

If you can't give two-
bits, give a dime. So
far 1.75 for Boys Town.

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Father Lynch visits his
friends in Old Infirm.
tonite at night prayer.

A Kick In The Seat.

In last Monday's Chicago Trib, artist Orr drew a clever cartoon which he called: "The First Step Toward Solving Most Of The World's Troubles." He pictured the nations of the world booting Communism unceremoniously off the face of the earth.

Now there's no doubt, much of the post-war distress everywhere may be laid justly to the feverish activity of Communists. The dictatorships, for example, of Mussolini and Hitler, with all the loss of liberty and life they imply, are reactions to Communism-- effects of Communism, not its cause.

Plainly Communism is an evil. Communists lie. They talk peace in New York and wage war in China and Spain; they settle one labor problem after another in the Daily Worker and foment strikes in the unions and factories; to democratically-minded Americans they keep singing Jeffersonian phrases and in Russia tyrannize millions; to Catholics they throw out the hand of sweet friendship and desecrate nuns, butcher priests. These are terrible facts.

But here is another terrible fact. Just as Fascism and Naziism, at least in part, are reactions to Communism, so in its turn Communism is, at least in part, itself a reaction. And to what? No Christian wants to admit it.

But here is the way to put it. Until Christians stop usurping the name of their Master and instead really follow His teachings in everyday life; until Catholics stop merely quoting the papal encyclicals but stick to their spirit, cost what it may, there's going to be, if not Communism, at least some protesting reaction. The destruction of Communism, even by force, will not remedy things: Christians must decide to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His Justice" and trust their material welfare to the designs of His Providence. "And all these things shall be added to you."

Surely you see why the Bulletin constantly urges you to begin, once for all, living Christ's way-- not for self, but for Others. Social justice and charity, not as pregnant phrases and empty realities, but as Christian principles lived out full-length seven days of the week are "The First Step Toward Solving Most Of The World's Troubles." Added to these, generous indulgence in prayer and frequent, devout reception of the sacraments, will erase the causes, the "need" and the evil of Communism.

Don't be too anxious to take a kick at the seat of things. Someone may kick you first. Rather get at the roots of things. So far as you are concerned, these roots are primarily yourselves, then all the others your good example can influence. Even now, with the help of Christ's grace, it is not too late to lasso Young Communists into the C.Y. C. Put off living for Others and it may be too late.

While you're in college get proficient in Catholic Action. Bad temper directed against the Communists will do no good. Nor will force. You must simply make up your mind to be different, go through a personalist revolution, settle the civil war in yourself. A Notre Dame junior writes it this way:

I will tear down the illogical barrier between the professional or business world and religion: I will live one life instead of trying to live two. I will learn my Faith well in order to defend it, after college days, before my worldly associates: they think Catholic Faith bizarre, I need courage, the dynamic spiritual fulness of frequent Holy Communion.

That kind of resolution will make you not shysters, quacks, hard-driving employers, cut-throat politicians, but respectable, God-fearing, man-loving lawyers, doctors, merchants, and statesmen, a credit to God and the nation, Notre Dame and yourselves.

Mass for mother of Bill
Murray, Dillon, Thurs.,
7:20 a.m. Request Jersey
Club.

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Prefect of Religion
makes visit to Fresh-
man, tonite at 7:30.

(Campus Supplement)
Notice.

Requests for prayers have been piling up so fast, the Bulletin has not had space enough in its regular edition.

Here's trying to catch up:

PRAYERS: (deceased) anniversary of death of father of Jack Hogan (Brownson); brother of Brother Benjamin, C.S.C.; friend of Bill Kerwin (Sorin); Mrs. Mellie F. Nelson; uncle of Tad Harvey and Bill McJunkin; Miss Sandin; S. Baddour; father of Joseph Munizzo; friend of Maurice Kelly (Cav.); father-in-law of Professor Bartholomew; father and step-mother of Leo. J. Hassenauer; Mr. George Hughes; mother of William Maleshewski (Sorin).

Ill, Sister M. Basilade, C.S.C.; sister M. Sapientia, C.P.P.S.; friend of Dan Murphy (Sorin); cousin of Whitey Hanlon; . sister of boy in Zahn Hall; (seriously) Mrs. Casey, friend of student; Mike Shannon (St.Eds.last year); James Witt (Chicago); Neil Donovan, nephew of Sr. Ethbin (St.Marys); father of J. Planalp (Al.); friend of Jack Morgan (Dillon); brother of Joe Cummings (Dillon); friend of Joe Palmer (Cav.); mother of Howie Essick (Carroll); mother of Brother Bernard, C.S.C.; sister of Rev. Maurice E. Powers, C.S.C.. Four special intentions. Two thanksgivings.

These requests for prayers will be printed in later Bulletins if space permits.