

How to be a Dunce.

After comparing the "German Faith" Christmas Song and "The Internationale" with "Silent Night", and hearing Monsignor Fulton Sheen, let's do a little hard thinking. Don't you think he has the makings of a first class dunce who is still satisfied with himself; he who intends to do nothing about it at all except leaving his "flat vestigial feet" parked on the bed, merely yawns, reaches for "Quagmire" or "Hooey Confessions" and remarks blithely:

"My, my, they're still trying to ram religion down our throats. That's propaganda. Communists and Fascists may use propaganda, may use any means; novels, magazines, newspapers, bulletins, drama, radio--anything. Democrats and Republicans may use propaganda; but the Catholic Church, and especially a Catholic university which exists primarily to inculcate the grand old Faith, must never use propaganda." (By the way, what is propaganda, and what's wrong with it, if it is true and beneficial?)

Don't Play with Matches.

For example, some (even though generally well-intentioned) thought the community drive of South Bend and Notre Dame against lewd literature was a bit goofy. They thought that a few women, priests and students were going "Carrie Nation", using pencils and pledge cards instead of hatchets, with no sense of direction.

But does it take the brains of a potato to see that lewd literature, lewd radio programs and lewd movies, are the greatest factory (with never a sit-down strike) of the present immorality? Is there a hook-up with Communism, consciously or unconsciously?

You're Being Sold.

You might take into your "sessions", and munch on, these quotations by Frederick Collins in Liberty of November 27th, ult: (wonder how they got in there?)

"It is the ptomaine of Communism which has contaminated the blood stream of youth."

He admits that Communism, (which is only atheism and materialism thoroughly and logically applied in a political philosophy)

"as a political factor in America is still negligible, but as a destroyer of religion, ethics, idealism and beauty, it is already Gargantuan....If there has been a wholesale break-down of civilized conventions in sexual conduct among American youth, the major responsibility can be laid squarely on the red doorstep of Communism."

Is This Propaganda?

Sure, the poor Communist shouts brotherhood of man (and many of them, sincere but deluded, work a lot harder for it and at it than we do), but denying God and Christ, the Communist's brotherhood exists only to make the way easier to the grave, the end of their all; whereas the brotherhood of Christianity--the Mystical Body of Christ--is based on the fact, not fancy, that we, when in the state of grace, are participants in the Divine Nature and are brothers because we're brothers of Christ and Sons of God, (no mere pretty phrases, those) and for us the grave is not the end but just the beginning of our real life. You are Sons of God. Don't ever forget that.
PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Bill Woods (Cav); Theresa M. Holtman; grandfather and cousin of George O'Neil (Dil). Ill, aunt of B. O'Toole (Dil); (appendectomy) Jane Pryor; Father Murray's father; friend of Edward Snell (Car). Eight special ints.