

# Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan  
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Considerable attention has been given throughout the Western World to the recent address of Pope Pius XII to the members of the World Movement for Federal Government wherein he stated that their aim is to bring about an "effective political organization of the world" in "conformity with the traditional doctrine of the Church." He referred to the Church's unceasing efforts to bring about peace and declared that an organized world government is necessary to put an end to the armaments race which impoverishes the peoples of the world.

It was quite natural for the delegates of this Movement to greet with joy these remarks of Pius XII, for they have been espousing a cause which has seemed to many the zenith of unreality and impracticality. Nevertheless the remarks of the Pope must not be marks of support given to a particular political movement but rather as agreement with an idea which has always been affirmed by Christian doctors and jurists, as well as by the common consciousness of mankind—namely, that the peoples of the world form a community and an international society.

In spite of the fact that the world is today technologically closer together than it has ever been in history, nevertheless, morally, socially and politically it is most disunited and for the most part, people do not heed the fundamental truth that the peoples of the world were intended by God to form a universal community.

In this respect it is interesting to go back four hundred years and to read the remarks of Francis Victoria who was in truth the founder of International Law. Writing shortly after the discovery of America, he said that "the world as a whole, being one state, has the power to create laws that are just and fitting for all persons." He was not able in his day to envision the whole world as capable of being traversed in a matter of hours; he did not foresee the atomic age where man would discover weapons which could obliterate sectors of the human race. But Victoria, and after him, the other writers of international law in the 16th and 17th centuries did consider the world as governed by a law which was sanctioned by the moral authority of the peoples of the world. To them the solidarity of all peoples—including nations not then discovered—was an accepted fact.

Down through the centuries this has been the consistent teaching of the Church. After World War I, Benedict XV, in 1920, said "that would be truly desirable... that all states should put aside their suspicion and unite in one sole society or rather family of peoples." Pius XI said in 1922, "We forget that all men are our brothers and that all men are of the same great human family." The present Pontiff has many times discussed the universal community of all peoples. But along with the traditional theory, which must be held in common by all peoples who have a belief in God and who profess the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, has developed the idea of the absolute sovereignty of states and

the concomitant vice of exaggerated nationalism. In their own way these ideas have submerged the fundamental fact that the peoples of the world created by the same God were intended to be in one community.

The atomic age and the threat of total war have brought forcibly to our minds that the problem before us is either lasting peace through world government or the serious risk of total destruction. Since we do not want the latter we are now ready to embrace the theory, heretofore considered utopian, of world government. But we are most likely to make the mistake of thinking that world government today would be more readily attainable than ever before in history.

While the interdependence of nations is henceforth an unquestionable fact, nevertheless we must remember that this is essentially an economic interdependence; a unity brought about by the swift-ness of travel and by the advances of technology, and not an interdependence which is the result of a commonness of idea and purpose. Political unity will result when there is an agreement of wills and this must be built up; it cannot be superimposed.

Those who expect the organization of world government to succeed in uniting the world simply by increasing membership in that movement are doomed to disillusionment. On the other hand, those who regard the idea of world government as a beautiful idea, but utterly impossible of realization are similarly in error and most likely to hinder the advance of a cause which is most necessary and which in due time will be realized. Our task of the moment is to be firmly convinced that if peace is to exist, all peoples must be united in a world community wherein the rights of groups will be respected. For this a world government is necessary, but this will come into existence only after many years of struggle and effort.

In the meantime we must lay the foundation for a world government by forging a world community through charity and justice. These are the spiritual links that will unite the peoples of the world irrespective of frontiers or of the differences of race and culture.

OTTAWA—Prime Minister St. Laurent decides to cut short this session of Parliament and call another next fall, as appears more likely every day, a deciding factor could be his concern for private members' pocketbooks.

The pay, or "indemnity" that a private MP gets is \$4,000 a session. In addition he receives \$2,000 a year as tax-free expense allowance. Most MPs claim this total of \$6,000 isn't enough, and the Prime Minister is reliably reported to agree with them.

But this is not an opportune time to increase members' salaries. As Finance Minister Abbott has been preaching for months, increasing wages is not the way to beat inflation. If the Government sanctioned a wage boost for MPs to rescue them from inflation, what would it say to its hundreds of thousands of employees and pensioners, who also want such relief?

However, there's another way to succeed the prorogued Parliament at the end of this month, as rumored, and convenes a new session in the fall, then under existing law each MP will receive an additional \$4,000, making a total of \$10,000 for the year. The additional cost to the treasury would be about \$1,400,000.

There are other and stronger arguments for making 1951 a double session year. Parliament has made slow progress so far, and the MPs have a mountain of work ahead which they cannot possibly finish by June 20, the Government's tentative prorogation target.

The Government blames the opposition parties for this situation. Opposition members who thrashed old straw in the wheat subsidy debate; who have lengthily aired various grievances, and who have given the Defence Department estimates such close scrutiny that only a third of them have passed, have braked Parliament's speed.

It should not be forgotten, however, that criticism and close scrutiny are the opposition's job, regardless of the Government's timetable.

Still to be considered and passed are the estimates for some 15

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# At Family Rosary Crusade Rally



"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together," the slogan of the Founder of the Family Rosary Crusade, Rev. Patrick Peyton who spoke to an estimated 8,000 people at the grand crusade rally held at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds last Wednesday afternoon.

Top picture shows Father Peyton, (left) seated beside His Excellency, Bishop James Boyle, while the chairman, Lt. Col. Leo F. MacDonald, E.D., opens the rally. Behind His Excellency and Father Peyton are members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and the Men's Choir.

Bottom picture shows part of the huge crowd that attended the rally despite fairly heavy rain showers.

Government departments. Moreover, it's expected the Government will introduce additional legislation. This could include bills to implement recommendations of the 1950 joint Senate-Commons committee on old age pensions, and the royal commissions on transportation, and the arts, letters and sciences.

These are all weighty matters, promising lengthy debate. As one MP told me, "There's enough ahead of us to keep us here till September."

Prime Minister St. Laurent is known to be strongly against keeping Parliament in session during July and August. So, apparently, are most MPs. Reports from the Liberal caucus last week said the Government back-benchers were outspoken in favoring a fall session. And while St. Laurent made no promises, he undoubtedly was impressed.

Unfortunately, from the standpoint of private MPs, it's not certain that a fall sitting would bring any more money. Actually, the current session could be recessed for the summer months and convened in the fall at no great cost to the treasury. The MP would be entitled to an extra indemnity only if this session were formally wound up, and an entirely new one started in the fall.

The thought that the MP's may be asked to come back in the autumn for the same \$4,000 they've already earned—and, in most cases, spent—is enough to raise a row in any caucus. But the Government has to consider public opinion; would a double indemnity for MPs be regarded unfavorably; even condemned as scandalous?

After the public outcry at the payment of a \$65,000,000 subsidy to the wheat farmers, it's not likely the Government will act hastily.

**MAYFIELD W. I.**

The May meeting of the Mayfield W. I. met at the home of Mrs. David Johnston. Meeting opened by singing "When You And I Were Young Maggie", followed by the Ode, and repeating the Creed.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by seven members. Committees gave their reports. New ones appointed: Sick, Mrs. W. Nicholson, Mrs. W. MacDonald, school, re-appointed.

Material from Eaton's and Simpson's was given to the members to make up. Material sold amounted to \$4.30; \$2.70 of this amount was paid for at the meeting.

Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Orr paid \$1.00 on overseas box. Secretary to write for a play to be held in the hall.

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**TIMES CHANGE**

Cowgate Street in Edinburgh, once lined with palaces of princes, now is noted for old-clothes shops.

**Collecting Cream**

Beginning Thursday, June 7th and every Monday and Thursday thereafter Alvin McDonald will be collecting cream and eggs for the Morell Co-operative from East Point, North Lake and South Side Road to St. Peter's.

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the P. E. I. Garage Operator's Association will be held Thursday, June 7th, at 8 P. M. at Coyles Restaurant, Summersville. All Garage Operators are urged to attend.

**RECEIVES SAD NEWS** — Mr. William Doyle, Water Street, City, received the sad news of the death in Boston, Mass., of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Desmond, who died on Saturday, June 2nd.

**P. E. I. Drama Festival** annual meeting, Room 26, P.V.C., Tuesday, June 12th at 8 p.m. The general public are urged to attend and bring suggestions and criticisms towards furthering the drama movement in this Province.

**ENGAGEMENT** — Mr. and Mrs. Boyd E. MacQuarrie of Hampton, Prince Edward Island, announce the engagement of their daughter Annie Kathryn to Cyrus Williamson, son of Mr. William Acorn and the late Mrs. Acorn, P. E. I. Marriage to take place at a later date.

**TO ATTEND REFRESHER COURSE** — Dr. Eric Found of the Dept. of Health and Welfare, accompanied by Mrs. Found and small daughter Mary, left Monday for Atlantic City, N. J., where Dr. Found will attend a refresher course and the annual convocation of the American College of Chest Physicians.

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**TO RECEIVE DEGREE** — Among those receiving degrees at the convocation exercises of St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, will be Roland Hennessey, B.Sc., B.S.W., who will receive his Master of Social Welfare degree. Roland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hennessey, Charlottetown.

**ROYAL SALUTE FIRED** — Gunners of the 28th L.A.A. Regiment yesterday paid homage to His Majesty King George Sixth by the firing of a Royal Salute of 31 guns in celebration of the official birthday. The two gun crews were under command of Capt. M. E. Campbell. With him were Lt. Col. R. D. MacNeill and Lieut. H. W. F. Hughes. The N.C.O.'s in charge were Sgt. William Gregg and Bdr. Andy Westergard. The salute was fired from the Fort Edward site.

**CITY POLICE COURT** — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Saturday, two men charged with being drunk and disorderly appeared. One was sentenced to 10 days in jail and the other was fined \$20 and costs or 20 days. Three men charged with being drunk and incapable also appeared. One was sentenced to 20 days in jail while two were each fined \$10 and costs or 10 days in jail. A man charged with being disorderly was fined \$20 and costs or 20 days.

**MISS POWLEY** likes the country and the people, but objects to the high cost of living which she believes is much higher in her adopted land.

When asked for a comparison of prices Miss Powley frankly admitted that she did none of her own shopping. "Out there," she said, "the people are lovely. They do everything for you." Questioned as to the price of beef and pork she laughed and said she never sees either. "Between the Hindus and Mohammedans with their sacred cows and sacred pigs we are just out of luck." Laughingly she said that occasionally she was given what they called beef, but which she suspected was an ancient buffalo.

Miss Powley likes India but thinks Ceylon is nicer. It is more like this Province, she thinks, with its red soil. She visited Ceylon in January, 1950, to attend the International Labour Organization Conference.

Miss Powley has been here only once before in her life. That was in 1947 before she went to India. Now she is looking forward to her weeks vacation and a chance to get acquainted with folks again. She arrived in Canada last Friday on the "Nova Scotia" from Liverpool, England, and was met in Halifax by her sister, Elizabeth, and her brother, Edward, both of Charlottetown.

**FAMOUS WRITER**

Ben Johnson, the great English poet and dramatist who died in 1637, was the posthumous son of a clergyman.

**COMPARATIVELY NEW**

Etymology, the science of words, has been scientifically studied only since the 19th century.

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**Strange But True**

By F. H. MacArthur

What was the exact inscription above the cross of Jesus? Well, according to Scripture, there were four, each one being different.

Matthew 5: 3-11 has it read thus: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

And in Luke 23: 38: "This is the King of the Jews."

In Mark 15: 26, we read: "The King of the Jews."

But in John 19: 19, it says: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Computing the cubit to be approximately 18 inches, we can reckon Solomon's Temple as being 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. (See First Kings 6:2 for cubits used in construction of the temple.)

The world's first parachuters were not men as many believe, but spiders. Some minute spiders parachute through the air by letting a strand of their silk float upon the breeze. And the water spider makes its web into a hollow diving bell which it inflates with air bubbles and uses for a receptacle for its eggs.

Ever hear of the stick insects and leaf insects? They belong to the family phasmidae of the Tropics and look so much like twigs or leaves that one can't detect their presence. Stranger still, their eggs so resemble the seeds of plants that it takes an expert botanist to find them. Among these insects males are of rare occurrence, but a male may be the daddy of many successive broods after but one mating. Nature is full of amazing facts!

And, turning from insects to birds, let us stop a moment and admire the male plumage of the Paradise birds, often so extravagant as to baffle verbal description. Seemingly conscious of their adornment, the courting season is quite an event, as the males strut about in front of the unadorned hens. Courting antics are as extravagant as the courting dress, and often the show-off males will do an upside down stunt which would appear to be a part of their love making.

The great crow family can be found scattered all over the earth. Some of our common crows have been immortalized in song and story and legend. For the last half century, ravens have been a feature of the Tower of London, and are entered on the garrison strength, believe it or not!

Cats are lovers of flowers, especially scented flowers, and will sniff at the blossoms and lie for hours close to the pots they are in, whereas plants minus blossoms do not interest them much. These

animals are most independent and recent being handled roughly or pulled about, though ready to give affection when it is not forced.

The first cemetery was in the Field of Ephron, made sure unto Abraham for a burying place by the son of Heth. (See Genesis 23: 17-20).

The thirty pieces of silver which the priests gave to Judas to betray our Savior were later used to purchase Potter's Field to bury strangers in.

The savages had a wireless communication centuries before the white man dreamed of wireless or before he knew there was such a thing as electricity. This communication was carried on by means of "dums, the oldest of all musical instruments. The talking drums of the Indians of the Upper Amazon are able to communicate over distances of more than fifty miles.

Two drums are used for sending long-distance messages and are submerged in a stream of water. The coded message is beaten on the sending drum and picked up by the receiving drum.

The strange instruments are regarded by their makers as sacred and magic, and no woman is ever permitted even to see them. When not in use they are put into a secret hiding place which is taboo to the fair sex. Incidentally, any woman or girl caught snooping about the place is promptly put to death by drowning so that her spirit may become a slave to the talking drum.

A flying bat and a fruit bat are the same animal with different names. They have a wing span of five feet and roost in colonies half a mile wide and four miles long. A colony of this size contains millions of bats. Like rabbits, flying bats do extensive damage to crops.

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