

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan
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There is observable in human nature a rather constant tendency to oversimplify, to attempt to solve problems by eliminating elements in them. This seems to be a special characteristic of the twentieth century which prides itself in its speed and streamlining.

People today no longer wish to take time to read and think; they prefer their books in digest form. They are content to have someone else do the work and then give them a briefing on it. For many their knowledge is almost limited to a distillation of newspaper headlines. This evil has reached many schools and the students now want everything presented to them in outline form. This tendency for oversimplification causes us too frequently to disregard the essentials and to misunderstand the truth.

This is perhaps one reason for the grip which Communism has on its followers. From some points of view it monstrously simple and uncomplicated; it offers a complete interpretation of the whole of human history and culture, a solution for every economic and social ill besetting mankind. The only real objection to its materialism is really inadequate as an approach to the totality of human experience, that there are too many factors and elements escaping its explanation. But such a balanced, comprehensive attitude seems to lack a certain appeal to men hungry for the quick answers and impatient of a patient effort of thought and understanding.

Another example of this tendency to oversimplification is seen in the varying solutions to the problem of the nature of man. There is a strong inclination to adopt one or other extreme position — either that man is really a pure spirit, or that he is a purely material being. Some thinkers have tried to bridge the gap between the two by a middle way, but this is often a vain effort to eliminate the material element in man. They tend to look on man as if he were only a soul and at best give but a grudging second-hand sort of status to the body. Others — often reacting against such a warped picture of man — have professed to see him as a purely material being, devoid of any element of spirituality which transcends the level of matter. This again is to fall to take into account the manifold of human experience. There are human phenomena which cannot be explained on the basis of matter alone, and others which cannot be explained on the basis of spirit alone.

The true notion of man is indeed simple — not with the naive simplicity of those who ignore half of reality, but with the simplicity of a unity of diverse elements. Man is neither spirit alone, nor body alone — he is one thing — a body-spirit. In the same sense, a great piece of music may well be called simple, not because it is written only in one note, but because of the rich unity which

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THE OFFICE OF THE RITE-WAY CLEANERS will be open Monday and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M. On Wednesday and Thursday the hours will be from 9 A. M. to 12 noon. Next Saturday drivers will be on the rounds as per usual, and pick-up service.

Personals

Mr. J. W. Mayne, Ottawa, is spending a pleasant holiday with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Bagnall, Charlottetown Royalty.

Miss Annie Creighton and Miss Hilda Corcoran, Charlottetown, returned last week from New York where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McQuillan.

Mr. Wilfred Smith of Brampton, Ont., has been on a motor trip in P. E. I., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. While in this Province he visited Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, North River Road and Mr. F. G. Morrow. He also visited some of the beauty spots and was well pleased with the general appearance of the farms and the hospitality of the people.

The opposite attempt ignores the very source and root of man's dignity and brotherhood. If God is not our Father, our brotherhood will soon be forgotten; common fraternity demands a common paternity. To attempt to serve and love man independently of service and love of God and his law, is a sentimentalism which ends in the worst kind of cruelty under the name of humanitarianism, for the program of every zealot will tend to become law for him who recognizes no Divine Law.

Card Of Thanks

To the Doctors and Nurses who so faithfully attended my late husband and for the sympathy of kind friends I wish to express my deep-felt gratitude.

Mrs. Murdock McLean.

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Mr. and Mrs. James McGaughey wish to thank the Doctor, the Sisters and Nurses of the Charlottetown Hospital for kindness and care given to their infant baby.

John Gillespie. A report from the Presbyterian held in Zion Church on July 3rd was given by Mrs. James Beer. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Meeting closed by singing hymn no. 587, followed by the Mizpah Benediction. Lunch was served and a social hour followed. Next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Livingston.

Probe Cause of \$300,000 Hotel Fire in Hull, Que



Fire authorities at Hull, Quebec, are investigating cause of recent \$300,000 hotel fire which took life of 'Al' Antonio Gomez, 22, inset, drummer with Latin-American trio playing at the hotel. Fire, which authorities believe started in employees' basement washroom, where three previous fires started, gutted western wing of hotel and caused heavy smoke and water damage to remainder of building. One hundred and twenty-five guests in old building, including jazz king Louis Armstrong, made their way to safety down fire escapes.

Island Odds And Ends

ODDS AND ENDS
Race track followers don't have to be told who Doctor Charlie Dougan is and what his duties are as an official at the Charlottetown Driving Park.

They have travelled the oval a thousand times with the Doctor's word picture of the race ringing in their ears, and they marvel that he can untangle some of the scrambled fields fighting for the money.

But there are many officials they scarcely ever see, who have important duties to perform while a meet is in progress.

There is one, for instance, who makes it his business to see all drivers, and to tell them "Your number is up, pal". This is not a prediction of disaster. Every starter in a race must have a number for programme and pari-mutuel purposes, and "Jim" Mulligan is the official who sees to it that the horses carry the correct numeral indicated on the score card.

Jim rears up a bit on the few occasions when Dr. Dougan says in an aggrieved voice: "Mr. Cor-mier, O'Meara, Kennedy" — or whoever the offender happens to be — "You have no number, please obtain one immediately". Until this order is carried out, the proceedings are held up, and people with pari-mutuel tickets in their pockets get impatient.

So Jim Mulligan seldom gives them a chance to complain. As the "Numbers Clerk" of the track, he is a busy individual, on the job all the time, and incidentally well liked by everybody.

"They say," says Jim, "there's safety in numbers, but that's foolishness, there is nothing but headaches on race day".

Looking over the score card in-

sued for every race meet at the Charlottetown Exhibition Track, the customer is among the list of officials, H. P. Kennedy, Vice-President and Manager.

That double-barreled title does not convey much to the general public, and no idea whatever of the responsibilities Jack Kennedy carries from day to day to keep the wheels turning at the Island's biggest amusement centre.

Shrewd and practical, Mr. Kennedy supervises the multiple activities at the track with great tact and excellent judgment. If the track has an ambassador of goodwill, Jack Kennedy is it. He has lieutenants, of course, but Jack knows what's afoot all over the plant and no decisions are made without the green light from him.

Those who attend the annual fair can measure his executive ability by looking around them. More than any one individual, he is given credit for the stream-lining of the plant, carried out in the past few years, and still underway.

Well-equipped for the position, Mr. Kennedy has been a leading Holstein breeder for years, grew up with race horses, and represents one of the largest farm feed companies in the world at one time. He has an appraising eye for a good trotter or pacer, and his Holsteins have frequently headed the prize lists. Top this off with his Island wide acquaintance and a goodly share of down-to-earth common sense, and the reason for Jack Kennedy's success as manager of the Charlottetown Driving Park spells itself out clearly.

When you attend the horse races this week, take a look at the gentleman on the rear end of the starting gate. Like an admiral on the bridge of a battleship, he issues orders and instructions to the "gate" following in the wake of the horse. You won't hear him, time to one, because his voice is drowned out by pounding hoofbeats and the roar of the stands. Starter Russell Abbott, in spite of

much toward the smooth run-off of every race card.

SAILOR LOVE

CHARLOTTETOWN — (CP) — Girls certainly love a sailor, claims Lieut. Clara Belle Marshall Bedford. The harassed operations officer said in one hour last week he answered 85 telephone calls — all from girls requesting ship information.

WANT DAM ACTION
SASKATOON — (CP) — About 600 farmers from Outlook are demanding that the Federal Government start immediate construction of the South Saskatchewan river dam. The project would irrigate up to 500,000 acres of land and develop 150,000 horsepower of electricity.

HALIFAX — (CP) — Acadia University officials believe a degree granted Clara Belle Marshall Bedford years ago by Acadia was the first ever conferred on a woman by a

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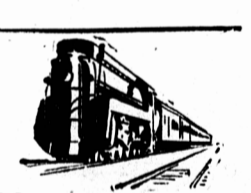
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CLYDE RIVER W. M. S.

The July meeting of the W. M. S. of the Clyde River Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday evening, July 19th at the home of Mrs. Harry McLean with an attendance of seventeen members and one visitor. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Nicholson after which the president took charge. Theme for meeting was "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord". Call to worship was taken from Isaiah 26th chapter, followed by the singing of psalm no. 127 and prayer by Mrs. Nicholson. Scripture reading was taken from Joshua 24th chapter with each member reading a portion, after which Mrs. James Beer led in prayer. Hymn "God Labour On" was sung, closing the devotional part. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by a verse of scripture. Readings were given by Mrs. John McNevin and Mrs.

OBEY ACTS 2:38

God's Plan of Salvation

NOTICE

The Public will please note that during Old Home Week no parking will be allowed on Fitzroy Street between Weymouth and the Fair Grounds.

There will be one way traffic only—East—on Kensington Road to the Fair Grounds.

Meters have been installed in the business section of the city. Please be reminded that we do not wish to be penalizing operators in this regard, so see that the meter is paid for the time spent there.

A traffic light has been installed at the Junction of Elm Avenue and Euston St. This is a reminder to be on the alert for this light.

We will expect the public to co-operate with us by using every precaution in driving, so that no untoward incident mar the festivities of the OLD HOME WEEK.

C. W. MacARTHUR, Chief Constable.

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