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who is himself a "radical of the right"... the philosopher behind the Catholic Worker movement. In this modern world which sets a price on everything and a value on nothing---excusing its short sight by asserting, "Business is Business!" Peter Maurin stands out in stark relief. To Peter, "Business is the Bunk!" His sense of proportion places the spiritual above the material; man is brother to Christ, son of God and heir of heaven.

Peter's book, EASY ESSAYS, was published recently. Each issue of the CATHOLIC WORKER contains one of his essays, some of which will be published in pamphlet form.

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The fundamental point must be that the moral force of right must be substituted for the material force of arms.

Benedict XV.

#### SHOUTING A WORD

Fr. Parsons says:

- 1. There is confusion of mind.
- 2. When there is confusion of mind someone has only to shout a word and people flock.
- 3. When Mussolini shouted discipline people flocked.
- 4. When Hitler shouted restoration people flocked.

#### THE RIGHT WORD

- Mussolini's word is discipline.
- 2. Hitler's word is restoration.
- 3. My word is tradition.
- 4. I am a radical of the right.
- 5. I go right to the right because I know it is the only way not to get left.
- Sound principles are not new;
- They're very old; they are as old as eternity.
- 8. The thing to do
  is to re-state
  the never new
  and never old principles
  in the vernacular
  of the man of the street.
- 9. Then the man of the street will do what the intellectual has failed to do; that is to say, "do something about it."

#### NO UNITY OF THOUGHT

- 1. Henry Adams
  says in his autobiography
  "You cannot get
  an education
  in modern America
  because there is
  no unity of thought
  in modern America."
- 2. And he found out that the thing applied to modern England and modern France.
- 3. But looking
  at the Cathedral of Chartres
  and Mount Saint Michel
  he found out
  that one was able
  to get an education
  in thirteenth century France
  because there was
  unity of thought
  in thirteenth century France.

#### PHILOSOPHY & SOPHISTRY

Mortimer Adler says:

- 1. Modern philosophers have not found anything new since Aristotle.
- 2. Modern philosophers are not philosophers; they are sophists.
- 3. Aristotle
  had to deal
  with sophists
  in his day and age.
- 4. What Aristotle said to the sophists of his own day could be read with profit by modern philosophers.

#### THE CITY OF GOD

Jacques Maritain says:

- 1. "There is more in man than man."
- 2. Man was created in the image of God; therefore there is the image of God in man.
- 3. There is more to life than life this side of the grave; there is life the other side of the grave.
- 4. Science leads to biology, biology to psychology, psychology to philosophy, philosophy to theology.
- 5. Philosophy is the handmaid of theology.
- 6. To build up the city of God, that is to say, to express the spiritual in the material through the use of pure means, such is the task of professing Christians in this day and age.

#### INTEGRAL HUMANISM

- 1. Through the influence of Maxim Gorki the Marxists have come to the conclusion that Marxist writers should be more than proletarian writers; that they should be cultural writers.
- 2. Waldo Frank thinks
  that the cultural tradition
  must be brought
  to the proletarian masses,
  who will appreciate it
  much more
  than the acquisitive classes.
- 3. What the Marxists call culture Maritain calls Socialist Humanism.
- 4. But Socialist Humanism is not all Humanism, according to Maritain.
- 5. In a book entitled
  "L'humanism Integral"
  Jacques Maritain points out
  what differentiates
  Integral Humanism
  from Socialist Humanism.

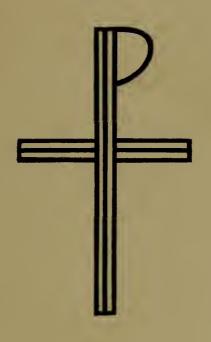
#### THOUGHT AND ACTION

- Integral Humanism
   is the Humanism
   of the Radicals of the Right.
- 2. The Radicals of the Left are now talking about Cultural Tradition.
- The bourgeois idea is that culture is related to leisure.
- 4. Eric Gill maintains that culture is related to work, not to leisure.
- 5. Man is saved through faith and through works, and what one does has a lot to do with what one is.
- 6. Thought and action must be combined.
- 7. When thought is separated from action it becomes academic.
- 8. When thought is related to action it becomes dynamic.

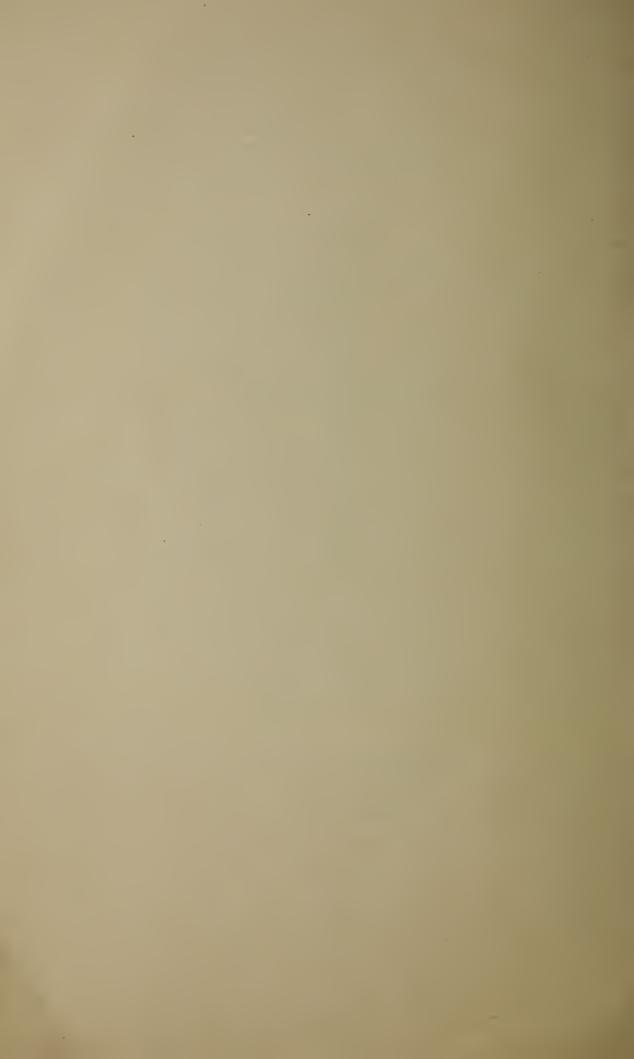
#### **BOOKS TO READ**

- The Land of the Free by Herbert Agar
- 2. Who Owns America? a Symposium
- 3. Post-Industrialism by Arthur Penty
- 4. Work and Leisure by Eric Gill
- 5. The Future of Bolshevism by Waldemar Gurian
- 6. L'humanism Integral by Jacques Maritain
- 7. The Outline of Sanity by G. K. Chesterton
- 8. The Restoration of Property by Hilaire Belloc
- 9. Religion and the Modern State by Christopher Dawson
- 10. Nazareth or Social Chaos by Fr. Vincent McNabb, O. P.

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