

# MSGR. SHEEN ACCEPTS 'RED' CHALLENGE

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Communist Sources  
Framed Answer

The Questions

Eight Made By Louis  
Bidenz Listed—All  
Get Replies

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ANNOUNCEMENTS  
COMING IN  
NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

## HITS 'MINISTERS' COMMUNISM SUPPORT

### Clerics Get Rebuke of Catholics

#### Aid to Four Spanish Reds Who Spoke Here Draws Censure

CINCINNATI A meeting held in the Old Fellows Hall here to welcome four propagandists for the Communist Government in Spain had powerful repercussions on Sunday.

These same four propagandists spoke at the Episcopal Temple in Rochester December 27.

A letter signed by Msgr. Frank A. Thill, Chancellor at the direction of the Most Rev. John T. McNichols, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, was read in all the Catholic churches of this city.

It denounced the Protestant ministers and organizations which sponsored the meeting and called upon Catholics to rally around the standard of the Cross against those who would destroy the moral institutions.

Msgr. Thill's letter pointed out that the President and Congress are insisting that the United States remain neutral in the horrible civil strife that is cruetly being waged in Spain.

The text of the letter in part follows: "Reverend dear Father, A propagandist meeting for the Government of Red Spain was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 13, at the Old Fellows Temple."

According to reports, about 100 persons attended.

A Presbyterian minister thought it proper to assist and help in the meeting. A Catholic priest, a Spanish minister, and a Communist propagandist were also present.

The citizens of the community have not been told of these groups favoring Communism. Do they favor a Government that has either directly authorized the massacre of thousands of priests and nuns and the destruction of many thousands of churches, or has countenanced such action by its inaction?

Why are they associated with the American League Against War and Fascism which is a pro-Communist organization that promotes Communism?

The Catholic citizens of this community have by word or deed done nothing to help their fellow Catholics in Spain. They realize that the Reds throughout the world are not only sympathizing with but also aiding financially the Communist Government of Spain.

Catholics might have called mass meetings to express their condemnation of all the heinous crimes committed in Spain.

The meeting held in Cincinnati which was addressed by representatives of Red Spain, may deserve little consideration in itself. But it is a serious matter that a Presbyterian minister should preside at such a meeting.

### Notre Dame Men Prefer Purity To Beauty In Women

NOTRE DAME Beauty as a feminine attribute ranks fifth in the preferences of the average Notre Dame student, according to the University of Notre Dame biannual religious survey, just released.

In answer to the question, "What virtue do you most desire in a girl?" 378 students said "Purity." Second preference was "Intelligence" while "Honesty" was third. "Beauty" comes along fifth.

### To Buffalo



The Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Syracuse since 1933, has been named to the See of Buffalo.

### SLAVS GET DRAFT OF CONCORDAT WITH THE CHURCH

VIENNA After a long delay the Belgrade Government is proceeding to carry out its plan to conclude a Concordat with the Holy See and to remove thereby a state of affairs which has caused concern to the Catholics of Yugoslavia since their State has existed.

The Serbian Government has submitted the treaty upon which it agreed with the Holy See half a year ago to the Belgrade Parliament for approval.

The treaty consists of 38 Articles and an annex. It provides for the Catholic Church to have representation in the National Assembly of the State and to have the right of Catholic Action and the association of Catholics in the State.

For church marriages contracted among Catholics the State recognizes the effect of Canon Law. The Concordat also provides for the participation of Catholics in the control of the government's schools as far as religious education is concerned.

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### Nam: New Italian Head at Fordham

NEW YORK The Rev. Gerald Groveland Walsh, S.J., said to be the only American to be named Italian literature at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome has been appointed dean of the Italian Department of Fordham.

### Pope, Improved, Plans Manila Congress Talk

VATICAN CITY Cardinal Pacelli made the announcement that the condition of His Holiness Pope Pius XI is unchanged, though he has left relief from pain in recent days. It was made known that he would deliver a radio message, with his blessing on the final day of the Thirty-third International Eucharistic Congress at Manila February 7.

The Holy Father is in admirable spirits. His motto is "Non recuso dolorem, volo laborem." "I do not seek to avoid pain; I want to work" and he asks that this be the intention for which prayers are offered for him.

Cardinal Pacelli, in the name of the Holy Father, received Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, Legate to the Manila Eucharistic Congress.

### Bishop Duffy Transferred To Buffalo

#### Ordinary of Syracuse Decease Succeeds Late Bishop Turner

Washington (N.C.) The Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Syracuse has been transferred to the See of Buffalo. It is announced in word received here from Vatican City.

He will succeed the late Bishop William Turner, sixth Bishop of Buffalo, who died July 10, 1935.

Bishop Duffy has governed the See of Syracuse since 1933. Before that he was Vicar General of the Diocese of Newark for nearly a decade, and still earlier Chancellor of the Diocese of Newark for nine years.

Bishop Duffy was born at Jersey City, N. J., October 29, 1884, the son of Patrick Joseph and Anna Maria (Smith) Duffy. He attended St. Bridget's parochial school and the Jersey City high school, and then entered Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., from which he was graduated with the degree Bachelor of Arts in 1904.

Following study at the North American College in Rome he was ordained to the priesthood June 13, 1908. He received the degree Doctor of Sacred Theology.

Chancellor, Vicar General Upon his return to the United States Bishop Duffy's first assignment as a priest was as Assistant Pastor of St. Mary's church, Hoboken, N. J., where he served from September, 1908, to July, 1909. In 1909 he was assigned to the post of Professor of Latin and English Literature in Seton Hall College.

He also became Professor of Church History at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Darlington, N. J.

Named Chancellor of the Diocese of Newark in 1915 Bishop Duffy served in that office until 1924 when he was named Vicar General of the Diocese. He served in this latter office until he was named Bishop of Syracuse in 1933.

Important Diocese Bishop Duffy has for some years been an Assistant Bishop on the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He is also supreme chaplain of the Knights of St. John of North America.

The Diocese of Buffalo, to which Bishop Duffy is now transferred, embraces an area of 4,273 square miles and comprises the Counties of Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans, Chautauque, Wyoming, Cattaraugus and Allegany in the State of New York. It has a Catholic population of 348,725 served by a total of 678 priests, according to The Official Catholic Directory for 1936.

The Directory also lists within the Diocese of Buffalo two seminaries attended by 188 students, five preparatory seminaries attended by 318 students, one university attended by 887 students, two colleges for men attended by 2132 students, one college for women attended by 291 students, five academies for boys under 14 years of age attended by 122 students, seven high schools for boys attended by 733 students, 12 academies for young ladies attended by 2141 students, 12 private schools, and 14 parochial schools attended by 61,297.

Bishop Duffy is well known in Rochester. He addressed the Holy Name rally at Red Wing Stadium last June and attended the closing session of the Catholic Conference of the Holy Indians. Bishop Duffy came to Rochester to honor Supreme President Frank H. Biel of the Knights of St. John and Supreme President Mrs. Teresa Gaster of the Auxiliary at a dinner.

### Why Be Concerned About Communism?

By Rev. Dr. Edward Lodge Curran

President, International Catholic Truth Society

This is the question which must be answered before embarking upon any systematic series of discussions on the subject of Communism.

Too many people in the world today do not want to be annoyed by mental problems.

This is a strange and yet a true statement of the mental attitude of many who have even received the advantages of an elementary and secondary education, and sometimes, a collegiate education.

A Ten Day Wonder? Approach such people with the suggestion that they interest themselves in the menace of Communism and various answers indicative of intellectual inertia and mental indifference are returned.

"Communism," as one leading official in the line of our Federal Government once retorted when the effort was made to have him take some action in the matter, "Communism," he retorted, "is a ten day wonder." Or again, "Communism is only a small voice, comparatively speaking, in a Communist election and consequently there is nothing to worry about."

Or again "It can't happen here, so why worry?" The latter oracles seem to be forgetful of the fact that the same prophecy was made in Spain but a little over five years ago and that today the Spanish people have risen in legitimate revolt against a Red Government which has attempted to remove the Spanish constitution and sell out to Moscow.

Secret Violence Let us answer, first of all, the implied objection against concerning ourselves with a Communistism that is contained in the few but

BRUSSELS Word has come into Belgium that Soviet Russia is furious over a book which has just been written by a French Communist in which the darker side of the Soviet is painted in no uncertain colors.

The writer is Andre Gide. In spite of the unsparring revelations he has made in his book, "Back from U.S.S.R.," he contends he is still a Communist. The Russian Communists, however, are no longer holding him in the favor he once enjoyed prior to the book.

The book might have as a subtitle, "A Great Deception," because it refutes the Soviet boast of successful enterprises. Actually, according to Gide, the New Russia is suffering from distress worse than that borne under the Czar and without parallel in any capitalist country.

He says that the neglect of Russia in the higher values in Europe is appalling. By its dictatorship of absolute power, he adds, it has degraded human personality. He charges that the ignorance of the Russian people is worse than anywhere else.

### Halt Masons' Attack On 3 Bishops

#### Move To Brand Them Traitors Tabled in Mexico

MEXICO CITY—The Chamber of Deputies has tabled the petition of the Masonic Order of the Grand Orient of Mexico asking that the late Archbishops Francisco Orozco y Jimenes and Pascual Diaz y Barrato, and the Most Rev. Jose Manrique y Saez, Bishop of Huejutla, be declared traitors to their country.

But what about the months and even years during which the hidden force, which produces the volcano or the earthquake, have been at work gathering momentum, acquiring a focus, concentrating on one place for the explosion which will spread disaster and hardship miles and miles away?

Violence which grows and thrives in secret is a greater menace to life and property than violence which expands in public.

Violence which makes itself behind a screen of neutrality or idealistic causes is a greater menace than violence which reveals itself for what it is.

The time to escape from the volcano is not when the molten lava is pouring down the mountain side. The time to escape the ravages of floods is not when the angry waters are pouring across the river banks.

Communism's Objective Such is the case and such should be our attitude towards the problem of Communism. Communists are laying their plans now for the future control of America. In their publications in the writings of Lenin and Stalin and Yaroslavsky, in the orders and regulations of the Third International or Comintern, which is the international

Do Pujadas was formerly counselor of the Embassy and Tena was a secretary. They were accompanied to the railway station in Mexico City by members of the "Diplomatic Corps," but on their journey to Vera Cruz they were under the surveillance of agents of the Ministry of Gobernacion. At Vera Cruz the two diplomats informed the press they were on their way to Burgos but did not state at what Spanish port they would land.

Communists Protest Meanwhile the International Communist League, through the secretary of the Mexican Section of the Fourth International, has issued a statement to the Mexican press charging the "reactionary fascists, leaders who are traitors to the working class and agents of Stalin in Mexico" have united in criminal agitation and in launching threats tending to force President Cardenas to change his attitude toward Trotsky.

They further charge that an attempt was made upon the life of Diego Rivera in a restaurant at Acapulco on December 23 without the police making any effort to apprehend the criminals, and that the same group are plotting the assassination of Trotsky.

On the other hand it has been reported in the press that one of the largest labor organizations has resolved to boycott the Cardenas Government by suspending official telephonic communication at certain hours daily as a reprisal for granting Trotsky asylum in Mexico.

The tolerance of the Government in dealing with such matters as the burning of furniture in the offices of the Department of Labor and the stoning of the Ministry of Communications, are regarded as indicative of the weakness of the Cardenas regime.

New Orleans, La.—The Rev. P. A. Roy, S.J., has been appointed dean of Loyola University, here, to succeed the Rev. James A. Greeley, S.J., who has been ill several months. Father Greeley will be stationed at Augusta, Ga.

### Answers



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ryan, who has accepted a Communist challenge to answer eight questions.

### SPAIN-SOVIET LINK REVEALED BY COMMUNIST

MEXICO CITY—An University newspaper here carrying a feature radio dispatch from Moscow in which it is stated that a young Spanish Communist named Borota at present lecturing in Moscow on the fight in Spain to destroy the Church, has been in contact with the Communist Party of the United States of America.

He said that the revolution that broke out in Spain on July 18 greatly promoted the campaign for the destruction of religion and that he had been in contact with the Communist Party of the United States of America.

It is true that they have directly attacked the Church, he said. The Communist has every right to be proud of the work of the Communist Party in Spain, he added. They have formed numerous groups of youth and their numbers have been constantly increasing, meeting opposition only in the rural villages, he declared.

Borota told his audience that there is an active correspondence and exchange of ideas between the athletes of Spain and the athletes of Russia and reported that in Russia he had found that the athletes there had received already more than 8,000 letters from Spain and that they were sending to Spain approximately 12,000 letters.

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### Msgr. Ryan To Give Inaugural Prayer

WASHINGTON—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan of the Catholic University of America, Director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has accepted an invitation to deliver the benediction at the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice President John Nance Garner at the East front of the United States Capitol on Wednesday, January 20.

### The Customers Always Write!

Yes, and right or wrong, they always write—to the editor. Some want to air their grievances. Others want to present their own ideas on some current subject. Others (a very few) want to express accord with the editor's viewpoint.

Realizing that Catholic news in general and Communism in particular have given rise to individual opinions, we plan to start a "Letters From Readers" column and invite your contributions. The shorter the letter (try for a limit of 250 words), the better chance we'll have to print all we receive. If enough contributions are received, the column will appear every week. Sit down right now and write to the editor of

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### Nazis Snap Press Ban On Two Catholic Papers

AMSTERDAM In the Diocese of Munster, Westphalia, the weekly newspaper of the Bishop, the Most Rev. August Count von Galen, was suppressed by Nazi police here because it printed a quotation from the writings of the late Bishop Ketteler of Mainz, still revered as one of the great social leaders of the Church.

On charging the "Christian at home and pagan outside of the home. One must be coherent, otherwise one does not act manly. Whoever lives in accordance with the teachings of Christ is a good citizen, for where Christ is upheld, the people are secure."

The clergy of the diocese afterward read this quotation from all pulpits, thus informing the faithful of what exact Nazi censorship had decreed even over legitimate religious publications.

### Fathers Moore And Duffy Reply To Japanese

The Rev. Msgr. Moore and Bishop Duffy have replied to a Japanese challenge to answer eight questions.

The Japanese challenge was issued in the Japanese Communist Party organ, the Daily Worker, and the Japanese Communist Party has issued a statement to the Japanese press charging the "reactionary fascists, leaders who are traitors to the working class and agents of Stalin in Mexico" have united in criminal agitation and in launching threats tending to force President Cardenas to change his attitude toward Trotsky.