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PLEA FOR UNITY STIRS WIDE COMMENT AMONG PROTESTANT LEADERS

'Return To Rome' Appeal Declaring Protestantism In U. S. 'Bankrupt Ethically, Culturally, Morally, and Religiously' Gets Varied Reaction

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) In the wave of comment which followed disclosure of the fact that a group of 29 Protestant Episcopalians, 20 of them clergymen, had addressed to all their bishops in this country and to more than 1,000 of their ministers an urgent appeal for reunion with the Roman Catholic Church, some Protestant Episcopal churchmen flatly rejected the appeal while others said they saw something of merit in it. Members of other religious groups also commented.

29 OF 29 SIGNERS OF PLEA ARE EPISCOPAL CLERGYMEN

The appeal disseminated by members of the American Council on the Church Unity Question, Catholic-Protestantism in this country is "bankrupt ethically, culturally, morally and religiously," asserted the salient fact that Rome has been the heart and center of Christendom ever since the days of the Holy Apostles, and urged that it is time for all Christians to see what the enemy so clearly presented by the appeal is, and to return to Rome as the center of resistance against the anti-Christian attack.

Measurable in the minds of the disbelievers the Church Unity Question Council has issued a statement in which the Council takes issue with the criticism of one Protestant clergyman that the appeal for reunion "was neither interesting nor important, and that those who issued it 'will get over it'."

The Council in its reply points out that the appeal has had one of the widest circles of diffusion in this country.

RELIGIOUS UNITY

An address on Religious Unity by the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Bishop of Omaha, and delivered by the Bishop when rector of the Catholic University of America prior to the opening of the 29th National Eucharistic Congress, is being reprinted in the issue of the Catholic Courier. The article, which is being reprinted in this issue, is being reprinted in this issue, is being reprinted in this issue.

Divine Providence of Providence, which has been the fulfillment of that divine will. It would be difficult to find a Christian who would not be in agreement with the statement.

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Catholic Pictorial Review of 1935



(1) His Holiness Pope Pius XI creates 20 new Cardinals, including one South American, and canonizes the English martyrs (2) St. John Fisher and (3) St. Thomas More; the cause of Father Damien (4) Apostle of the lepers of Molokai is begun, (5) Archbishop Pascual Diaz, of Mexico City is arrested and fined as Mexico continues her anti-religious laws, (6) Bishop Peter Legge of Messina is imprisoned for alleged violation of Germany's curfew laws, (7) Archbishop Arthur Hinsley succeeds the late

Cardinal Bourne as Archbishop of Westminster; (8) Bishop Ralph L. Hayes of Helena is appointed rector of the North American College in Rome; (9) 150,000 attend the 7th National Eucharistic Congress in Cleveland; (10) Catholic Church property in the Diocese of Helena suffers severely from earthquake shocks; (11) Lou Tseng Tsang, former Minister of Foreign Affairs in China, becomes a Benedictine monk; (12) President Roosevelt receives the degree of Doctor of Laws from Notre Dame University in recognition of

Rose's school, Chelsea, Mass., wins the National Housing Essay Contest; (13-23) six U. S. bishops were consecrated and two others appointed: left to right, Bishops Raymond A. Kearney, Auxiliary, Brooklyn; George L. Leech, Harrisburg; Thomas H. McLaughlin, Auxiliary, Newark; Aloysius J. Meenech, Fargo; William R. Griffin, Auxiliary, LaCrosse; Peter L. Iretton, Conductor, Richmond. (Left) Rev. Joseph M. Gilmore has been named to the See of Helena and Monsignor Hugh Lamb named Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia.)

1935 Catholic News of World In Review

Economic Depression, War Fail Progress of Church in U. S. To Dim Record of Achievement Marked by Variety of Problems By Church in Various Nations Valiantly Met in Past Year

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Action Would Mean Complete Disavowal of Concordat; Three Vicars General Arrested; Catholic Youth Groups, Newspapers Oppressed

Amsterdam (NC)—With three of her Vicars General and dozens of members of her clergy and religious Orders spending Christmas in jail, the Catholic Church in Germany approaches the new year with the most serious apprehensions felt since the advent to political power of the Hitler regime. The last reserve, still maintained so far for the purpose of concealing the seriousness of the fundamental issues involved in the life-and-death struggle between Church and State, has now been openly abandoned by the Hitlerites, who no longer seem to see any need of restraining their frank hostility to the Christian religion.

Deny Press Reports Bishop Was Arrested By Italian Police

Vatican City (NC-Cable)—Secular press reports that Bishop John Giesler of Brixen had been arrested by the Italian police in the Soave region because, those reports stated, he had asked Catholics of his See to contribute money for relief of the needy rather than for war purposes, are denied here as entirely false.

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FR. COUGHLIN PLANS WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Detroit (NC)—If he receives within three weeks a total of 1,000,000 votes of confidence in the necessary reform program, sponsored of the National Union for Social Justice aims, he will launch a national weekly newspaper "to interpret the news," a newspaper which shall dare to print the unvarnished truth which have been withheld from the people by the Rev. Charles Coughlin, founder of the National Union, said in his regular nationwide radio broadcast Sunday afternoon.

Father Coughlin indicated that the votes of confidence should be in the form of telegrams or letters, and added that he would begin the inauguration of his newspaper only when he had received 1,000,000 votes.

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Recalling the economic crisis of 1929, 1930 and 1931, Father Coughlin said "You had your chance and succeeded in digging America deeper into the mire of suffering, as the government did keep out of business and permitted confiscation of homes and actual starvation."

Clergy Participation In Elections Upheld To Defend Church Rights

Quebec (NC)—When there is a question of faith, more so of the right of the Catholic Church as stake, priests may enter election campaigns, it is stated in Semaine Religieuse, official organ of the Archdiocese of Quebec. It added, however, that priests so doing, must leave to their Superior's decision as to when these questions arise.

Relic of St. Therese Is Brought to Quebec

Quebec (NC) Magr. Eugene C. Laflamme, pastor of the Basillien of Notre Dame, has announced that through the intervention of His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, who accompanied his late voyage to Europe, has secured from the Liseux Carmel a bone relic of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

TRANSFER OF FR. DAMIEN REMAINS TO BELGIAN SHIP SET AT CANAL

Washington (NC)—A change in the plans for the transporting of the remains of Father Damien, Apostle to the lepers of Molokai from Hawaii to Belgium has been announced here by the State Department and the Belgian Embassy. Under the new arrangement, the remains will be placed aboard the U. S. Army Transport Republic, the ship previously designated for the mission, at Honolulu, February 2, and will be transferred to the Belgian ship Zepherus at Cristobal Canal Zone, February 25.

COUNSEL AND WARNING ARE GIVEN BY CARDINAL TO HISTORY GROUP

Boston (NC)—His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston gave encouraging advice and a sound warning at the sixteenth annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association in session here. His Eminence said that America has only needs, but is ready for a Catholic interpretation of history which would carry forward so actively the Catholic historians will lend strength to the hearts and minds of our people and better aid in facing the serious problems which he should be warned that Americans should not be too sure that inroads will not be made on religion and faith in this

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