Lithuania Under The Yoke

John J. Jodka

The eyes of the world are turned these days toward Paris. There the representatives of the various countries involved in the war just finished are meeting to decide on the terms and conditions of surrender, reparations and so forth. Many points are being discussed, but it seems as if the forgotten nations are the Baltic States, and in particular Lithuania.

Lithuanians are a proud people with traditions, customs and a spirit which are worlds different from any other country in the universe. The language is the oldest living tongue in existence, being a close relative to Sanskrit. Lithuanians from time immemorial have been endowed with a fervid love for freedom and independence. Such men as Thaddeus Kosciusko who came over from Lithuania to help the cause of freedom in the American Revolution exemplify Lithuania's spirit. This people is now under the mighty crushing weight of a shabby Red Bear and will remain there it seems because we in America do not believe in giving those small nations their just place in the world if it means aggravating Red Russia.

Lithuania was once a great and mighty nation one of the greatest on the whole continent of Europe, but its independence was taken away by its great neighbors, without its consent. It was taken from them in 1918, and it has never been independent ever since to retain this independence. In 1939 it was the first to oppose Germany's demands for world power as they tried in vain to prevent the annexation of its only port on the Baltic.

Klaipeda, better known perhaps as Memel. It was there that Germany first began its surge to power, and gallant Lithuanian resistance was of no avail. In 1940, the Red Army under the pretext of protecting Lithuania took over the rest of Lithuania and the territory Lithuanians fled to the nearest country, Germany, where the poor unfortunate were pressed into slavery at labor camps, but they preferred even this to the tortures and liquidations inflicted by Russia.

In 1941 another uprising by Lithuanians was met by bloody defeat, but in the next, few years they gathered the strength to strike back. In 1944, the Germans attacked Russia and more enough Lithuanians was the battlefield. Three times battle lines were established and Lithuania was horribly ravaged.

When the war closed, the Russians claimed all Lithuanian occupied territories as Soviet czars and has liquidated many of them as being possessed because they worked for the Nazis, notwithstanding the fact that they had been forced into this labor. In 1944, Russians made retaliation on the more active members of the 1941 revolution, torturing and executing the men before the eyes of their women and children. The entire population of 3 parishes was shot. All in all, 40% of the total manpower of Lithuania was expelled and 1 1/3 of all the remaining families have someone displaced either in exile in Siberia or in occupied territories elsewhere refusing to return to Russian-held Lithuania.

These courageous Lithuanians have resisted both Russians and Germans, and in fact would resist anyone and everyone who deter mines to enslave them, but just because Russia was nominally termed America's class ally, they do not make that the Lithuanian cause was one contrary to the principles we hold so dear.

Robert Skinner, former minister to Lithuania, has

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CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP IN EUROPE

By: The Observer

Out of the ruins of war devastated and morally sick Europe, the Catholic Church appears to be emerging as the sole spiritual and political force capable to challenge and defeat the onrushing tide of Communism. This was clearly manifested in the May 5th referendum on the Communist sponsored draft Constitution in France, when the Catholic Popular Republican Movement played such a decisive part in the attainment of democratic victory. This is also the opinion voiced for some time by many European experts well versed in the present post-war life of the Continent.

The French MRP is characteristic of most young Catholic parties in Europe and its analogy can be found in Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and other countries. These movements grew out of the common suffering and struggle in the various Undergrounds during war, where spiritual forces were forged and when Catholics proved to be the single group possessing an ideological vigor equal to that of the Communists. It is a young and militant Catholic who is in many cases a radical socialist and economic program and strongly opposed to direct intervention of the Church in politics. Its desire is to break with the dead past, when so often Catholicism and Religion were accused by enemies of backwardness and reaction, and atheism presented as the essential condition for liberalism and progress. By keeping step with the new revolutionary currents of the day, the spiritual leaders of the French parties everywhere, will prove that in order to be progressive one does not need to yield to the materialistic philosophy of Communism and Marxism.

This is the type of Catholics who form to-day the second strongest political party in France after the Communist Party. They are the only group which the rescue of France from Communist conspiracy depends. The Socialists, so much advertised by the British Labor Government as the chief counterweight to Communism in Europe have a very bad showing of themselves in the referendum and are sharing now the Communist defeat.

The real test for Catholic statesmanship in Europe however will come during the approaching June elections in France and Italy. It would be unwise indeed to consider the recent Communist setback in France as permanent. Communists are still the largest party in the National Assembly and are powerfully entrenched in the Labor Unions and local administration. Only last April during the first post-war Congress of the French Federation of Labor the scored heavily and succeeded in winning two-thirds of all seats in the Executive Committee. A 4 list but not least, Paris is the capital of the Western branch of the Communists with veteran leaders as Thores and Dudos in charge of France is and will continue to be the main target for the Moscow penetration in Western Europe, as without France the Red encirclement of Europe cannot possibly be accomplished.

In Italy Communist appearances now temporarily to be sullier than ever. It indeed is a hard task for them to combine the anti-Italian Moscow party line in the matter of Trieste and Venezia Giulia and still survive. Cunning Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti is the only man who can do it. Nevertheless anti-Communist feelings are on the rise in Italy and neo-Fascist groups appear again on the surface. It is characteristic that according to reports, the circulation of the Italian communist organ UNITA shrank so heavily that it is unable to use its quota of paper allotted for 200,000 copies daily. The difference in the price sold on the black market and paradoxically enough the purchaser is the Monarchist paper ITALIA NUOVA which is allowed paper for 15,000 copies only and prints 200,000. The Italian countypart of the French, CNT, of which Christia Democrates, although the largest party in power have not the vitality of the French Catholics. Still on them chiefly depends what will be the outcome of the approaching plebiscite on the Monarchy and the future political set-up in the country.

Thus the coming months may determine the fate of Europe for many years to come. On the result of the French and Italian elections largely depends whether young Catholic leadership will emerge as the strongest

PATTON and PRAYER

"Blood and Guts" Patton has gone down in history as one of the greatest generals of World War II. He was the general most respected and feared by the German command. Patton was very much a soldier, with a soldier's job to do. But he was well aware that even the mighty war machine that was the U.S. Army had to have God on its side if it was to win the war.

Patton was one of the very few generals who ever complained, "I don't think our men are praying enough!" The general, who was known for his realistic language, took a very realistic view of life. He was convinced that men and tanks and planes and ship alone can't win a war. There are crises in the tide of battle as well as in the life of every man, when the breaks must come from God. He echoed that old axiom of the saints: "Work as though all depended on yourself and pray as if all depended on God!"

It was during the crucial Battle of the Bulge in the dark days of December, 1944, that General Patton ordered his chief chaplain, Father O'Neill, to write a prayer asking that the rains cease. He had the prayer printed and distributed to every one of his men. The rains and snow and our Air Force went to work. The German drive was crushed. Patton knew that he had God on his side.

This fire-eating soldier was just as outspoken to his chaplains as to anyone else and he thought of going to sidestep duty. He wanted his chaplains up front where men were dying and needed help. By the example of their lives they were to inspire the men with the courage that comes from a deep faith and trust in Almighty God. It was his chief chaplain, Father O'Neill, he called for when he himself was dying from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

This man who had such a realistic view of life, had a more realistic idea of prayer than most of us. For him it wasn't simply, "Gimme!"

"Some years ago when General Patton was one of the Army's best polo players, his wife happened to see him praying before the game. "Are you praying to win, George?" she asked. "No", he replied, "I'm praying that I do my best."

For Patton, prayer was part of the courage, strength, and greatness.

PORTRAIT OF MARY

A Virgin in body and soul, Humble of heart, Brave in her speech, Prudent in her counsels, Diligent at work, Reserved in her discourse, Assiduous at reading, And at prayer.

She prevailed:

In Faith, in purity, In piety, in silence.

She had for principles:

To seek God alone, To give pain to none, To live in solitude, To do good to all, To honor the aged, Not to envy her equals, To fly vainglory, To love virtue, To follow right reason in all things. She was modest:

In her gait, in her manner, In her conversations, In her looks, In her Premier De Grace and Christia. She was wholly devoted to God. Imitate her that she may love you.

St. Ambrose
**HOLY NAME NEWS**

**ST. GEORGE’S (Bridgeport)**

**SPECIAL MOTHERS’ DAY PROGRAM**

On Mothers Day, May 12th, 1946 the St. George’s Holy Name Society had largest celebration of its kind since its organization. By SPECIAL REQUEST, members received HOLY COMMUNION on this day in honor and for the intention of MOTHERS. WIVES and FAMILY MEMBERS also attended the 10:00 o’clock Mass and received Holy Communion together with the Holy Name Men.

Members, their Mothers, Wives and Families assembled in the school hall at 9:30 A. M. at which time a suitable Identification was distributed. All then proceeded in body to the church where Special Mothers Day Services were celebrated.

After Holy Mass, all returned to the school hall for a special breakfast prepared by the Original Aunt Jemima, in person. The menu consisted of the famous Aunt Jemima’s pancakes with the “Old South Flavor”, syrup, sausages, cake, coffee and milk. Appropriate music was played during the breakfast. The main address was delivered by our Spiritual Director and Acting Pastor, Father Fr. Lukousis. Since there was no regular business meeting scheduled on this day, each member was free to leave with his family soon after the main address.

**APRIL 27th SPRING FROLIC AND DANCE**

A COMPLETE SUCCESS—

According to the attendance, more people attended this dance than any other affair held in St. George’s Ballroom. The people enjoyed themselves more than before. Many comments were received on the performance of Bob Phillips and his fine orchestra, together with Dick Singer, vocalist. The officers and committee chairman wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped make this affair the success it was.

The winners of the table model radios offered as door prizes, were John Kaza, 944 West 35th Place, and William Bechschek, 725 So. Richmond, their credit should be given to the Melody Radio Sales and Services at 3130 S. Halsted, who were instrumental in securing not only these two radios but also the console model radio for the club room.

Through the courtesy of Stanley Mažėkis, Sr. H. N is now proud owner of a most needed record player which automatically changes the records and amplifies the recordings.

Thirteen men turned out for their first practice game at Mac White Park on Sunday, May 5th. Eugepere Park on Sunday, May 5th, Staklis hit a home run during the latter part of the game. Besides George, Al Viščius, Norbert Kantowiez, Edmund Matlow, Vincent Grubesky, Gene Bakiš, Vito Vičota, Paul Sulkowicz, Toney Vish, Frank Naugjūnas, Jr., Al Bagdonas, Sr., Grubesky and Robert Vish had an opportunity to do some fancy hitting, base running and fielding...

Please make your reservation for this Annual Retreat with Harry Sabin, your vice-president and Retreat Chairman… Time spent at Mayisle will be most profitable and unforgettable...

**Andrew Brožūnas**, H. N. secretary took ill suddenly of an attack of bronchial pneumonia. We’re ‘piggin’ for you Andy and wish you the best of health… Sick and Vigil Chairman, Al Budritz is still at the Soldiers Home in Danville, Illinois. He certainly will appreciate any mail from the members, so please write to him soon.

**COMING EVENTS**

**FIRST PARISH PICNIC, MAY 19th, 1946 - VYTAUDAS GROVE.**

**BIG PARISH CARNIVAL** May 22nd to June 2nd inclusive at parish grounds and hall.

**SPECIAL ST. GEORGE’S HOLY NAME SOCIETY PICNIC** June 2nd, Royal Oaks Grove for H. N. Name members and their families only - games, softball, races, dancing, liquid refreshments, sandwiches, ice cream, prizes.

**ANNUAL RETREAT,** June 7th, 8th, and 9th at Mayisle, Hinsdale, Illinois.

"All present and ready to go!" shout mental marvels from Immaculate Conception school as they ready themselves for brain battle at Saturday’s TIMES-WLS Quiz-Down. Ready to match wits with student team from St. James school are (front row, l. to r.) Sylvia Valentas, Virginia Bycynski, Diane Kruhbas, Raymond Mielkus, Christine Kruhbas, Sylvia Montville, (rear row) John Armon, Kenneth Karr and Anna Buchunas.

**WE’LL BE LISTENING**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PICKS QUIZ TEAM**

**CHICAGO**— Several children of Immaculate Conception parish school (Brighton Park) will face the battle of a lifetime Saturday morning. No - not with fists, spars or pistols. They’ll send their crack quiz team to bombard a rival team in a quiz contest over the air waves.

Matching wits with the St. James brain brigade tomorrow, Saturday, on the TIMES - WLS RADIO QUIZ-DOWN will be Virginia Bycynski, 10, Anna Buchunas, 10, and alternate Diane Kruhbas, 10, fifth-graders, and Christine Kruhbas, 11; Raymond Mielkus, 12, and alternate Sylvia Montville, 11, sixth-graders of Immaculate Conception parish school, 44th and Fairfield Ave.

Teachers are Sisters Mary Emerita, Mary Francetta and Mary Eulalia of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

**My Father’s Will**

by the Rev. Francis J. McGarrigle

W ith the words of St. Paul, “This is the Will of God, your sanctification,” Father McGarrigle shows that this call has gone out to all men, regardless of their vocation, or their station in life. Sanctity, then, is not a state of perfection aspired to by a chosen few: it is rather the definite obligation of each member of the human race.

How is man to achieve this goal? By bringing his every thought and action freely and consciously into harmony with God’s Will. From so doing, he reaps the fullest measure of happiness in this life and even hereafter. “For God’s Will is supremely the soul’s own flawless perfection and the soul’s satisfactions, and all its riches.”

By conforming his will to the Divine Will in all things, man becomes a saint and (Continued on page 4)
LITHUANIAN DAILY FRI
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Friday, May 17, 1946
HOMESPA Views
Lithuanian University Club
by Donna Kaminskas
"Happiness is a wayside
growth, wherever
you give it a chance to
root".
In these days of turmoil
in our country and around the
world, of worry and fear,
as we wonder about the
future, about the fate of
our loved ones and of
everyone we know, we are
very apt to forget just how
HAPPINESS.
In these days of strife, have you
observed a truly happy
person? In the stillness of the
early hours, at the break of
dawn, on the shores of a
delightful flowing river, as a
grey-haired, aged man smiles
as he puffs on his pipe,
watching the flooting cark
for a bite, as he just fishes
on.
A soft-spoken, tear-eyed grandmother
nods away contentedly
while she hates her golden-
bronzed baby shoes of her
first grandchild who has
returned from war safe, a full
grown man.
A blond boy of nine
whistles, as he whittles a
ship, an accomplishment of
his, while a dream that is
sailing on an
imaginable, wide open, deep sea
fascinates him.
A young missionary,
as rich as the proverbial church
mouse, whose only wealth
is his Faith, youth, health and
education, while attending
an opera and chucks so
wholeheartedly that his
laughter infects those about
him.
A mother who has just
tucked away for the night
her only child, with a caring
and "God bless you, and the
angels watch over you". She
hums "My Blue Heaven"
to the tune of the radio, as
she picks up and puts away
for the day the strewn
marbles, pipes and toy
soldiers that are part of her
life too.
Happiness is not measured
in the tangible things, cares
and worries that are the small
things about us that make
up the big things in life.
It's the grand mind, the
soul, contentment that
comes from within.
In all of his profun
tive source of sanctification
tohimself.
Forcibly the author
shows how conformity to
God's Will brings with it
security, freedom from fear
and anxiety, and a peace that
is not of this world.
All striving to be
spurious that
not according to the Divine
Will, is doomed to failure.
In addition to his own
profound insight into matters
spiritual, Father McGarrigle
has quoted many of the
choicest thoughts of spiri
tual writers and mystics
whereby the Church has
resulted from the
centuries.
The important task
which we have to
all the written things, and
which forms the name of
"My Father's Will", is that
man can have sanctity only if
he wills it, and if he conforms
to this wish of the Will
of God.
An important contribution to
aesethetics, gives a thorough
understanding of the working
of God's Will in human affairs,
and lights up the one,
unfalling path to
Sanctity. A challenging and
perfecting thing.
"My Father's Will" bears a message
of supreme significance for
everyone, for above all else
man should labor to become
a saint.

Lithuanian University Club

Ah, 'tis spring! The success of our play and concert
on March 31st, the growth of our club at each monthly
meeting, and this weather are playing havoc with our spi-
rits—they rise higher and higher! We feel so good
about everything that we want more of it! We feel
this way too, so here we go, embarking on another
plan for a good time for everyone.
Keep the date of May 26th, a Sunday, in mind, won't
you please? It's the last
Sunday in May and probab-
ly will be the day for a
spring dance given by the
Lithuanian University Club.
Time, place, and price will be
announced by the week—
just mark the date in your
little black book now and
fill in the details later!
Gene Miskoaitis and Laci-
ete Vasatka, of Roosevelt
College and Munde,ein, res-
pective, are the two news-
est members of L.U.C. The
girls were sworn in at last
Sunday's meeting and
already are filled with
dread at the thought of
the tough initiation ceremony
coming up for them in June.

The L. U. C. has been able
to contact some fellow stu-
dents in Paris and is quite
happy to be able to corres-
dpond with a number of Lith-
uanian refugee youths there.
We have the addresses of
several members of a Lith-
uanian student group in France
and will be glad to share
them with anyone who is
interested in contacting the
young Liths. One of our
members, Paul Bultinis, who
is just we are back from
the Army, was over-
joyed to find some of his
childhood friends' names
in our list. Paul and Aibinas
Reneckis, another joyful re-
centees, were very much
happy to be in touch with
their old friends while we
make friend for friendship.
Last Sunday's meeting
was even better than usual
because it found five of our
ex-service men back with us.
Paul Laven, Stan Kaneco-
wick, Paul Bultinis, and Aibinas Rene-
ckis stepped into their civies
just the minute and back for the
club. Thanks for coming 'home' to us, too,
boys!
We are getting bigger and
better and stronger with each meeting. The "pre-
conversion" period which
started with the January
meeting already has paid
wonderful dividends.
We're hoping that even more past or present college
students will accept our
opportunities to be
in Europe and also in having
a pretty nice time ourselves
right here. Come down
to the dance on the 26th to get
acquainted, and we're sure
you'll want to come to our
May and June meetings
after that. We'd love to have
you!

FROM OUR MAIL BOX
DEAR SIRS:
Just a line from a fellow Catholic to express my
desires for Lithuania and her people. However
I am sure that such a great Catholic country
willcliffe Russia and her godless leaders. I can not
understand how our government can stand by and watch
Russia murder Catholics in Lithuania without raising
a protest. The same goes for Poland and all the other
countries Slain and his
have "liberated".
"Until the world listens
to the Catholic Church and
her teachings, there will al-
ways be war, I was born a
Protestant and raised a
friend, but at the age of
seventeen, I became a Catho-
lic. That was about three years
ago and I have never been more
nervy that I did it. I am sorry
to say that my family is
composed of Ma-
son's, and they don't
understand why I
should bother about Catho-
lics of other races and coun-
tries. They think that all
Catholics are brothers in
the mystical body. I am
German and English, but I
would gladly give my life for
a Jewish Catholic or a Negro Catholic.
"When it is time I brought
this letter to an end. I only
wished you to know that I
Catholic country, regardless of race, are
praying for Lithuania".
Yours very truly,
C. R.
Dallas, Texas

Ladies, You'll Get
7 Pairs of Nylons!
Total production of nylon stockings this year will be
at the rate of nine pairs
per woman, according to the
National Assn. of Hosier-
Manufacturers.
A normal prewar supply of
women's hosiery will not be
available to the market
or to consumers during 1945
even after steady production
of nylons has been estab-
lished, the association says.