

Third Annual Crusade

In support of the 15,000 young crusaders ready for action in the Student's Crusade for the CATHOLIC COURIER are many features in this issue. The Bishop's letter on this page and attractive articles on pages 9 and 10 will spur the youngsters on to victory. Laymen Co-operate!

Catholic Courier

February Is Press Month

Answering the call of Bishop Conroy, sponsored by the N.E.C.W.C. for observance of Catholic Press Month, page 15, the press, the pulpit and the radio will focus attention on the Catholic Press. Influence will be the result.

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Bishop Urges Victory for Press Crusade

Congressmen Scored for Spain Note

60 Members Signing Message Lauding Spain Reds Told by Monsignor Ready—'Democracy Applauded Murdered Religious by Thousands'

WASHINGTON—Frank amazement that 60 members of the 75th Congress of the United States have signed a message conveying greetings to and lauding the leftist parliament in Barcelona, Spain, is expressed in a statement made public Monday evening by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

NAZIS RE-ARREST FR. MAYER, NOTED PREACHER

AMSTERDAM (NC) The Rev. Father Mayer, S.J., a war veteran who lost one of his legs at the front and one of the most popular and most influential pulpiter orators of Germany, has again been arrested by the Nazi police in Munich because, contrary to previous police orders, he had again preached in his parish church.

The police assert that not the contents of his sermons, but the very fact that he delivered sermons in his parish church is the cause of this new measure which has deeply aroused the faithful of the Bavarian capital. The news was made public from all Munich pulpits last Sunday.

That Father Mayer again ascended to the pulpit is to be explained by a cowardly attack of the Bavarian secretary of the Interior Adolf Wagner who said in a Nazi mass meeting that apparently a pulp sermon such as had been uttered upon Father Mayer was enough to silence the spokesman of the church. This insult was meant to hurt deeply a man of Father Mayer's well-known courage and he thereupon decided to deliver the sermon when he was again arrested.

Conditions Deplorable Anyone familiar with conditions in Nazi jails can picture for himself the sufferings to which this martyr priest is now again to be subjected. Prisoners are often kept in solitary confinement for months and are not permitted to read anything except for one day a week. They are frequently kept in dark cells for weeks and allowed no occupation or distraction of any sort. All this of course amounts to an intellectual torture as can only be devised by diabolic minds. The Catholic lay youth leader Steber of Dusseldorf was blinded because of this solitary confinement in a dark cell for many months.

Father Rossant, who was given a long term penitentiary sentence under the most flimsy pretexts imaginable is now known to be seriously ill. Another priest, because of his treatment in jail because of the atrocious treatment he had to undergo.

LIST FR. GEFELL FOR GENEVA TALK

GENEVA The Holy Name Society of St. Stephen's parish will hold its annual banquet at the Parish House on Tuesday evening, Feb. 8.

Quebec Catholic Paper Prints 3 Daily Editions

SPRINGFIELD (NC) The old post office here will be converted into a grade school for St. Raphael's parish, according to an announcement by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Buckley, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Name Priest From Here To Aid China

Red Cross Appoints Fr. McGreal For Relief Work In War Zone

WASHINGTON (NC) Announcing that upon the request of President Roosevelt, its 3,700 local chapters will offer citizens the opportunity of contributing to a million dollar fund for the relief of the civilian population of China, the American Red Cross here this week made public the names of an American Advisory Committee in China, one member of which is the Rev. Leo F. McGreal, S.J., an American priest stationed at Gonzaga College in Chicago.

(Father McGreal is a native of Ontario, N. Y., and has several cousins in Rochester. Co-operating with the committee in China handling the funds will be the Most Rev. Pascal Van der Nat, native Chinese bishop who was in Rochester last week appealing for aid.)

Nelson T. Johnson, United States Ambassador to China, is honorary president of the committee in China which will handle the relief funds being raised in the United States.

Writing to Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Chairman of the American Red Cross, President Roosevelt expressed confidence there is "a widespread desire on the part of our citizens in every section of the country to contribute to a fund to aid in meeting the extreme distress of millions of civilian people in China."

"I should like to request, therefore," the President added, "that the Red Cross take such steps as it may deem appropriate to afford the American people an opportunity to respond by their contributions to the need of our suffering fellow beings and I trust that their response will result in a good-will offering of as much as one million dollars."

The President stated that "when the International Red Cross Committee made inquiry of both the Japanese and Chinese Red Cross Societies the Japanese Society replied that their resources were adequate to deal with their situation and the Chinese stated that they were unable to do so."

Admiral Grayson said this week that "all reports indicate the intense sufferings of the Chinese civilians." "It is estimated," he declared, "that millions of men, women and children are in great distress. Whole cities of a half-million people have been depopulated. Food must be provided the winter is severe, we are told, and clothing and shelter are desperately needed."

HAWAII PRIEST-EDITOR PLANS WORLD TOUR

HONOLULU The Rev. Robert Schools, S.S., Editor of the Catholic Herald, official weekly organ of the Catholic Church in Hawaii, and Spiritual Director for the Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society in the Territory, will leave in March for a six-month tour of the world during which time he will visit in his native Belgium.

Taxes Seen Peril To Church Colleges

CHICAGO (NC) Church colleges in this country are facing a critical financial situation and their continued existence is threatened by federal and state tax policies, because of increased levies on gifts, property and income of church institutions, Dr. Gerald Wickey of Washington, D. C., secretary of the National Conference of Church Related Colleges, asserted at a meeting of the organization here.

Bishop Kearney's Press Month Letter



THE MOST REV. JAMES E. KEARNEY, D.D.

Let us have a brief slogan, 'The CATHOLIC COURIER in EVERY Catholic home' —Bishop Kearney in December 9 issue. This is the slogan adopted for the Third Annual Students' Catholic Press Crusade.

NUNS RESCUE AGED FROM BLAZE

WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA. (NC) The century-old structure known as St. Joseph's Home for the Polish Aged, near here, is today a charred hulk as the result of a five-hour blaze which destroyed the upper three floors and caused injury to 10 firemen and a priest.

WESTON, MASS. (NC) A 69-year-old widower and his priest-son this week are to kneel side by side in the chancel of Weston College, here and take perpetual vows in the Society of Jesus. It is believed to be the first time in the Society of Jesus in North America that a father and son have uttered final vows together.

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FR. LANPHER RETURNS TO AIR

TORONTO The Rev. Charles B. Lanpher, director of St. Michael's Radio League, has returned to the air from which he had been banished by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. With the lifting of this ban the "Catholic Hour" here, discontinued two months ago by order of the Most Rev. J. C. McLaughlin, Archbishop of Toronto, has been resumed.

NEA To Study Birth Curb Protest

WASHINGTON The National Education Association's Committee on Social-Economic Goals of America will be especially concerned by the efforts of the National Education Association, William E. Glavin, Executive Secretary of the N.E.A., has assured Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the N.C.W.C.



My dear People:

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, has made a great many outstanding contributions to Catholic thought and Catholic Action. Keenly sensitive to the problems of the age, he has penned an historic series of letters to the faithful, discussing these problems and offering his solution.

Among the varied activities of the Church which have claimed his attention, none has concerned him more than the Catholic Press. He has urged the necessity of Catholic Publications. He has sponsored a great international exhibition of the Catholic Press. He has called the Catholic Press his own voice.

For a sincere Catholic, no stronger argument can be conceived than the fact that the Catholic Press has the most emphatic support of the Head of the Church.

I am simply echoing the voice of the Father of Christians when I make this urgent appeal for a more loyal support of our diocesan newspaper, the CATHOLIC COURIER. If our present circulation were increased one hundred percent, we would still lack the names of many who should appear on our subscription lists.

The Courier is your paper. Its ultimate success lies entirely in your hands. As a member of the Diocese of Rochester, May I then solicit your subscription and at the same time your support in whatever way your talent is able to make the 1938 Crusade an unprecedented success.

Praying God's blessing upon you and soliciting your prayers for the success of the Catholic Press in our beloved country, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ

James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Leads Quest For Crusade Goal

Vital Need For Our In Diocese Stressed By Bishop

15,000 Crusaders

'Shock-Troop' of Priests

An army of 15,000 full, zealous Crusaders "step out" at the "Forward" in the Third Annual Students' Catholic Press Crusade in the diocese of Rochester. The CATHOLIC COURIER is the paper...

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