

TAFT-HARTLEY LABOR
BILL OPPOSED IN TWO
TALKS BY BISHOP SHEIL

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NEW YORK, June 16.--"Seldom has any legislation so richly deserved the presidential veto as does the Taft-Hartley bill" for labor reforms, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, declared in an address to a mass meeting sponsored by the CIO and held in Madison Square Garden, here.

Bishop Sheil spoke by telephone from Chicago and his message was carried to the meeting over a loud speaker system. Earlier the Bishop took part in a nation-wide radio program broadcast over the American Broadcasting Company network, in which he also spoke against the legislation.

In his address to the mass meeting, Bishop Sheil declared the Taft-Hartley bill "is a deadly fruit of a pernicious effort" which contains "some of the most unintelligent proposals that have come out of our legislative halls in many years." The prelate termed the bill "an open bid to industrial chaos" and said it is unnecessary as well as dangerous.

Bishop Sheil contended that the Wagner Act is more than adequate to resolve the present differences between labor and management. He declared that in the past 15 years labor and management have been animated increasingly by a spirit of responsibility and mutual respect. He added that "the men who favor this bill are largely the men who opposed every social advance this country made in the past 15 years." He said that the Taft-Hartley Bill proposes a grave injustice to the growing number of employers who are sincerely trying to establish fair and decent relations with their employees.

"Today there is a conspiracy to degrade the human being," Bishop Sheil said. "It is not alone the communists who have entered into this conspiracy. It is every man in this world who denies to another human being what God Himself has granted to all men: personal liberty; the right to full justice; and a very sacred dignity. When Christ told us to love one another, He was proposing the only terms on which we could make this world worthy of the sons of God. Because we have ignored these fundamental laws of life, we stand on the brink of disaster. If we really lived up to our ideals of Christianity, and of patriotism, we could in time solve the problem now baffling us. We have a race problem, a social problem, an industrial problem; we have a Taft-Hartley bill, because we do not really love one another. And I insist that no lasting solution to our difficulties will ever be found until we start with the love of God, which leads inevitably to the love of man for man."

"Employers and employees are increasingly cooperating for the welfare of the nation," the Bishop asserted. "But there remains a vast amount to be done. It behooves the rest of us to join labor and capital in the work of social and economic betterment. We have tried bickering with each other; and we have succeeded only in multiplying unhappiness. In the name of God, let us try loving one another."

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PRIEST TO GIVE FAMED 'LITANY
OF SAINTS' STAMPS TO PONTIFF

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LA CROSSE, June 16.--(NC)-- A collection of 1,135 postage stamps from all parts of the world portraying sainted persons--a "Philatelic Litany of the Saints"--will be presented to His Holiness Pope Pius XII by the collector, Msgr. Ferdinand Cech, of St. Wenceslaus Church here, it has been announced.

Monsignor Cech's collection is known to philatelists across the nation, as it has won first prizes in both state and national exhibits, in Philadelphia, New York, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Kansas City, among other cities. His stamps are now being decoratively arranged by Sister Mary Andrew of Mt. St. Vincent on the Hudson, N.Y., an expert at medieval-style book-illuminating.

The "Philatelic Litany" begins with a Greek issue portraying the Sign of the Cross. God the Father is represented by stamps from Greece, Brazil and Liberia; God the Son on stamps of a score of nations: in the Nativity on Italian, Estonian and Hungarian issues, as the Eucharistic Christ on a Salvador stamp, as the Sacred Heart by a Bolivian example, in the Resurrection on an Easter Island stamp of Chilean origin, and as Christ the Teacher on stamps of Italy, Cyrenaica, Eritrea, Somaliland and Tripolitania.

The Holy Spirit is represented on stamps from the Brazilian state of Spiritu Santo, and the Trinity on Czechoslovakian, Eire, and Dominican Republic issues. The Blessed Virgin is pictured in various ways on 200 stamps from 22 countries, for example as the Star of the Sea of Argentina, the Eucharistic Madonna of Bolivia, the Madonna of the Candle of Colombia, the Consoler of the Afflicted of Luxembourg and the Assumption of Paraguay.

Among the saints, St. Gabriel is honored on 41 stamps of 16 nations, St. Michael on the issues of six countries. Vatican City stamps portray St. Peter; St. Paul is pictured on one Greek stamp and eight from the British colony of Malta. St. Olaf is represented on several Norway issues, and St. Sebastian on stamps of Belgium and Croatia.

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NEW ORLEANS, June 16.--(NC)--Fourteen members of the clergy and eight of the laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans have been honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, it has been announced by Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans.

Among the priests honored are Msgr. Lucien J. Caillouet, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, who has been elevated to the rank of Prothonotary Apostolic, and Msgr. Edward C. Prendergast, editor-in-chief of Catholic Action of the South, Catholic weekly, who was raised from the rank of Papal Chamberlain to that of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Among the laymen honored is Charles I. Denechaud, jr., named a Knight of St. Gregory. His father, Charles I. Denechaud, sr., received the same honor two decades ago, and they are believed the first father and son to hold it in this See.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.--(NC)--His Holiness Pope Pius XII has conferred the honor of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor on 12 priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Included in the priests honored are the Rev. Hugh A. Donohoe, editor of The Monitor, San Francisco archdiocesan weekly, and the Very Rev. Egisto Tozzi, pastor of All Souls Church, South San Francisco, who is now in Rome to bring back the body of the late Archbishop Edward J. Hanna.

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WELL-KNOWN PRIESTS ON COMMITTEE
URGING VETO OF TAFT-HARTLEY BILL

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NEW YORK, June 14.--(NC)--The Revs. Charles O. Rice, Pittsburgh, William Kelly, Brooklyn, and Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., of the Catholic University of America, were among a group of 400 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen represented by a telegram sent here to President Harry S. Truman urging veto of the Taft-Hartley bill.

The telegram, released by the National Clergymen's Committee on the Taft-Hartley bill, read: "The ethical and social implications of this bill for a growing democracy are of fundamental significance. We believe that the Taft-Hartley bill should be vetoed. May we discuss this legislation with you?"

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CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB CHOICES

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NEW YORK, June 16.--(NC)--The July 1947 selections of the Catholic Children's Book Club have been announced as follows: Picture Book Group (ages 6 to 8): "Wee Willow Whistle" by Kay Avery, and "Such A Kind World" by Mabel Leigh Hunt, a dual selection. Intermediate (ages 9 to 11): "The Valley of Adventure" by Enid Blyton. Older Boys (ages 12 to 16): "Sunstar and Pepper" by Edna Hoffman Evans. Older Girls (ages 12 to 16): "The Elbow Island Mystery" by Ethel T. Wolverton.

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