

### Sodality Fights Reds With 'Flying Squads'

WASHINGTON—Catholic youth of the District of Columbia from the Colleges and high schools of Washington launched a campaign against Communism today. The occasion was the Sodality Union Convention at Georgetown University under the auspices of the Sodality of that institution.

Delegates were present from Trinity College, Georgetown University, Immaculate Seminary, Georgetown Visitation Convent, Academy of the Holy Names, Georgetown Preparatory School, Gonzaga High School, Holy Trinity High School, Notre Dame Academy, Sacred Heart Academy, St. Anthony's High School, and St. Paul's Academy.

Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., Vice-President of Georgetown University, and the Rev. Francis P. LeBuffe, S. J., Business Manager of America, New York, and eastern representative of the Sodality.

Father Walsh's address was titled "Communism's Challenge to Catholic Youth." "The Communist," he said, "does not go about his work of teaching Christianity and Democracy in a casual or disorganized manner. He has a definite program divided into appropriate chapters and verses. He takes the long-range view and systematically prepares his disciples of world revolution."

**Situation Serious**—The results of the November elections have given rise in some quarters to a belief that "Communism is a negligible influence in the United States and hence its activities and activities should not be taken too seriously."

The Communist vote it is argued, was something around 60,000 which represents an insignificant fraction of the 40,000,000 votes cast. Therefore, it would appear that the American people have definitely relegated that menace to the limbo of outworn and exaggerated issues.

This method of reasoning is based on a dangerous misapprehension that might easily lead to a growing indifference respecting the greatest peril to Christian civilization that has arisen since Mohammedan invasion of Europe. Those who now adopt of attitude referred to fall into an error of logic called non sequitur. Because the electorate enthusiastically endorsed the political passions ignored the charges of Communist leveled at him, these amateur logicians triumphantly conclude that the danger does not exist at all.

**Papal Warning**—Without in any way intending to resurrect political passions which so frequently obscure important and permanent truths, Catholic editors, publicists and authors should warn readers against the shallow sophistry that would seem to entice them away from Catholic teaching and Catholic solidarity. The Sovereign Pontiff Pius XI has declared "Communism in all its forms in all its degrees to be the greatest menace of our times."

If the Communist Party of the United States is a bare handful of 50,000 it must be remembered that they constitute the American phalanx of a worldwide attack on the Catholic Church.

They are fanatical missionaries of the grossest form of materialism and irreligion yet devised by the schemes of men.

It would be supreme folly then to relax our efforts because of the public performance of Communists in the recent elections. Indeed, it is not outside the range of probability that the decline in their voting strength may be directly traceable to the aroused and better-organized Catholic counter-attack.

Seizing upon the Communist activities in Spain's present crisis Father LeBuffe drew a lesson from Spain.

It is one of the strangest turns abouts of history that the daily press of the United States of America should be on the side of the Communist Government in Spain. He said "Our country owes its origin to a Revolution against tyranny and yet that tyranny was a loving rule compared with the tyranny of the Red rulers in Spain. We fought largely for civil rights, Franco and his army, with the great majority of the Spanish people solidly with them, are fighting for the fundamental rights and deencies of life."

### Papal Legate Declines Offer To Become 'Chief' of Indians

VATICAN CITY—The impressions which his month's visit to the United States made upon His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, and his observations concerning the flourishing religious life of the American people are the subject of an article in *Observatore Romano*.

In it His Eminence reveals that he had planned to depart from the United States on October 24, three weeks after his arrival, but found himself obliged to accept so many engagements that he was constrained to delay his departure until November 7, exactly one month from the day he disembarked from the Conte di Savoia at New York.

His Eminence smiled as he spoke of an invitation to him which was obliged to decline—was a Bishop in one of the southern dioceses, who told the Cardinal that if he would come to his See City he would be made an honorary member of a tribe of American Indians.

Chiefly, Cardinal Pacelli's observations dwelt upon the religious life of the American people. He was particularly impressed, he said, with the parental life so flourishing in the United States, with its organizations of vast and beneficial family and social influence.

### Mercy Death Law Refused In England

House of Lords Votes Down Measure In Face Of Catholic Opposition

LONDON (AP)—The proposal in the British Parliament to permit "Mercy Killings" was voted down in the House of Lords Tuesday by a count of 36 to 14. The bill was opposed by Lord Dawson of Penn, the King's physician, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, among others.

Members of Parliament in several parts of the country had been pressed by their Catholic constituents to oppose the bill.

At New Ferry, Cheshire, the parliamentarian of St. John's Church signed as they left Mass a long letter which was sent to their Parliament Member with 900 signatures.

"Euthanasia is murder," the letter says. "It is equally murder whether the victim wishes it or not. Moreover, a person requesting a doctor to put him to death is guilty not only of suicide but also of inciting the doctor to commit murder."

"Suicide is contrary to the natural law which requires us to preserve life as God's greatest gift to man, and the divine law which declares that God alone has power of life and death."

"Murder can never be justified and any person putting another to death at his own request adds to his crime by killing him whilst he is in a state of mortal sin for which he has no time for repentance, and so kills not only his body, but his soul also."

"The victim is thus relieved from the temporary and comparatively light suffering of this world only to be condemned to the infinitely greater and eternal suffering of hell."

"God is the creator of all things, including ourselves. Our souls and our bodies are God's property which He has entrusted to our charge. He created us, and from this it follows that we belong to Him absolutely. Therefore we have not the right to dispose of ourselves as we please."

Advocates of euthanasia consider suffering as the one great evil. This is the pagan idea of suffering. Suffering is only an evil in a secondary sense and it may be used as a means to the attainment of a greater good. Offered to God in union with Christ's passion in satisfaction for our own sins and the sins of others it can effect wonders.

**Doctors Not Always Right**—Doctors are not always right in their diagnosis. Consequently there would be a great risk of killing people who might have recovered and lived happily for many years.

**Church Favors Democracy**—

### Jesuits Riddle Red Flag of Communism

Riddled by the machine-gun oratory of two of the nation's well-known Jesuits, the Communist theory of individual freedom and Russia's brand new constitution today stand side by side in Rochester's tirade of blasted beliefs.

While the Church has been accused of being anti-democratic, its theory has been toward Democracy. The Catholic Church has fought for the individual rights of the human law. The divine right of kings is an anti-Catholic doctrine and has never been taught by a single theologian.

The new Russian constitution which is claimed to contain a religious freedom clause, was exposed by Father Lord as a "smart document" which means just the opposite of what it says.

Father Lord pointed out that the new constitution, in the same paragraph, grants "freedom to perform religious rites" (not rights) and "freedom of anti-religious propaganda," yet forbids religious education and the right to propagate religion.

**\$100,000 In Taxes**—Exemplifying this "double-you-top-down" attitude, Father Lord declared that wanted to establish to the U. S. Embassy request to build a \$400,000 Protestant Church for the government of the Soviets told them to go ahead. But to build that church they had to pay \$100,000 in taxes, assessments, fines and levies.

The Jesuits declared that the only true Communism in the world is Catholicism, adding: "I'm more of a Communist than any Communist in this audience because I am a member of a religious order which pools everything I own nothing and the community owns all. I did it (took a vow of poverty) because I wanted to destroy my liberty."

**Brands of Communism**—Father Lord declared that while he loves to debate, he finds it hard to do so with a Communist because he doesn't know what kind of Communism the particular Communist is advocating. He pointed out that there are numerous kinds of Communism—anti-God, economic and other brands.

He summed up Communism as "the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat by the fomenting of Civil War through the Third International."

Father Dowling, speaking under "Catholic Responsibility for Communism" pointed out that many of the aims of Communism such as aiding the down-trodden, are admirable, but should be achieved through the exercise of the proper form of the democratic form of government. He said:

**Our Responsibility**—"The greatest obstacle to Democracy is the delusion that we have to do much of our Catholic religious thinking is self-centered."

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### Boy Communist Converted, Wins Crown of Martyr

WASHINGTON—Once again the religious persecution in Spain has given evidence of the power and mercy of God.

While the Claretian Martyrs—priests, clerical students and lay brothers—at Barbastro, Spain, were being taken to the place of execution, a young boy, a Communist, was following them with a crowd of curious spectators.

This young Communist, seeing the Martyrs joyfully going to their death, singing and praying and shouting "Long live Christ the King" was touched by the grace of God and publicly adjured the Communist creed.

Valiantly he followed the Claretian Martyrs singing and praying and shouting with them at the top of his voice, "Long live Christ the King!" At the same time he openly declared that he was anxious to share with the prospective Martyrs the crown and glory of martyrdom.

Thus he laid down his life in martyrdom with his newly found Claretian companions and won his Martyr's crown.

This story has been confirmed by an American woman who, on October 17, 1936, writing from San Ramon, Italy, to "The Pilgrim" in America says: "Marcela fell under the enemy fire, like those 40 Claretian Fathers and Brothers of Barbastro, the old Spanish Crusader town, who went so joyfully to their death that a Communist boy running in the crowd beside them was suddenly converted and joined them."

### Urges Crucifix In Living Room To Fight Communism

RICHMOND, Va.—The Rev. Louis Bowen, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church here, has launched a campaign which he hopes will be widely followed in other parishes throughout the country.

"Fight Communism with the Crucifix," is Father Bowen's watchword and he asks that Catholics bring the crucifix from the bedroom to the living room.

The drive was begun with a mass also given by the Rev. James F. Cunningham, C.S.P., Missionary of the Most Holy Sacrament, who is the pastor of the parish.

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