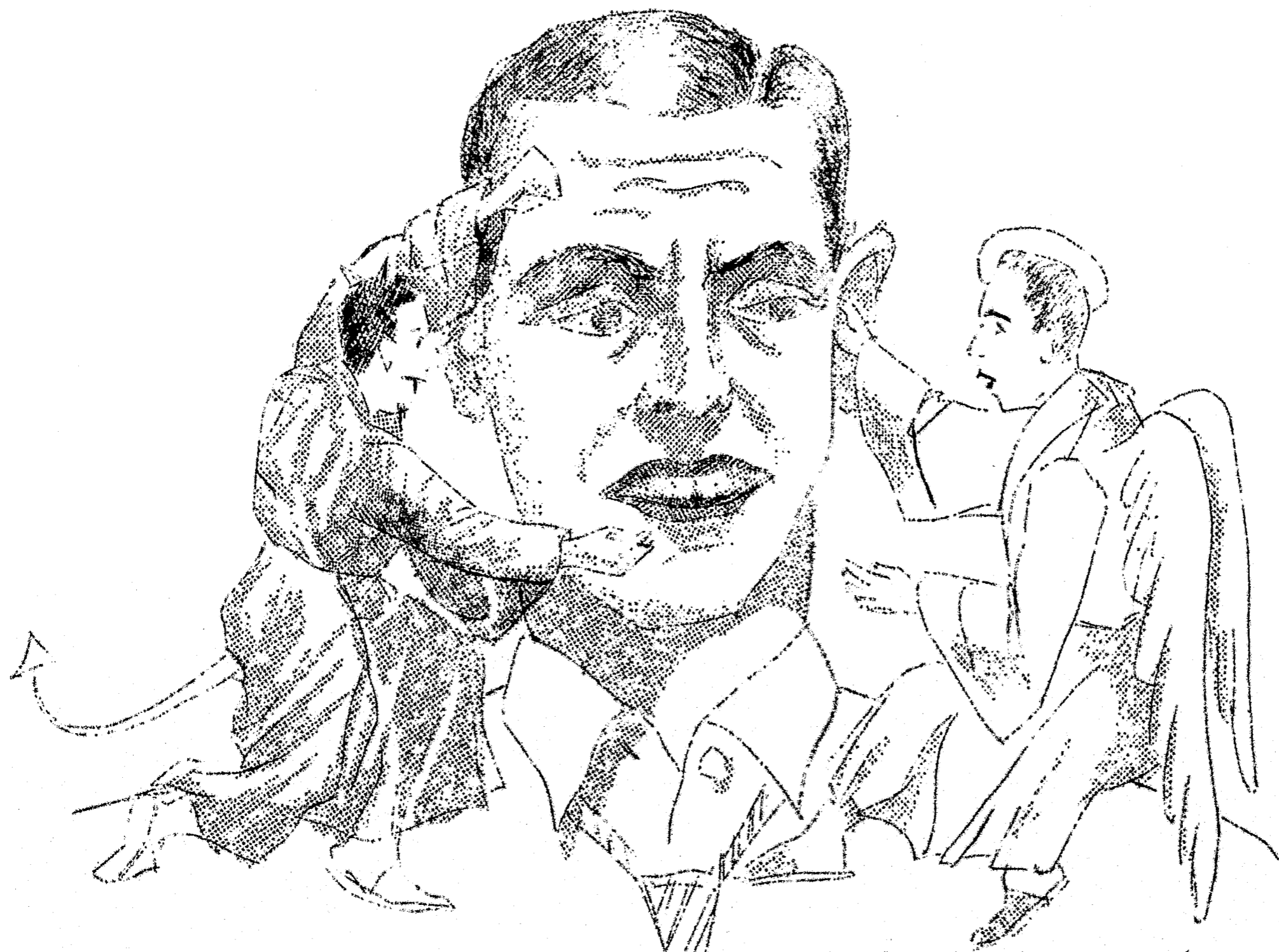


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The Two Conspiracies.



You are the object of two conspiracies. Both conspiracies have agents working away within the citadel of your own Self. These agents are at war: grace vs evil propensities; passions vs reason and will; spirit vs flesh; the law of your members fighting against the law of your mind.

Outside agents, too, are deployed in the battle. Your mother, a particular nun or inspiring teacher, your confessor, certain ideal friends, this university, the Mass, Holy Communion, prayer, mortification--they are the outside agents joined together with the good agents working inside. They have a glorious leader who is Christ. Together under Him, they make up the large conspiracy to save your soul. These agents plead, they scheme, they prod, encourage, advise you. Mysteriously, One of them strengthens you. But your ultimate decision and loyalty all of them together cannot coerce.

Another conspiracy works also from the outside: you saw it in your early years in an evil person, perhaps, urging you to taste this prohibited pleasure, just once for "experience"; as you look back you see this conspiracy working through evil shows and movies, through salacious magazines and pictures, through the peddlers of suggestive stories. All these who would have you shorten your efforts to keep your mind clean, to strengthen your will, to cooperate with grace and with benign influences are joined to inimical agents within the citadel of your Self--with passions, with flesh, with curiosity, with the desire for ease--to bring about the damnation of your soul. The agents of this second conspiracy have a leader. He is Lucifer, forsworn enemy of Christ and of your salvation.

As the object of these two conspiracies you possess an awful power: you can say 'yes' to either side. You do say 'yes' in every thought word and action. Watch which conspiracy you are 'yes-ing'!

PRAYERS: (deceased) anniversary of death of father of John (St.Eds.) and Rev. Joseph ('26) and Francis ('34) Toomey; friend of C.F. (Bad.) and Philip (Cav.) McCanna.