

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan
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For many years the guiding principle in economic thought considered the purpose of economic life as solely the accumulation of wealth. The market was thought to be a completely self-regulating organism, with laws and principles of its own, such as the so-called "law of supply and demand." There was to be absolutely no "interference" with the workings of the market, no matter how hard it ground down the poor and working classes, or even if it disrupted the economy of a nation.

Labor itself was judged to be a commodity, no different from any other commodity. Where the supply was plentiful, wages would drop, and where the supply was smaller and the wages higher, thus eventually bringing about uniform wages everywhere.

However, the great poverty revealed in the working and misery attending the working classes throughout the last century, and in the consequent social strife and bitterness between labor and capital. Periodic cycles of prosperity and depression gave rise to the theory of free and unrestricted trade, showing it to be nothing better than the "law of the jungle" transforming social relations into "dog eat dog" anarchy.

The Communists hoped to make use of this very anarchy to bring about their long-hoped-for revolution everywhere. They especially hoped that the cycles of depression and prosperity which seemed inevitable in a free market, would end by ruining the world, especially when these were followed by the more and more devastating and expensive wars of modern times.

The Church, as the guardian of the rights of man, was not idle in opposing the errors of a doctrine which regarded man as nothing but a machine to be built and used. Christianity can never forget that each man is never created in the image of God, and that he must make use of the things of this world to achieve his destiny.

It is this truth that is behind the flood of literature of the past sixty years on social questions, in which the Church has unceasingly pointed out and condemned errors, while at the same time indicating the necessary principles on which a just social order may be built.

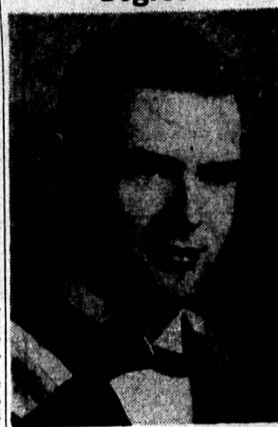
It is now more than thirty years, for example, since the Bishops of the United States formulated a program which has been used as a basis of much of the progress on this continent. It called for such reforms as minimum wage legislation, insurance against unemployment, sickness, disability and old age, legal protection for

the right of labor to organize, etc. What is needed for the future is progressive and enlightened thought and action in the total problem, that of the co-operation of all men in the state and in the world, co-operation towards the just solution of our overall problems such as the prevention of depressions, full employment, etc.

There have been recently some encouraging signs of the beginnings of co-operation between employers and workers in fields which vitally concern both. Human relations programs have been initiated in some places as a result of studies by psychologists and sociologists, into the causes of dissatisfaction in industry. These found that the worker is not merely an "economic man," moved solely by considerations of pay. At work as well as at home, men have deep human feelings, and if they are treated as machines, they are bound to be resentful, no matter how well they are paid. Where such programs are initiated, efforts are made to fit a worker to a job suitable to his talents and training. Opportunities for education and advanced training are afforded. Decisions are explained, and not just handed down as "take it or leave it" orders. As far as possible, he is consulted in advance on matters affecting him. He is made to feel a valuable and respected part of the firm. In turn, it is found that he is more inclined to take to heart the interests of his company. Thus enlightened thought is gradually coming to conclusions which are fully in accord with basic morality, and which take into account the fundamental facts of the dignity of each man.

Co-operation between workers and management on the plant level, and throughout a given industry, would be an important step toward a sound social order. This could lead to general co-operation amongst all groups in the social body, for mutual interests and common welfare. Joint counsel and action among all economic groups could freely make and accept such regulations as are needed to promote the general welfare. This would remove from the State its overwhelming burden of detailed social control, and thus lead to a more democratic economy as contrasted to the jungle law of individualism or the iron discipline of the suffocating, all-powerful police state.

Receives B.Sc. Degree



—Photo by Macaulay

Mr. Wendell MacKinnon, above, has received his degree of Bachelor of Science at Acadia University and has accepted a position with Canadian Industries Ltd., Kingston, Ont. He will take up his duties in that city early in June.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of Mother, Mrs. Angus Jarvis, who died May 21st, 1951. Ever loved and remembered by John, Peg and Glynnie.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear father John J. Stewart, who departed this life May 26th, 1951.

Those whom we love go out of sight, But never out of mind; They are cherished in the hearts Of those they leave behind. Loving and kind in all his ways Upright and just to the end of his days; Sincere and true in heart and mind, Beautiful memories he left behind.

Inserted by his family.

CAPE TRAVERSE SCHOOL

—Report for April: Grade 10-1. Beth Carruthers; 2. Louise Norring; 3. June Gardiner. Grade 8-1. Wayne Gardiner. Grade 8-2. Jean Murphy; 2. Blair Campbell; 3. Elaine Noonan. Grade 7-1. Lila Irving; 2. Elaine Campbell; 3. George Jeffrey. Grade 6-1. Beryl Murphy; 2. Jean Gallant. Principal—Doris G. MacWilliams.

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ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Noonan, Albany, P.E.I., wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mary Hilda, to Mr. Thomas Vincent O'Hara, Malton, Ont. Marriage to take place June 3rd in "Our Lady of the Airways" Roman Catholic Church, Malton, Rev. Father Egan officiating.

THE NEW GLASGOW - Hunter River Glee Club under the direction of Mr. W. K. Rogers, will repeat their festival numbers, in Hunter River Masonic Hall on Monday evening, May 26, starting at 8.30. The club will be assisted by Charlottetown talent, and other added attractions.

INOCULATING CLINICS for infants from 3 months and pre-school children who have never been protected against whooping cough and diphtheria will be held by the Department of Health and Welfare in the following schools for surrounding districts: Tuesday, May 27 at 9.30, Egmont Bay; 10.15, Abrams Village; 11.00, Urbanville; 1.30, Mt. Carmel; 2.15, Wellington Station. On Wednesday, May 28, at 9.15, Indian River; 10.15, Irish-town; 11.15, Long River.

COURSE COMPLETED—A Red Cross Standard First Aid course has been completed at Mt. Stewart, with Miss Ida MacKay, Public Health Nurse, as instructor. The following candidates have qualified for their certificates: Mrs. Keith Affleck, Mrs. Harold Affleck, Mrs. Nelson Affleck, Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Mrs. Daniel Birt, Mrs. Robie Bond, Mrs. Alvin Burke, Mrs. Daniel Clark, Miss Mildred Coffin, Miss Maureen Doyle, Miss Mary Doyle, Miss Alice Garnham, Mrs. Pius Griffin, Mrs. Wm. N. Griffin, Mrs. Lyman Jay, Miss Gladys Jay, Mrs. Everett MacDougall, Miss Doreen Mercer, Mrs. Daniel Mullen.

Tweedsmuir Chairman Of Empire Art Body

LONDON, May 23—(Reuters)—Lord Tweedsmuir has been appointed chairman of the Empire Art Council, and Arnold Mason, Royal Academician, vice-chairman. It was announced here.

The council, a voluntary organization, helps and advises artists and art galleries through the Commonwealth.

Son of the late Lord Tweedsmuir—John Buchan the novelist and former Governor-General of Canada—the new chairman for two years was Assistant District Commissioner in Uganda, and he later worked for the Hudson's Bay Company.

He served with the Canadian Army in Sicily and Italy in the last war. His wife is a Conservative M.P.

Mason is a portrait and landscape painter. Earl Alexander, the Minister of Defence and former Governor-General of Canada, is president of the council. He is a keen amateur painter.

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Says Reds Behind South African Crisis

CAPETOWN, May 23—(Reuters)—Prime Minister Daniel Malan today described South Africa's crisis over racial segregation as "graver and bigger than any in our history of crises."

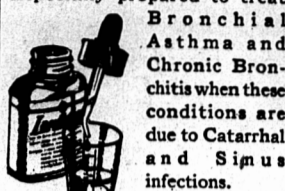
As the Premier celebrated his 78th birthday his Justice Minister ordered another trade-union leader to resign under the Suppression of Communism Act—the fifth in a week.

Malan said native groups ranged against the government are Communist-dominated. He alleged that another group is "organized on military lines... the leaders of which are displaying an unscrupulousness never before known in the political life of this country."

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