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"Catholic papers have been most trustworthy, an effective auxiliary to the point in spreading the Faith."—Benedict XV.

CATHOLIC PRESS CRUSADE EXTRA

Bishop Sees Press as Bulwark Against Reds

Church Not In Favor of Fascism

Magazine Answers Charge Behind Drive on Communism

NEW YORK (NC)—It is wrong to say as has been charged in some quarters, that the Catholic Church is conducting a world-wide campaign against Communism principally because the Holy See is concerned with supporting Fascism. It is stated editorially in the current issue of *The Commonweal*. The editorial refers specifically to statements appearing in *The Christian Century*. However, an article appearing in *The Nation* comments on the "new Holy War of the Catholic Church" and says: "Liberals all over the world must recognize this fight for what it is—a campaign against democracy. For in the present world the anti-Communist fight is a pro-fascist one."

Retorting an earlier appeal to all non-Catholics to adopt "a policy of non-participation in the Vatican's campaign against communism," *The Christian Century* recently said that "the grounds of this recommendation were that... a campaign, as actually proposed and conducted, is not a battle against communism, but a battle against the brutality of the autocracy which are associated with communism, but that it is a campaign for fascism with its inevitable accompaniments of autocracy and brutality and for the special privileges which the Roman Catholic Church is able to enjoy under fascist governments."

While such a statement has appeared in *The Christian Century*, *The Commonweal*, editorial notes, Der Angriff, chief mouthpieces of the Nazi party declared the recent visit of Cardinal Pacelli to the United States was part of a scheme to set up a "Catholic Center Party" here to prevent the spread of National Socialist doctrines, and the communist press charged that the visit of the (cardinal) Secretary of State was for the purpose of combatting the Communist international program.

"Fortunately for American Catholics," says *The Commonweal*, "they have for their instruction and guidance not only the basic teaching of the Holy Scriptures, Church defining the religious nature of the struggle against communism, but also there is the steady continuous teaching and leadership of the American Bishops, and the clergy which for many years have proceeded in a double stream of action."

"We do not think we wish we could that this instruction and this practical application of the doctrine of the Church has been headed nearly as completely as the Bishops desire. There has been a great mass of stolid indifference among the Catholic laity and a portion of the clergy as well to contend with. But the record of the great efforts made by the Episcopate and those appointed by the Episcopate is clear and unquestionable."

The leaders of the Church in the United States have contended against Communism, not as blind reactionaries, still less as the champions of any form of dictatorial political force, but as Christian social reformers, and as Americans, always within the American system of democracy and liberty.

Communism Answers Communist: Msgr. Sheen Favors Reds' Protests, Hits Methods, Reforms

In a recent issue of the *Daily Worker*, Communist newspaper, eight questions were asked of Monsignor Sheen, internationally-known writer and orator. In a reply, Monsignor Sheen answers each question with facts taken from Communist sources. This is the second article of a series of six comprising his reply.

By Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Ph.D., S.T.D., LL.D.
Question 2: "Monsignor Sheen now admits (in the report in the *New York Herald-Tribune* of December 14, 1936) that 'there is something very good about Communism. That good is its protest against low wages, accumulation of wealth, the conditions of the poor, imperialism and the condition of the working man. That is its appeal.' If this be true then why wage war upon this 'something very good'?"
Because it is good only in its protests, and it is good as I said in the same speech, in its methods and in its reforms.
The very fact that the above question should be asked proves that the questioner identified the revolutionary overthrow of the existing order with the love of the poor. I repeat, the two are not identified.
I can protest against drunkenness without being a Prohibitionist. I can protest against throwing eggs at Communist lecturers, without forever raising my clenched fist as a symbol of destruction, and I can protest against social injustice without being a Communist for the simple reason that none of these solutions is the only way out of the difficulty.

Right in Its Protests
Communism is right then in its protests, but so is every man who protests against social injustice. This means that Communism has a monopoly on protests. But though Communism is right in its protests it is wrong in its (a) methods and its (b) reforms.
(a) It is wrong in its method which is violence. The official Communist program in speaking of the method of establishing Communist Dictatorship always uses words associated with violence: "period of civil war," "national wars and colonial rebellions," "armed conflict," "systematic and unprovoked invasion," "conquest of power," "ruthless suppression," "stern violence," "instrument of suppression," "mercilessly suppress the slightest opposition," "systematically and unprovokedly combatting" (pp. 34, 35, 48, 49 and 53).

A Free For All
Communists may justify this on their Philosophy of Dialectical Materialism, but they do not justify violence on his philosophy as the Syndicalists do in Spain."

RED PROPAGANDA CURBED BY SWISS

BERNE The Swiss Government has found it advisable to take precautionary measures against Communist propaganda and disturbance in Switzerland, and will order the oldest democracy in Europe has refused to introduce special legislation with respect to the Communist movement. Furthermore, the law will not be submitted to a referendum, as is customary in Switzerland, but will enter into force as a law of exception, having force for five years.
The text of the law is concerned principally with Communist propaganda in Switzerland; it does not prohibit a Communist party, but the Government reserves the right to dissolve this party, to prohibit its publications and to confiscate its funds. For the present, the Government absolutely forbids any action intended to serve as the foundation of Communist "cells," to propagate Communist ideas among minors, or to favor the preparation for support of secret societies of a Communist nature.

CITE COMMUNISM PERIL IN IRELAND

DUBLIN The Bishops and priests of Ireland continue to warn the people of the dangers of Communism in their midst and to instruct them in the need for combatting it.
A striking article by the Rev. J. A. Cleary, C.S.S.R., appeared in the January-February issue of *The Redemptorist*, entitled "Danger Ahead in Ireland," in which the writer points out that while there were 27,000 Communists in Russia in 1917 out of 150,000,000 people, there is a larger proportion of Communists in Ireland today.
The *Catholic Standard* pointed out on November 20 that many Communist cells exist in Dublin. For those who shrink from being known as Communists the Communist International has provided a special organization known as "The Anti-War and Anti-Fascist League," the speaker said.

K. C. Refute Communism Cause Claim

Spurn Move To Invite 'Red' Leader To Meeting; Letter Answered

NEW HAVEN—In a letter strikingly illustrative of the arid tactics with which communists seek to attract sympathizers, Paul C. Wickes, City Secretary of the Communist Party of New Haven, has written to the Knights of Columbus here stating that "the Communists and Catholics and all progressives have a common cause," and asserting that there must be some misunderstanding of the aims of the Communist Party of New Haven, asks that a member of that party be invited to the next meeting of the K. of C. "to present our program for our mutual clarification."

The Catholic Activities Committee of San Salvador Council No. 1 of the K. of C. here has answered the letter through Francis J. Moakley, chairman.
Mr. Moakley tells Mr. Wickes that the Knights of Columbus "welcome the opportunity, presented by your letter, to clarify our position," and adds that "we very definitely do not believe the statements in your letter."
Adding that "we state this belief without reflection on your personal veracity," Mr. Moakley "tells Mr. Wickes that 'the tone of your letter, indeed, causes us to wonder if you, like so many others, have not been kept almost completely uninformed as to the true nature of the party and the movement with which you are identified.'"

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

STUDY CLUB MEETINGS
Spring, 1937
ITHACA—Immaculate Conception Hall 8:00 p. m.
January 27 (Wednesday)
ELMIRA—St. Peter and Paul's Hall 8:00 p. m.
January 29 (Friday)
HORNBELL—Federation Hall 8:00 p. m.
February 1 (Monday)
DANSVILLE—Knights of Columbus Hall 8:00 p. m.
February 2 (Tuesday)
AUBURN—Holy Family Auditorium 8:00 p. m.
February 3 (Wednesday)
WAVERLY—St. James' Church 8:00 p. m.
February 3 (Wednesday)
GENEVA—St. Francis De Sales' Hall 8:00 p. m.
February 5 (Friday)
CORNING—St. Mary's Hall 8:00 p. m.
February 5 (Friday)
ROCHESTER—Columbus Civic Centre 8:00 p. m.
February 7 (Sunday)

All former and prospective study club members are invited to these meetings. High School pupils will be especially welcome. Rev. Donald M. Cleary will conduct the meetings in Ithaca, Elmira, Corning and Waverly. Rev. Charles J. Mahoney will conduct those in Hornell, Dansville, Auburn, Geneva and Rochester.

Lent Opens Program of Study Clubs

'Life of Christ' Is Subject Of Eight Week Series; Priests Plan Talks

Spring program of the diocesan-wide organization of discussion study clubs will be launched the first week in Lent. It was announced today at the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Headquarters in Columbus Civic Center.
"The Life of Christ, a Study of the New Testament," will be the subject for the eight weeks series of study club meetings.
With over seven thousand enrolled in clubs that carried on the program last fall, and with many new clubs in process of formation, it is expected that the work will spread throughout the diocese to a new high record during the Holy Season of Lent.

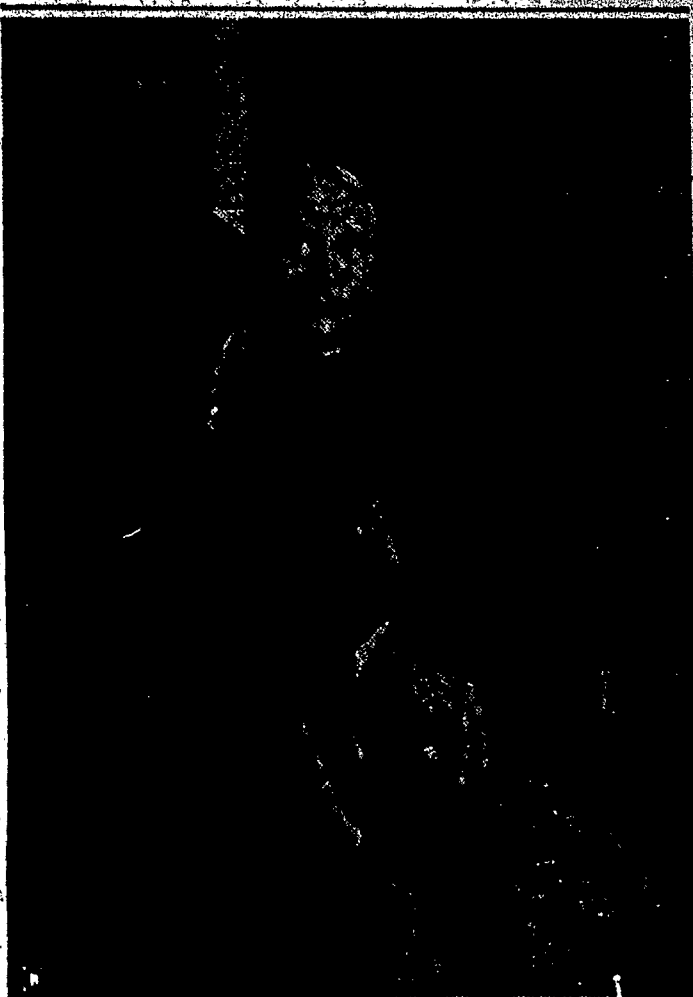
Group Meetings
Meetings of the clubs will be in small groups in private homes where carrying out the methods of the Confraternity which induce individual discussion, the subject of the Life of Christ will be thoroughly entered into through a study of the inspired writings of the Four Evangelists.
General meetings of all leaders and members will again be held to impart the latest information on the movement to those interested. All adult Catholics are invited to these meetings, schedule of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Pilgrims From Here Get Catholic News From Ship's Paper

When the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, and managing editor of the *CATHOLIC COURIER* and the Rev. John M. Duffy, diocesan superintendent of schools board the *Tatiana Maru* at Shanghai today, they'll get first hand Catholic news from all sections of the world.
The *Tatiana Maru* is bearing a large number of pilgrims to the thirty-third International Eucharist Congress at Manila.
The Rev. Patrick O'Connor, editor of the *P.A.R. EAST* and a passenger on the *Tatiana Maru*, is publishing the *P.A.R. EAST SPECIAL* on board ship. World Catholic News is being faxed to the ship by the N.C.W.C. news service.

Priest at Court Bar
GAINESVILLE, Fla.—The Rev. J. F. O'Mahoney, who became qualified as a lawyer after being ordained to the priesthood, has been presented in the United States Supreme Court in Washington and admitted to the bar of the nation's highest tribunal.

CATHOLIC PRESS LEADER



The Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, Pa., Episcopal head of the Department of Press, National Catholic Welfare Conference, who has issued a call for the support of the Catholic Press as the bulwark against Communism in the United States. (Continued on page 11)

Catholic Press Month To Be Widely Observed

The observance of this February as Catholic Press Month promises to be the most widespread, the most intensive and the most successful in history.
The keynote of the observance is sounded in a special statement just issued by the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie and Episcopal Chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Press Department.
Presented by Paul Fitzpatrick, Managing Editor of the *Catholic Courier*, Baltimore, and President of the United States Association of the Catholic Press Association, which is to be published shortly.

Charles H. Ridder of the *Catholic News*, New York, again leading the C.P.A. Catholic Press Month Committee, is putting forward extraordinary efforts to extend and coordinate the observance sponsored by that body and its members.
This year, for the first time in the long history of Catholic Press Month, a nationwide radio broadcast is focusing public attention upon the necessity and importance of the Catholic Press.
The broadcast on January 29 is designed to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Catholic Press Association and to greet Bishop Gannon as the now Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Press Department.
Observances will take many forms in different quarters. In some attention will be drawn to the Catholic Press Month observance in local radio broadcasts. In others special programs and projects will be developed in Catholic grammar and high schools.
Elsewhere there will be public meetings at which able speakers will develop specific points with reference to the need for the Catholic Press. In some places campaigns and drives will be launched, employing different mediums, in an effort to bring Catholic publications into the homes of all Catholics in these particular areas.
Posters of high artistic merit, prize-winners in contests sponsored by Catholic publications, are enlightening the interest in the observance in some localities. The cooperation of the press is, as usual, proving a primary source of strength in the observance in many places, with special appeals from the pulpits and other assistance being given in many instances. The attention of all the members of the parishes.

Sounds Call To Support Our Papers

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In The Kitchen With Madie.