Today's Greatest Evil, Says Padre Pio, Famous Stigmatic

WASHINGTON — (NC) — During this first peace-time Easteride, the thoughts of thousands of former soldiers the nation over traveled back to a little mountain monastery nestled in the “apart of the boot” of Italy, where lives a humble and saintly Capuchin Friar, Padre Pio, in the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo near the great number towns of Foggia. The interest in Father Pio was so widespread among U. S. troops that William M. Carrigan, Red Cross field representative with the Army in Italy, established regular connections to the monastery, affording GI’s an opportunity to meet and talk with the saintly priest., especially his volume, “The Father of Pio’s sufferings are intense, especially during the consecration, Elevation and Communion.

In the Confessional

The Father Pio has been examined by a number of eminent doctors. The Capuchin community once sent a noted Roman physician, Dr. Gior- gio Festa, to the monastery to examine and observe the saintly priest. The doctor, now dead, wrote a scientific study of the friars’ life, the second edition of which appeared in 1938.

The only one volume, a copy of which is in the library at the Catholic University of the Holy Cross, considered the only authentic work ever published on Padre Pio. Dr. Carrigan, then an alumnus of the university, said that plans are being made to have the translated into English. One doctor, a non-believer, who really looked something upon themselves by choosing this form of rendition especially considering the short time they had in preparing for this concert. However, all Mr. Simultis, Jr. should be congratulated for the wonderful results. With practice, time and patience, the chorus could really go places.

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Confucius Say OK

Rickshaw made in Detroit — streamlined and spry — may soon be making life smoother in China. Syndicate of Chinese manufacturers is actually ordering several million of the fancy man-drawn taxis.

The springs are removed from our wartime LVT’s as the manufacturer says.

PADRE PIO stagmatic Capuchin monk in Italy whose hnd, foot and side bear imprints resembling those of the crucified Christ, gives his blessing to several of the many visitors who come to the monastery for Holy Communion.

K. of L. CHOIR CONCERT THRILLS AUDIENCE

Premiere performance of newly reorganized K. of L. District chorus renders musical program “a capella” and presents 3-Act musical comedy — Will travel to Milwaukee

Last Sunday evening at Darius-Grensus Post auditorium, 44th and Western Ave., the newly reorganized K. of L. Chicago District Chorus came through in great form with their May Festival. The chorus presented the large audience with a treat, rare among Lithuanian circles — a capella singing (without piano accompaniment). The other portion of the program consisted of a 2-Act Comedy “Melis Elkinas” (The Love Potion)

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ELECTIONS IN POLAND
By: The Observer

It is quite probable that under the pressure of requests attached to the recent American loan for Poland the Warsaw communist regime may agree to hold this fall "free and unfettered" elections. Can this measure however, to which so many people in America attach primary importance, have any bearing on the situation in Poland? To this we would be the greatest mistake.

Already in one country under Soviet rule, in Hungary, elections were held. Although they proved a considerable majority of anti-communist elements, nothing has changed in the nation's life ever since. Now as before, the Red Army and the Communist Security Police remain the chief rulers of the country and the sole repository of power.

This would be still more true in Poland. Impartial American observers declare that not more than 5% of the whole population is behind the present Warsaw puppet regime. To Catholic Poles, Communism is a distasteful for them creed symbolizing domination. Unlike in many European countries, the communists never had any real foothold in the Polish Underground, so that the whole Red network and government machine had to be imported to Poland from Moscow. The true behind-the-scene present rulers of Poland, the Polish Politbureau men - Berman, Mine, Zambrowski and Gomulka, are all, with the exception of Gomulka, Soviet proponents. The Polish communists behind the Soviet troopa, Soviet Poland's so called President, Mr. Bierut and Premier Osbuka-Morawski.

The real mood of the people was recently best documented during the student riots in ancient Cracow, when a sudden outburst of public discontent could only be silenced with police bullets. Reliable Catholic sources with first hand information believe, that the Warsaw puppet regime prolongs on purpose the Red Army's stay in Poland as the only way to preserve itself in power. Thus it seems, that if elections, even if really free, could at best determine who is stronger in Poland now, the people or the Soviet controlled Security Police.

And indeed the Security Police are very active in Poland to day. Under the command of a veteran Communist, Radkiewicz, they are everywhere present, apaying on people's heads in the form of torture and arresting people day and night. The usual pretext is an alleged connection with the war-time Home Army, whose members after five years of struggle against the Nazis, are being hunted to-day like animals and live hiding in the woods. They are all to be eliminated. There is now the following of the only independent political party in Poand, the Peasant Party. Murders and mass arrests of its leaders indicate that pre-election "processing" is already in full swing. The Peasant Party definitely opposes the Government suggested merger into one single election bloc with the communists. For this opposition they pay a heavy price.

The recent Pastoral Letter of the Polish Bishops was a striking expression of the whole nation's serious worry. It is reported that the Polish bishops are cut off from the Vatican and that apparently Cardinal Sapie'a had the chance to learn the text of the latest Encyclicals and other Holy Father's pronouncements only while in Rome. The Pastoral Letter took a few months to reach the outside, and the Warsaw communists boast in its freedom of religion in Poland, there is no religious tuition in schools and even in churches a secret agent is always present to record every word of the sermon. Nevertheless, among the people, immensely strong and churches are overcrowded.

Economic conditions in Poland are appalling and starvation is rampant. Mr. Herbert Hoover declared it the most tragic of all Europe. Infant mortality at birth is 50% and those who survive are undernourished and threatened with disease. It is believed, that the communist purposely keep Poland in a state of economic chaos, so that her standard of living should not rise above the Soviet level.

Elections under these conditions can bring no change. They can only divulge all opposing elements for a still

more thorough extermination. Complete removal of Soviet troops and of the whole Communist government and police machines is the only solution. Anything else would be a dangerous delusion of world opinion.

I'm Proud Of My Dirty Hands!

"Monday morning. Here I go, off to work again at the store. Same old grind. There goes Ed with his dinner pail heading for the factory. Same old drudgery for him. Yonder I can see Bill, trudging out to the field again behind his old horse. Work, work, work till life for most of us. You'd think God could have put a little joy in life instead of this constant slavery away."

You're exaggerating a little, aren't you? Most of us don't spend more than eight to eleven hours a day at our job, do we? And that leaves us at least half of the twenty-four hours to do as we please. This earth isn't a paradise any more, and God's words to Adam, after his sin, still stand. "If of thy bow thou shalt eat thy bread", have come true, as God words always do. But even in the garden of Eden there was work. "God took man and put him into the paradise of pleasure to dress it and to keep it." And since Adam and Eve were as helpless as children before the Fall, that can only mean that work in itself is good.

Actually, we know the same thing quite apart from the Bible, for our own reason tells us so. Work sharpens our wits, toughens our muscles, and give us skill in using our minds and our energy. Now, if work can develop us in that way, work lets us prolong and share in the way of creation. To work is to live.

Wife and Hubby Surprised - Both Converts

LONDON - George Glagow, British writer on diplomacy and finance, opening a series of lectures by noted converts on "Why I Became A Catholic," said that when he went home to tell his wife he had decided to become a Catholic he expected her to be shocked. Instead, it was I who was surprised, he related. For Mrs. Glagow, the daughter of a former Protestant bishop, said: "So have I." Unknown to each other they had both been studying Catholicism. They were introduced into the Church by Fr. C. C. Martindale, B. J., writer and lecturer.

If you are inclined to look on work as a curse, take a look at Nazareth, where God worked away at a carpenter's bench for thirty years and more. Yet he didn't have to. No work is not degrading nor was it meant to be a constant grind and drudgery. It was meant to be hard, yes, but still a privilege and joy which work can be. It should be. So, be proud of your dirty hands - for to work is to LIVE.
MARQUETTE PK., K. OF L. TO HONOR
Ex-GL's

It's "On the House" this Saturday night, May 25, at the Stevens Hotel, for members of the Knights of Lithuania Council No. 37 who have returned from Service.

Four years ago when this large and powerful Council was notified of Rev. F. B. V. M. Church, 68th and Walnut was down to its last 20 members (mostly female) a resolution was adopted to show a welcome home party for memb.

ers who rejoined the organization when discharged from the Service. Al "Back from the Service to Serve You" Grebliunas and Miss Angela Vinamakics were on the Committee to see that all goes smoothly and a "super" time had by all.

Invitations have already been sent to the following servicemen: John C. Yanz, Stanley Sukla, Polix Muskirkas, Al Kress, Ray Kalin, John Shinkus, Herman Pudge, Edward Polcus, Bruno Dombraukas, Clem Balto, Al J. Lebers, Dan Lamarsagas, John Rapius, Jack Jucokauskas, Raymond Petkus, Charles Rumsas, John Sapko, Stanley Tamkus, Stanley Valiauskas, Earl Rubas, Chet Aucunas, Stanley Balztekas, Michael Brennan, Al Rogers, and Dick Michales.

Further information can be obtained by calling Al Grebliunas, Prospect 5861.

Confessions of a Book-Worm

"THIS NIGHT CALLED DAY"

In Best-Seller List

Review by Lucy Valatska

While reviewers continue to argue over BRIDESHEAD REVISTED — trying to decide whether it is a great Catholic novel, a great novel or just another story that will fade away — "Call the War Home" by Padre Pio has crept into the Catholic best-seller list, all but unnoticed. It is Father Edward's (Remember White Fire and Thy People, My People?) latest novel, THIS NIGHT CALLED DAY.

"Happiness didn't teach me anything, Padre; love didn't either. It was loss that hit me between the eyes".

Many months before this admission, the Padre had wondered at the happiness of successful, self-sufficient Dr. Gayle Wade and his wife, Marilyn, who together with their little son, lived next door to the invalid priest. As evergreen happiness must end, so it was true for the end that death reached this one for Gayle. In despair, he planned suicide, but the sudden appearance of a monkette, Marilyn's special acient startled him into hope again. Gayle's struggle for resignation, happiness, and love (to tell more would spoil your enjoyment) carries the story to a suspense — laden finish.

Although God usually works more subtly than by allowing mignonette perfume from nowhere, the purpose of the book is forcefully accomplished — to show that submission to God's will is necessary for lasting happiness — and accomplished with the appeal of a good story well told.
IN AND AROUND

K of L CIRCLES

FIRST MEETING IN NEW K. OF L. CENTER

Although transfer of title proceedings is still in the process of completion, the Center has not been officially opened, it can be said that actually the first meeting of a K. of L. group took place Monday, May 12th in their own K. of L. Youth Center located at 2451 West 47th St.

The newly appointed K. of L. Youth Center Building Committee consisting of approximately 30 members met for the first time in an impromptu session. Upon completion of business matters the group inspected the premises, expressing joy and complete satisfaction. Later a little impromptu "house warming" spontaneously materialized. All departed, fully determined to carry on for continued success of the new center...

Due to the necessity of a centrally located meeting place, the next official meeting of the K. of L. Chicago District organization will also be held at the new K. of L. Youth Center, Thursday evening, June 6th. The general K. of L. Day committee will also hold its next session at the center on Monday evening, May 27th. This committee held a well attended and enthusiastic session last Monday evening in preparation for the annual K. of L. Day at Vytautas Park on July 4th.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE

At the last District meeting held in Cicero, May 5th, it was decided to urge all councils to examine their membership records and proceed in nominating members eligible for 1st and 2nd degree classes. The 1st and 2nd degree are conferred by individual councils. Jack Jouzaitis, Supreme Ritual Committee member, reported that a ritual team is being organized whose services will be available to every council whenever and wherever necessary. The 3rd degree is conferred by authority of the District.

Councils are urged to submit their lists of 3rd degree candidates to the District Ritual committee. Plans are underway to confer the 3rd degree in an auspicious ceremony late in September and at the new K. of L. Youth Center.

K. OF L. DAY COMMITTEE SESSION

With the acquisition of their own K. of L. Youth Center, members now feel a deep sense of responsibility and are determined to do everything possible to assure the financial success of this center. Proceeds of this year's K. of L. Day will go for the benefit of the new center. The next meeting of this committee will be held Monday evening, May 27th, 8 p.m., at the new K. of L. Youth Center, 2451 W. 47th St. All committee members are urged to be present.

BURN DYNAMITE TO SAVE MONEY

Twenty thousand of 1.100,000 pounds of TNT to be destroyed, goes up in smoke at the Standby, Kan., Ordnance Plant. According to officials it will only cost $6,600 to burn the explosive where $300,000 would be required to store it safely.

(Torch-Draguska Telephoto)

THIRD AND THAT FROM THE

Lithuanian University Club

--- We've done it before and we're going to do it again! Come on all, let's dance! The L. U. C. Spring Dance is here once again — this Sunday, May 36th, at 7:30 P. M., Marquette Hall, 6908 So. Western Avenue!

You're all invited, and we're sure you'll have a good time there! You can't miss it — your friends will be there. Rymankas orchestra will give in what the "heavenly" strains, refreshments will be plentiful, and the tickets are priced at only 75c!

The club is knee deep in other activities also. On June 2nd the Lithuanian University Club will participate in the first Lithuanian program to be presented at the University of Chicago International House since 1932. Biriares chorus will sing, the much loved "Atel- tinctity" Chorus, will dance, and Helen Stawews and Christine Miller of the LUC will offer vocal solos as General Gleitmanis. The purpose of the affair is to acquaint U. of C. students with Lithuanian culture and at the same time to collect much needed text books for Lithuanian refugee students in Europe. The admission price is only one book! All are asked to attend and help the club in preserving their rich cultural heritage. The time is 4:30 P. M.; the address is 1414 East 58th Street.

Last Sunday's meeting saw two more new members sworn in: Avelars Kalnitis, a sophomore, and Joe Krivinsky of the Institute of Design.

See you May 26th and June 2nd and...

I. C. M.

cert. Everybody seemed to have a good time, because hardly anyone hurried in getting home. Incidentally, already the K. of L. Chorus is going places! On Sunday, May 26th, the Chorus will travel to Milwaukee, Wis., where they will be guests and will perform for parishes of St. Gabriel's parish and its popular and congenial pastor — a real booster of Lithuanian youth and culture — Rev. P. Cialkas, M. J. C.

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CONCERT FOR SUNDAY! 

Begins to do so, they may get busy next time.

As for the "Love Potion" it succeeded in putting some spell on the audience. It's an entertaining work and the group contain ed such good talent. Unfortunately, perhaps, because of the inadequate staging or otherwise, several of the characters could not be heard beyond the first few front rows, and for many it may have caused some brain racking in trying to supplement what they could not themselves make out. Mr. Rekas and Mr. Labedinskas performed exceptionally well.

One other factor affecting the Festival deserves special praise — it began just about on time and did not drag out too far into the evening. Several exasperating elements, unfortunately, caused a nick in the smooth course of the evening. There was too much marching back and forth, in and out backstage during the play and, during the musical part of the program, and the joke-box accompaniment coming up from the lower part of the premises during the program, surely did not blend with the goings on upstairs.

The K. of L. Chorus, its able director Mr. L. Simutis, Jr. and the Festival Committee of Casimir Boguslawvas (chairman), Ernie Sutkun, Francis Urzauskas, Ruth Simutis, Kazlauskas, Carol Masiliunas and Ray Masiliunas deserve a bouquet of orchids for a good job well done. A little more inspiration and perseverance, should help the chorus climb higher up the ladder. A dance followed the con-

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