great Eucharistic Congresses.

Some time step inside a Catholic church when no services are being held. Watch the worshippers. Be there but one or one hundred present, you will notice that each is individually praying—not as one prays at home, but in the open—not as one converses with a Great One and a Loved One who is right there personally present. If you do this, dear neighbor, we believe you will have, at least for the Catholic's firm conviction that a Catholic church, even when deserted by human beings, is never really empty.

It's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic!

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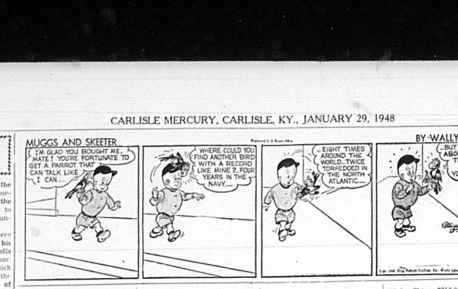

NEWS In The World Of Religion

By W. W. Reid

"The existence of the church as a strong, independent community, claiming its own allegiance and strengthened by weight behind the defense of certain basic rights, is one of the few remaining outworks or buttresses of freedom in the secular struggle for free society—in the world," says Bishop Barry Barks Wurz, of London, England, a Lutheran scholar and writer, on a visit to the United States.

"There is no longer any defense in this world against war, or modern dictatorship, except by a fund of good will," says the Rev. A. Stanley Leyland, of London, England, currently visiting in the United States. "Anything and everything we can do, therefore, to increase the spirit of goodwill and to bridge the gap between Christians elsewhere and ourselves is a premium against cataclysmic conflict."

The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia, which was founded a century and a quarter ago, believes it has something of a record. Of the several thousand ministers it has trained, seventy-eight have been elected Bishops, and thirty-six others are active in the life of the Church today. Eight bishops serve in the active ministry.

"There are times when in the night today, when the Spirit of the church is to visit the sinner, and the people to see the Christ," says Dr. Harold Bowman, leader of Christ Methodist Church New Orleans, and noted radio preacher. "The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are as true today as ever before, but they must be seen in the light of modern problems. Too many persons are smug in their sins because history of their ancestors have eaten the sensitivity of their consciences. We are listening too much to the so-called practical wisdom of this world which would put so many spheres of life beyond the reach of Christian principles. When we say that business or statecraft are beyond the Sermon on the Mount, we make him a prisoner rather than Lord." Dr. Bowman is author of "Christ Stirs" now circumnavigating the globe, the center of the police state, and Israel.

Eleven Methodist Youth, most of them high school students, and from every state in the Union, will be guests at the Christmas-New Year holiday in Lithuania, a Soviet Youth Conference in Czechoslovakia Prague. Under the theme, "Youth Adopt Lithuania," the Youth will "adopt" and "rehabilitate" Lithuania, one of the Soviet satellite states, and "feed the hungry." What can I do? I want to my school and my community." Methodist leaders, for future service in ministry, teaching, in Christian school teachers, and other fields.

Among those who addressed them, and appealed for their loyalty to Christ were: Secretary Ralph A. Differdorfer of the Board of Missions, Dr. Richard C. Raser, of Minneapolis, Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India, Dr. Paul Quillian, of Houston, Texas, Dr. Harold C. Case of Pasadena, California, Dr. G. Baez-Camargo of Mexico City, Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago, Dr. Paul E. Kern of Nashville, and the Rev. Hoover Rupert of Nashville.

"The world of a person's thinking is determined by the amount of intelligent, right choices which he makes," says Dr. Stanley Jones, noted world evangelist who recently held a youth initiative in Cleveland, Ohio. "Most people don't choose, they don't even bothered with the question. They are the sum of the decisions of persons but things. Everybody does it settling it." Dr. Jones said that the great choices which must make are: choice of life work, choice of the mate, choice of life habits, choice of life ideal or philosophy.

Colleges in America are not the only ones that have long waiting lists, crowded classes, and disappointed applicants . . . The recent entrance class of West China Union University, Chengtu, Szechuan Province, has to be limited to 150, but more than 4,000 graduates of high and middle schools prepared for the admittance examinations, reports the Rev. F. Olin Stockwell of this city. However, the majority of those who did not make the higher grades will find no other college doors open. The same is true, Dr. Stockwell says, of the crowds waiting admittance to the secondary schools. "And this in a land where a few years ago Christians were hated and western education accursed," he adds.

Bishop Arne Fjelstad, of the Lutheran Church of Norway, who is now completing a speaking tour of the United States, is the parents of six children. He has been the speaker for their meetings of the World Council of Churches. The Bishop visited in the U.S.A., of Norwegian parents, and was interned in Germany during the days of the occupation. His dramatic wartime experiences in the Norwegian underground, which he has been called a great chapter in the history of the churches, have been translated into 14 languages.

"Is the choice of a young man or woman, whether to follow the faith and create to pass on the realization of the Ancient Christian Faith, which has made the church and state" to keep individuals free, and to prevent the rise of totalitarianism," Professor Reinhold Niebuhr, of Union Theological Seminary, in his lecture, "Protestants Face the Future," sponsored by the Association of Church and State, "has recently been acquitted." The Professor said that "Roman Catholic critics" refers to the experiences of Protestantism as "ill join the environment. Dr. John McNeil Pobert, of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School is president, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. John A. Mackay, and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison are vice-presidents; and Dr. J. M. Dawson is secretary.

A program greatly to increase the missionary staff of the Methodist Church overseas and to about double the present giving of the Church for missionary purposes, has been presented to the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church by the Rev. Ralph E. Dodge, executive secretary of its Division of Foreign Missions, and for twenty-four years head of this denomination's overseas service. The program calls for 300 new missionaries during the next few years, almost doubling the number now on the several mission fields. It calls also for an annual additional of $3,155,000 for the support and work of these missionaries, and for a grand total of $11,741,000—nearly double the budget for this year, including four years of new buildings, equipment, and other facilities for medical, agricultural, evangelistic and educational work overseas. The greatest increase in missionary personnel would be in Latin American countries, as implementing the "good neighbor" policy. Next in the order of greatest missionary need for Africa, for China, for India, calls for Japan. For wartime restitution in Europe—mostly for buildings to replace those destroyed in the war and the most new problems caused by population shifts, the program calls for an increase to $3,000,000 budget to be provided in four years. Other increases in appropriations are: $3,120,000 for Latin American powers, $107,625 for Central Africa, $1,710,000 for India, $85,000 for Burma, $192,000 for Malaya, $250,000 for the Philippines, $457,000 for China; $250,000 for Korea; $152,000 for Japan; $142,000 for North Africa. All of this is for new buildings, equipment, and the modernization of existing facilities. Final action on the advance program will be taken at the Denominational General Conference in Boston next April.

4-H'ers Hold Leaf Show

The first Pennyroyal District 4-H barley show and sale at Hopkinsville was participated in by 36 members from Christian, Todd, Trigg, Logan and Caldwell counties. They sold a total of 28,556 pounds of tobacco for $13,072.93, or an average of $45.78 per hundred-weight. The highest basket sold for $60 per hundred pounds. Prize money of $150 to the youthful growers was contributed by the Hopkinsville Burley Tobacco Board of Trade.

Owsley Corn Wins At Chicago Show

Proof that good hybrid corn was produced in Owsley county was indicated when two young farmers exhibited corn at the International Grain and Hay Show held in Chicago. Edward Harvey of Booneville won third place with his 10-ear display of Ky. 32 with Ky. 22 tobacco leaf. Jack Bishop, whose yield was 115 bushels to the acre, placed fourth, said Farm Agent Ernest Bishop.

Call No. 22 Better Than Famous Ky. 16

Farm Agent John C. Brown of Boyle county states that more good tobacco growers in that county substituted a part of their Ky. 16 with Ky. 22 tobacco last year, and were well pleased with the yield and quality. The majority of them said that Ky. 22 had a larger proportion of good smoking grades than Ky. 16, or because the former ripened about a week earlier, it was possible to make greater use of farm labor.

What We Know About Jesus: His Work of Salvation

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson is the above topic for Feb. 1 is Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 1:21; 11:28; 20:28; Luke 19:10; Hebrews 4:15, 16. the Memory verse is Luke 19:10: "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.")

ISAIAH, the prophet, wrote the first words assigned to our lesson, presumably, in Jerusalem about 710 or 712 B. C. "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes were we healed.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Seven hundred years from the time this prophecy was written, Joseph of Nazareth was told by an angel of the coming of a son to his affianced wife, Mary. "And you shall call Him name Jesus, for it is He that shall save His people from their sins."

Seven hundred years passed before Christ was born at Bethlehem, and more than 1900 years have gone and we still are among of us "like sheep that have gone astray." When will we heed the Saviour's voice and follow His teaching and example?

Not as a law breaker came Jesus to the world, as He said Himself: "Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy but to fulfill.

Every disciple of Jesus and every minister of the gospel should bear in mind constantly the words of the Saviour: "He that Whosoever would be great among you shall be your minister: And whosoever shall be chief among you, let him be your servant.

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."

All Should Serve

Whether your talents be great or small, whether you are bright or dull of plain, rich or poor, all of us are of the "little flock" of which the Saviour spoke. We should be your servant. We should be chief among you such as humble ourselves to wash the feet of the apostles, to provide food for them, etc. We should be His followers in any

3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15½ cents an hour.

This is the same increase accepted by 1,700,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and yardmen by agreement on November 21, 1947.

The Railroads have 1,500,000 employees, represented by seven unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many other working rules and endangered the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 2% of all railroad switchmen, the other 75% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

Strike Threat

The leaders of these three unions spread a strike hatred while negotiations were still in progress. This is such a secret vote had been taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employees in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute. And the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been earnestly attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

What Now?

The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also exerted every effort to the Railway Labor Act respecting the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad employes, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employes.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 men than to 1,700,000 who already been put in effect for $425,000,000 and will be under the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the loss shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Type of Service	Hourly Rate Straight Average	Daily Average Earnings	Daily Average Hours Worked
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Average and Way)	$1.966	$6.126	$6.717
Road Passenger	2.022	6.399	6.915
Road Freight (Through)	2.112	6.561	6.939
Yard	2.219	4.981	4.539
FIREMEN			
Road Freight	2.238	4.603	6.268
Road Freight (Average and Way)	2.238	4.544	6.165
Road Freight (Through)	2.268	3.449	3.991
Yard	1.962	3.136	4.500

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300. Full year 1947 estimated on basis of actual figures for first eight months.

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Farming In Washington

Second Session Begins

As the second session of the congress gets under way, there is speculation about the extent of new farm program legislation. Senator Ellender, of Louisiana, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, has said he will introduce a bill to implement the recommendations of President Truman. Ellender is a member of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Senator Aiken, of Vermont, ranking Republican member of the committee, has said he will introduce a bill to implement the recommendations of the Republican party. Representative Hope, of Kansas, ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee, has said he will introduce a bill to implement the recommendations of the Republican party. Representative Poage, of Texas, Democrat, has said he will introduce a bill to implement the recommendations of the Democratic