

Coming Events Cast

the shadow before. With the next issue of The CATHOLIC COURIER, which will be the first to reach our new Third Crusade subscribers, we will announce a plan and program for the ensuing months. New features to interest all will be included in the program.

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More Vital Than Ever

In the light of today's difficulties, which are a vivid reminder throughout the entire world, the Catholic Press assumes even greater importance in enabling its readers to gain a point undistorted by propaganda. The CATHOLIC COURIER offers opportunity to maintain a balanced point of view.

Hitler May 'First Legion' Reviewed Halt War On Religion Guild Acclaimed In First Production

Capital Observers See Persecution Handicap To Nazi Economic Aims

WASHINGTON, (AP) Although Washington is far removed from European political tumult, it has not altogether escaped the tremors of the Nazi seizure of Austria. Its interest lies not in the political aspects of the situation, but in the cultural and doctrinal questions involved.

Perhaps the most significant thing from the latter viewpoint is the report of intent of the Nazis to relinquish their aim to abolish Christianity and substitute in its place a pagan racial cult. In Washington this is taken, however if it develops, to be a change of mind but not of heart.

Hitler, it is believed, has discovered that if he is to succeed in his purpose to de-Christianize the German people, he must first destroy the Christian faith. Little Austria, which has been the fast-track regime on the side and the Nazi regime on the other, is reported to have been able to secure as the price of its yielding to Nazi demands, the assurance that as Catholic religious traditions would not be suppressed.

Just how genuine an assurance may be only time will determine. Washington is inclined to accept it as false because resistance to the de-Christianization movement would have been a serious obstacle to the extension of the sphere of Nazi influence to the East.

Hitler in other words may be more concerned with extending the economic domination of the Reich than with extending the cultural domination which would have provoked no less trouble. He may be ready to give up the latter to gain the former. He wants access to the rich areas of the Balkan peninsula, more than he wants to de-Christianize the German people.

The second aspect of the situation in which Washington has an indirect interest is the effect of Nazi expansion upon the future of democracy in Europe.

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The First Legion—Emmet Lavery's masterpiece of Catholic Theater art, with Bert Lyell in performances which clinched the hold he has on Rochester people, launched the Blackfriars' Guild of Rochester on a career that should attain the highest goal in good theater.

With an excellently selected cast of Rochester laymen, the widely known Jesuit play won acclaim from three audiences Friday and Saturday at the East Main Street Auditorium. Impressions left by this play are so deeply etched today as they were last week following the performances.

Catholic In Tone Catholics, even, had a new insight into the community life of the Society of Jesus as they watched unfold the various scenes of the play. The play, cast inspired to high achievement by the strong experienced acting of Bert Lyell.

The truly Catholic tone of the entire production was revealing to the audience many of whom entered the theater from a sense of duty to assist a worthy cause. Left with the feeling that Holy Mother the Church has the way, the common sense and the doctrine to lift weak human nature to spiritual heights if the will so direct.

Makes Fr. Albert Live Mr. Lyell in the role of "Father Mary Albert," one of the three monks whom the "Father Rector" handles as the human element of the play, displayed the perfection to which he has brought the leading role.

Edward Murphy's performance as the "Father Rector" was outstanding. His dignity, the consideration shown for those under him, the deep faith of a veteran Jesuit priest came over the footlights with conviction.

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8 Speakers Daily Hits Stalin Bid Named for Radio Series To Workers

Bishop Heads List of Speakers To Discuss 'Communism'

With the start of the Lenten Parish Discussion Clubs but one week away, final plans are being completed in the Confraternity Office. The first in the series of radio programs on "Godless Communism" will be given on the Catholic Hour Sunday, March 6.

Announcements of the radio program being carried on in connection with the Confraternity program, and the supplementary material appearing weekly in the CATHOLIC COURIER beginning next week's edition, have been sent to very parish in the diocese.

Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., who will broadcast on March 6, heads the list of radio speakers which is made up of prominent priests and laymen in the diocese.

Rev. Benedict Ehmman, well known to the Catholic Hour audience, and the Rev. Joseph A. Ciarrocchi, who has frequently spoken on Social Order questions in the diocese, will represent the priesthood in the series.

B. Edward Sheehan, a member of the Catholic Education Committee, will head the lay speakers. Former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly, Chairman of Catholic Activities of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, and prominently connected with the Central Veterans Club, will be the first lay speaker.

Each radio talk will be devoted to a simple analysis and explanation of each week's material for the laymen. The program is open to each talk and is free.

Leaders of the Confraternity that each week a column in the COURIER be clipped and used in Discussion Club meetings.

March 6—The Fighting Struggle, Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. March 13—Professors of Persecution, Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman.

March 20—The Attack on the Church, Mr. B. Edward Sheehan. March 27—The Catholic Answer, Mr. Philip H. Donnelly.

April 3—The Communist Philosophy, Mr. John F. J. McLean. April 10—Communism Exposed, by Adolph W. Howard, M. Woods.

April 17—We cooperate with Communism, Rev. Joseph A. Ciarrocchi. May 1—Proletarian Religion, Dr. James N. Eastman.

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U.S. Labor Paper Warns Invitation Reveals Real Soviet Aims

NEW YORK (AP) An editorial issued by a widely-known pro-labor paper here has attracted wide attention in so-called "liberal" circles in the United States. The paper is Publisher David Stern's New York Post.

In a first-page editorial this week the Post severely assailed Josef Stalin, Soviet dictator, for his recent statement making workers in all countries ready to Soviet Russia's assistance in time of need.

The editorial, entitled "Stalin Takes Off His Mask," immediately brought down on the newspaper a vituperative attack by Communist officials and publications.

Prines (Prison) of Stalin On its editorial page this surprise the Post also printed a cartoon of Stalin, standing at a doorway with a bloody dagger behind his back and beckoning at a woman walking by called "World Labor Blood." The cartoon is entitled "Stalin's Invitation."

Stalin's declarations, as quoted by the Post were: "We will also increase and strengthen our international relations with the working class of the U.S.A. with the working class of bourgeois countries. We will organize political help of the working class of bourgeois countries to the working class of our country."

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There can be but one interpretation of these declarations by Stalin, the Post editorial said. "America's democracy continues to fight for the workers of all countries and particularly the victory of these workers in at least several countries is a necessary condition for complete victory of the first stage of the Russian Revolution."

The editorial says in part: "The Post welcomes Stalin's new declaration from Josef Stalin. It clears the air completely. American workers who approved Communist activities in the United States, after all, was at least friendly to democracy as well understood."

Stalin reveals that the Communists have been planning the kind of an anti-war system just as have the Fascists.

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Catholic Majorities Denied Voting Voice In North Ireland

IRISH ENVOY AT MASS



Michael MacSwiney, Minister of Ireland, is the honored guest and his wife leaving the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University of America, where they attended Mass celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Ambrose Cardinal, Archbishop of the United States, February 17, marking the 10th anniversary of the coronation of his Holy Mother, the Most Holy Virgin Mary.

\$2,000 FROM HERE SENT RED SPAIN

To communicate controlled Loyalist Spain, this year over \$2,000 in cash and several tons of food, clothing and soap from persons in Rochester.

Rochester's North American Committee to Aid (so-called) Spanish Democracy contributed that amount to Red Spain, was reported Monday by Secretary Clara Rittenberg.

At an anniversary conference held Sunday night at committee headquarters, the North Clinton Avenue delegates from 20 different organizations pledged to contribute a monthly fund of \$100 for a colony of refugee children near Barcelona.

The conference went on to support a national petition to Congress for an amendment of the Neutrality Act to permit war supply purchases by the Red forces in Spain.

Named to office by the conference were the following: Jean F. Cross, chairman; Clara Rittenberg, secretary; James L. Browne, treasurer; Thomas Volpe, Harry Weitzman, Philip Sheehan and Belle Cefkin, ways and means committee; Doris Walden, Mrs. William Poland, William H. Conlan, Walden Moore, speakers committee; Bernard Chagnon, Daniel Rizzo, Edward Fitzpatrick, Rittenberg, Alice Roxin, publicity committee; and Stanley Duke, Joseph DiNardo and Ceila Karellak, literature committee.

Noted Jewish Actress To Make Retreat

PARIS (AP) The press has announced that the great actress Ida Rubenstein, who made dramatic history as "Martyrdom of St. Sebastian" in 1913, is about to make a retreat of several weeks at the Benedictine convent of the Benedictine Convent.

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Two Spanish Stowaways Tell of 'Red' Terrors

SAVANNAH (AP) Lodged in a stowaway after the American steamer "Wisconsin" docked here from Barcelona, two Spanish youths relate through interpreters their gripping stories of their harrowing experiences in Loyalist Spain.

Cochin Lallia, 27, related that he returned from a motion picture show one day to find his house had been blown up and both his parents killed. His sister, a nun in a convent at Castellon de Llanena, was killed when Communist invaders the convent and murdered all of the religious, he added. He has a brother in Spain but knows not his whereabouts, even if he is alive.

Estimundo Pellegrer, 18, said his father, who was too old for the Army, was shot down by a Loyalist.

Figures Show Minorities Win Seats

Sentiment Widespread For First British Communist Party

(In view of the circumstances, the first British Communist Party election in the history of the party, the results are of great interest.)

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