

Advocates Unions Working With Parties In Politics

OTTAWA (CP)—Unions should work with political parties advocating their own principles but should not form a party of their own, Abbe Gerard Dion of Quebec's Laval University said Monday.

Abbe Dion, professor of industrial relations at Laval and co-author of an explosive treatise that recently criticized political morality in Quebec province, spoke before the triennial conference of the joint protective board of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

The Roman Catholic priest—in an address and a later question-and-answer period—also warned labor that the trend of organized groups to build up "gigantic organisms" could endanger democracy if we do not take care.

FURTHER TO GO

Abbe Dion, whose joint study with Rev. Louis O'Neill on Quebec provincial electoral practices aroused widespread controversy, said "one would have to be blind not to see that labor unions along with all other organized bodies are moving towards unification. While labor has done much to improve the morality of politics in Canada, he said, it still has much further to go.

He would recommend that, when the principles of a trade union are identical with those of a political party, then it would be good for them to work together. "I have no particular political party in mind," he added.

SHOULD BE DISTINCTION

In reply to questioning from some of the 215 delegates, he expressed the view there should be a "distinction" between labor unions and political parties.

"Otherwise," he said, "you will have a class party."

Normally, such a party would reduce the general common good to the particular interests of a class. That had happened in Russia.

He added that, if that is true of a class party of workers, it is equally true of a class party of "big finance."

CBRE President W. J. Smith of Ottawa, addressing the meeting, said unions recognize that their responsibilities in electing legislative representatives "are of a wider character than gaining our own selfish aims."

Smith also said it is important for labor to fight against racketeers—"yes, in the trade union movement"—and against employers of this kind and against "shady politicians."

Abbe Dion said the professional and economic aims of organized labor "inevitably overlap into the political sphere." Workers already practised some form of indirect political action through their unions.

"Direct" political action could be engaged in, he said, but to a political party would "be a grave error."

MUST BE DEMOCRATIC

It is difficult to imagine democracy unless its groups are democratic themselves, he said.

"That is why, if we want trade unions to really—not in theory alone—bring something to the democratic way of life of our country, it is necessary that in all levels of their organization they preserve democratic forms and that in their action towards other groups... they respect the values inherent in the democratic system," Abbe Dion said.

"One would have to be blind not to note that labor unions, as all other organized groups in our civilization which tend more and more towards unification and concentration, are slowly building up to gigantic organisms which could endanger democracy if we do not take care."

"As a movement becomes an institution, takes on size and importance, its structures become fixed, tasks are divided, and a specialization becomes necessary. The responsibility of making decisions, become concentrated in the hands of a few persons because these tasks demand a higher degree of competence and more experience."

He said it is up to the union leaders to meet the situation by educating the membership while taking into account the need for efficient action. Leaders must ensure that each member is not absorbed "in a big machine" and encouraged to play his role as "a responsible and free human being."

gle person. Listen to St. Paul on this point:

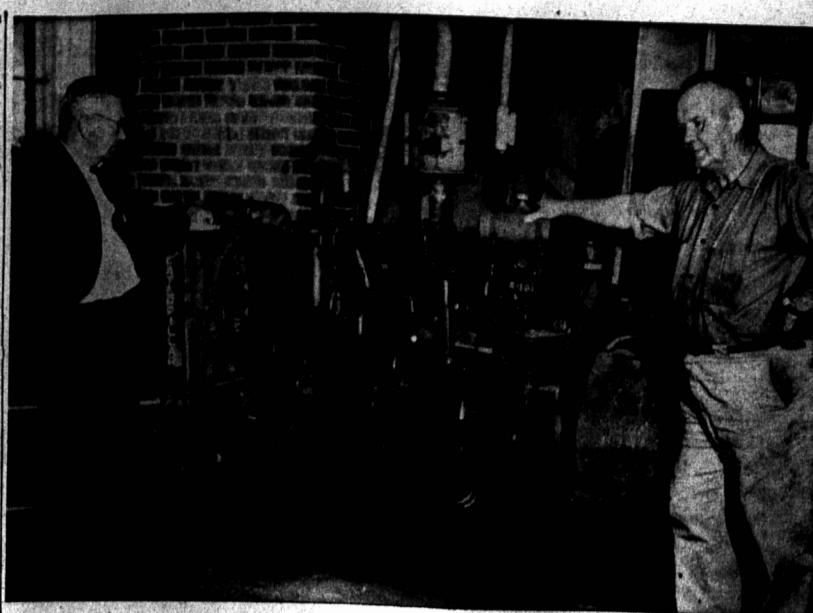
"...The unmarried woman and the virgin thinketh on the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she that is married thinketh on the things of the world, how she may please her husband. ... Therefore, both he that giveth his virgin in marriage doth well; and he that giveth her not, doth better."

Earlier, he had said, regarding this: "...I would that all men were even as myself. ... It is this counsel of St. Paul that the Religious follows, in taking the vow of chastity."

SUBMIT FREE WILL

Obedience is the virtue by which a person submits his most valuable possession, his free will to the Will of God, and of those who represent God as his superiors. It subdues the vice to which a free creature, such as man is, is most prone—pride. By living according to a vow of obedience, a Religious dedicates his whole life to preserving and strengthening what sin can destroy... the link which must exist between creature and Creator, the link of voluntary subjection and reverence.

Now we should be able to see how the three vows can help a person to neutralize the three main bad effects which sin has had on his nature. To live according to these vows, then, is to be able to achieve a very high degree of holiness.



OLD WORKHORSE COMES HOME

An old workhorse comes home, shortly after World War II has been returned after doing yeoman service in three of the districts that were badly hit during the January sleet storm. A few days after the storm the machine was taken to Borden and supplied practically the whole town with lighting until the power company were able to restore normal service. From there it was moved first to Tyne Valley and then to Rustico where it again performed a similar service. Guardian Photo

Britain Seeks Debt From Egypt

LONDON (AP)—Britain called on Egypt Monday to settle an old debt to 164 Britons fired without notice from their Egyptian jobs in 1951. The claim amounts to nearly \$2,000,000.

In a note, Britain reminded the Cairo government it had formally assumed an obligation to compensate the affected officials, 10 of whom have since died.

"Lack of any adequate compensation payment... has sinevitably caused hardship," the note said.

"Deep concern is felt in the United Kingdom over the successive delays in meeting the obligation."

Most of the 164 Britons worked in Egypt as teachers or university lecturers. They were kicked out of their jobs in December, 1951, as a reprisal against the bulldozing by British Suez Canal zone forces of the village of Kasr Abdu.

Egyptian gunmen campaigning against continued British occupation of the canal zone were believed to have been sheltering in the village.

Since that time the British government has sought formally and informally to win compensation for the dismissed men.

More Arrests In Alleged Spy Ring

CAIRO, Egypt (Reuters)—The director of the Egyptian information department, Colonel Abdel Kadar Katem, announced Monday night that 30 persons of "various nationalities" had been arrested in connection with the alleged "Swinburn spy ring."

This followed an earlier announcement that the Egyptian authorities Monday had arrested another Briton, John Thornton Stanley, 40-year-old employee of the Prudential Life Insurance Company's Cairo office.

Three Britons were arrested last month, and accused by the Egyptians of espionage.

Among them was James Swinburn, business manager of the British-owned Arab News Agency, accused by Egyptian authorities of being the mastermind of the spy ring.

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THOUGHTS FOR OUR TIME

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan

RELIGIOUS LIFE PATTERNED ON STATE OF PERFECTION

Sometimes, one will hear the question asked: "I wonder why Mary Ann decided to become a nun? She seemed such a fine girl—so sensible, so full of life. She would have made someone a very good wife. And what a wonderful mother she would have made! It seems such a waste."

Often, the answer which seemed to satisfy would be this: "Well, now she will be able to spend all her time at her chosen work—nursing the sick, or teaching the young."

But, suppose Mary Ann is entering a contemplative monastery, where she will not be doing any of these works. Then this answer no longer applies.

As a matter of fact, this answer would not be the true one even if Mary Ann were going to be a teacher or a nurse. The true answer is a much deeper one, and applies to all nuns, monks, and generally, all who embrace what is technically called "the Religious Life."

To begin with, the Religious Life is a mode of life which has been accepted by the Church, and designated as a state of perfection. It is usually founded on three vows: poverty, chastity, and obedience.

It is clear enough to all what these vows involve. But to many in our day they seem purposeless. Why vow poverty? Cannot a good man with wealth do more good than one who is poor? Why vow chastity? Is marriage wrong? Why vow obedience? Is not freedom the very ideal of our nation and our ages?

RIDICULED BY MAN

To many a modern, a life under the yoke of these vows hardly

seems to be a life of perfection. What a modern man is going to have to be convinced of, before he agrees that Mary Ann is really entering a more perfect state of life, is something that the men of the renaissance and their modern disciples have held in ridicule. He is going to have to be convinced that our human nature is not all good, even though it is a creature of God. It is shot through with weakness and imperfection due to "original sin."

A man with a perfect human nature would be master of all other earthly creatures. His soul, with its powers of intellect and will, would be master of his body. And finally, man, recognizing his creaturehood, would subject all his being, even the very powers which make him free (intellect and will), to the dominion of his Creator.

In actual fact, however, so man has such a perfect nature. From the moment in which the first sin was committed, man's will has been rebellious before God, and his intellect has been darkened. A soul, thus weakened, now has considerable trouble in retaining

Coming Events

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- Regular Dance Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Burns Orchestra.
- Chicken and Ham Supper Westley River Hall, Wednesday, September 6th. In aid of hall.
- Grand bingo, St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 4th. Very good prizes. Dance after.
- Weekly Dance Fort Augustus Hall every Wednesday night. Burke's Orchestra.
- Annual chicken supper, St. Mark's Parish, Lot 7. Tuesday evening Sept. 25.
- Regular dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night. Weatherlies Orchestra.
- Dance in New Glasgow Hall every Tuesday night. 9 to 12. Caneen.
- Regular dance Crapaud Rink, Wednesday night, 9.30-12.30 Burns Orchestra.
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- Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service. 9:30 to 12:30.
- Dance Carigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Webster's Orchestra. F. A. System and Canteen service.
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