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15000 SUBSCRIPTIONS COURIER CRUSADE GOAL

Minister's Plea To Aid Spanish Reds Answered

Church Federation Secretary Paints False Picture in Broadcast

Upholds Reds

Says Spanish Government Only Liberal; 'Explains' Church Burnings

With the secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County acting as its mouthpiece the Rochester Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy (Communism) this week fouled the air waves with one of the falsest pictures of the Spanish situation ever painted

Paying WHEC [illegible] for the privilege the committee to Aid Spanish Democracy (Communism) through the Rev I Franklin Ward tried to make the radio public believe

1 That religion as such has nothing to do with the fight between democracy and Fascism

2 That no churches have been burned by loyalists except in cases where they had been turned into fortresses

3 That the Basque nation is broke but like Israel and most nations has the key to riches

4 That the Spanish government is not Communistic but just theirs

5 That upon the outcome of the Spanish civil war depends in a large part the survival of democracy

A Few Corrections

The Rev Mr Ward is very correct on that No 5 claim and very wrong on the other four points

To set the Rev Mr Ford right and to prevent his radio seeds of error from taking root the CATHOLIC COURIER sets about to make a few corrections

Claim No 1 The Spanish Civil War is not a battle between democracy and Fascism It is between Communism and democracy with the government which the Rev Mr Ward supports upholding the Red banners of Communism and the forces of General Franco fighting for democracy

Real Popular Front

On the basis of the election returns of February 1936 and on the basis of the ever mounting support rendered to the armies of the rebellion by Spanish men and women of all classes of life, the parties in revolt are the real popular front

They believe in republicanism and in the spirit as well as the letter of the constitution of 1931 The Loyalists stand revealed before the world as the Socialistic-Communists the Anarchists and the Syndicalists who would set up a godless and tyrannical dictatorship

Religion despite the Rev Mr Ward definitely has something to do with the battle because Communism is involved and Communism is the sworn foe of all religion (including the Rev Mr Ward's).

Burning of Churches

Claim No 2 The actual revolt in Spain did not get underway until mid-July Before that time 71 persons had died of violence, 224 had been wounded. 10 churches had been burned and 74 bombings committed, all of these reliably reported, the work of Communistic inspired forces. Now certainly

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K. C. TO BRING SPANISH VET HERE FOR TALK

Fr. Cleary of Cornell Listed on Civic Centre Program

A wounded veteran of the Spanish General Franco's forces and a Catholic priest will be the speakers in a public open forum at Columbus Civic Center Auditorium Sunday evening, February 14 at 8 o'clock to be sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus as the opening public event in the current Crusade against Communism

Luis Bermijillo Lucea Verdaguer a graduate student at Cornell University who was injured in engagements in Spain's civil strife while fighting the Red's forces will talk on "The Spanish Revolution As I Saw It"

Does Church Favor War?

The other speaker will be the Rev Donald M Cleary Catholic chaplain at Cornell University and chaplain at Auburn State Prison during the prison riots a few years ago who will discuss "Does the Catholic Church Favor War"

Senor Bermijillo came to America as a student in 1929 He spent a year in Mexico and then took a degree in architecture at Cornell At the outbreak of the Revolution he was recalled to Spain and was wounded in action He barely escaped with his life

To Speak in English

The Cornell student lives only 40 miles from Madrid. His immediate family succeeded in getting out of the besieged city safely but other relatives and friends have not been heard from although one is known to be killed

The Spanish veteran's address will be in English. Both speakers will answer questions The forum will be conducted along the lines of the Father Lord-Father Dowling meeting sponsored by its Rochester Parish Sodality Union last December

Proceeds To Library Fund

Proceeds from the meeting will go to the St Bernard's Seminary Library fund being raised by the Knights of Columbus of which Past Grand Knight James E Cuff is chairman

All Catholic lay societies of the city will be asked to co-operate Tickets are being distributed by Chancellor Charles A Tucker

Grand Knight Leo F Rombaut will open the meeting to be conducted by Past Grand Knight Cuff

Notre Dame To Give Chesterton Medal

NOTRE DAME Establishment of a new scholastic award the Chesterton Medal for excellence in controversy was announced today at the University of Notre Dame by the Rev J Leonard Carrico, C.S.C., Director of Studies The award will honor the memory of the late Gilbert Keith Chesterton, noted English journalist, poet and controversialist, who acted as guest lecturer at Notre Dame in the fall of 1930.

The Msgr. Sheen Series

The second of a series of six articles by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen exposing the Communism theory will be found on page 9 of this issue. The reaction to the first of Monsignor Sheen's articles appearing last week has been most favorable. Readers are urged to save this series for furture reference. If you missed last week's article you can obtain a copy of the paper at the CATHOLIC COURIER office or by calling Stone 1136.

The Crusade Leader Shows Way To Victory

THIS EDITION

IS OUR BEST answer to the questions: Why a Catholic Press? ... why a Catholic Courier? The proof of the pudding is in the eating ... the test of the newspaper is in the publishing ... and in your reading of it!

2 Week Drive Starts Feb. 1

Rallies Launch City Schools Campaign Next Week —Archbishop's Catholic Press Message To Be Read In All Churches Sunday

Their armor flashing in the sunlight of a new and greater day for the Catholic press, 15,000 Crusaders from eighty-one schools in the diocese thunder into action Monday morning for the Catholic Students' Catholic Press Crusade.

Their goal—15,000 subscriptions to the CATHOLIC COURIER.

Their personnel—every boy and girl in the seventh and eighth grades of the elementary schools, the first to fourth years in high school.

Their directors—more than 800 priests, sisters and teachers in the Rochester diocese.

Extensive Prize List

Their ammunition—the complete newspaper of the Catholic family supercharged with more than a score of brilliant features.

Their reward—a selection of nearly fifty [illegible] prizes for the individual Crusaders and trips to the Catholic Press Convention in Rochester next May for the two leaders in each of the seven divisions. To the schools, a cash bonus for each subscription obtained, a framed photograph of Archbishop Mooney to the classrooms reaching their goals and a beautiful Philco Radio Phonograph combination to the winning schools in each of the seven divisions.

The time limit—From February 1 through February 15, 1937.

Rallies Set Saturday

This Crusade, extending through the first half of Catholic Press Month, will be explained in detail from the pulpits of all churches in the diocese Sunday through the reading of a message from the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, bishop of the Rochester diocese and advocate of the Catholic press.

The Crusaders in the city area will gather at the Eastman Palace and the Century Theaters this Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to hear the opening bugle of the Crusade sounded.

At these two rallies, the Crusaders will hear [illegible] messages from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar-general of the Rochester diocese and none other than the immortal "Rabbit" Maranville, manager of the Montreal Royals and one of the brightest stars ever to shine in the baseball firmament.

Crusade Success Important

The "Rabbit" will make a personal appearance at both the Palace and Century Theaters and present indisputable point to a great reception from the Crusaders.

In addition to these two speakers and other surprise feaures, one of movieland's greatest comedians, Joe E. Brown, will be seen in "Earthworm Tractors", a hilarious story which proves that persistency is the greatest virtue of a successful salesman.

Upon the success of this press crusade depends, in a large measure, the future course of the diocesan newspaper which has made rapid progress since its reorganization two years ago.

As the youthful Crusaders make their canvass of the diocese in the drive to sign up CATHOLIC COURIER subscriptions, the prospective subscribers are asked to give them courteous attention.

Help The Flood Sufferers!

Today finds a large part of the United States engulfed in one of the most disastrous floods in history. Thousands are homeless and exposed to the direst ravages of disease. Property damage is beyond estimate. In this hour of need our fellow Americans look to us for aid. Funds are being received and will be distributed through the American Red Cross. The CATHOLIC COURIER will be glad to receive [illegible] contribution, however small. All contributions will be turned over to the Rochester Chapter of the Red Cross.

Build Meteorological Station

HONG KONG—In the regional major seminary at Aberdeen here, a meteorological station is gradually being built up and the students are being taught by the Jesuit Fathers in charge of the seminary to take the necessary readings.