Pope Sends Blessing As Franco Renews Pledge

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Opposition Fails To Halt Mexican Catholic Action

MEXICO CITY—Undaunted by restrictions imposed by Mexican civil and military authorities, an expansion of activities by the Catholic clergy and laymen is noted in many parts of the Republic, according to reports from various dioceses appearing in **Christus**, a monthly review of Catholic activity published under the approval of the Bishops of Mexico.

In some sections, this journal records religious persecution of priests and nuns, and the desecration of Church property and suppression of Catholic publications continue sporadically. But there is indicated a determination by communicants to continue openly their religious worship.

Restoration of church and educational buildings is continuing in some parishes, and large groups of Catholics are attending general meetings held in some of the cities.

Sodalists Active

From Cuernavaca the **Christus** disclosed that a Eucharistic Congress was held in the parish of Jojutla in the State of Morelos. The religious situation in the State of Chihuahua was reported as normal with steps being taken for reopening the three parishes in the Diocese.

A number of young men affiliated with the National Union of Catholic Students (Union Nacional de Estudiantos Catolicos) visited the See city to conduct courses and give lectures, and one group went into the outlying parts of the Diocese to organize social activities. The young men of the Sodality of Mary held a Congress at Torreon which was attended by the Bishop.

Catechetical activities have been greatly encouraged as a result of the establishment of Durango Archdiocesan conferences and the designating of certain days for catechetical instruction.

A publication of the Catholic Association of Mexican Youth was, however, suppressed, while the authorities authorized issuance of a sheet called the Bulletin of Communism. Sacrilegious robberies of the Sacred Hosts in the parish churches of Lerdo and San Juan del Rio were reported.

Fervor Marks Services

Services at Christmas in the diocese of Aguascalientes were marked with unusual fervor both in the See City and in the rural parishes, the **Christus** reported. The Most Rev. Vicente Camacho, Bishop of Tabasco, a renowned orator, preached during the four days' service in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Religious persecution was reported in the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, where priests, nuns, and some churches were the objects of assaults. One priest, who had duly registered with the civil authority was arrested for permitting Father Castor Ibarra S.J. who was not registered to exercise his ministry.

The report from Guadalajara also told of the seizure of properties of the Servants of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and of the Third Order of St. Francis, but the Sisters Servants of Jesus were permitted to retain their residence.

Around World

POPE GREETS AUSTRIANS

Vatican City. There blows from Austria not the breath of spring, but rather a sorrowful tempest, His Holiness Pope Pius XI told a group of students from Canisianum College at Innsbrueck, whom he received in audience on Wednesday, last week. He rejoiced in the presence of the students, His Holiness said. Their visits always bring him consolation, but more abundantly this year, although mixed with sorrow.

WAR ON OBSCENITY

Honolulu. Following an editorial suggestion by the **Catholic Herald**, official Catholic newspaper, that some Catholic group should undertake a campaign against the obscene reading matter being offered for sale on the city's newsstands, the Holy Name Society has undertaken this work. A committee has been appointed by the Holy Name Society to organize the drive.

MEXICANS GIVE EXAMPLE

Mexico City. Joining with the Most Rev. Jose Garibi Rivera, Archbishop of Guadalajara, who ordered collections in all the churches of his Archdiocese the proceeds to go toward the payment for the expropriation of the property of foreign oil companies, the Most Rev. Jesus Maria Echavarria y Aguirre, Bishop of Saltillo, has issued a pastoral urging the co-operation of Catholics. In his letter Archbishop Garibi Rivera said: "We Catholics who profess love of country as part of the teaching of our religion should set an example in this way."

GAINS DOCTORATE

Paris. Completing seven years' advanced studies in philosophy and literature in France, Father Bede Chang Cheng-ming, SJ, has just been awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters by the Sorbonne. Special interest attaches to the two theses advanced by Dr. Chang in the light of modern linguistic anthropology in which he traces out the origin of many of the Chinese written characters hitherto not fully explained.

TWO BISHOPS CONSECRATED

Manila. With impressive ceremonies the dual consecration of the Most Rev. Miguel Acebedo as Bishop of Calbayog and the Most Rev. Manuel Mascarinas as Bishop of Palo took place in the Cathedral of Cebu with members of the Philippine Hierarchy and Vice President Sergio Osmena attending.

Montreal. Comprising more than 1,000 pieces of Catholic literature, the first Catholic Book Fair was opened at the Knights of Columbus Building by the Most Rev. A. E. Deschamps, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, who said there are too many "intellectuals" who are able to discourse learnedly on all literature except that inspired by Catholic thought and action. This book fair, he said, would serve to enlighten them and to disprove in some measure assertions of non-Catholics that many members of the Church held their religious convictions without knowing for what reason they did so. The Bishop also warned against those works which, while seeming to flatter the Church, were really directing shafts of doubt into the souls of many.

ITALIAN HERO DIES

Vatican City. General Maurice Gonzaga is dead. He was one of the most famous heroes of the war, the only soldier in the history of Italy who was decorated with two gold and three silver medals for military valor. His most brilliant exploit was the conquest of Mount Vodice near Gorizia, in 1917, where he was seriously wounded.

38,000 IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem. More than 38,000 Jewish immigrants from or via Germany forming 22 per cent of a total of 175,000 have entered Palestine in the last five years, according to figures published by the Department of Statistics of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

CLASS HATRED TAUGHT IN CAMP

Peoria Bishop Reveals in Protest

PEORIA, ILL. (NCW) — That a summer camp conducted under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association was employed last year for the persistent and systematic inculcation of class hatred has been brought to light by the Most Rev. J. H. Schlarman, Bishop of Peoria, with the result that local officials of the Y. W. C. A. have protested officially to the national body against this situation.

In a letter to his priests, Bishop Schlarman says that information concerning activities at the Y. W. C. A. Camp Gray Industrial Conference (Summer Camp) Saugatuck, Michigan, came to his attention last October but that he withheld action for fear of injuring the Community Fund Drive then being held of which the Y. W. C. A. was one of the beneficiaries. He has in his possession, he states, a copy of a certain Sunday Service held at the camp and copies of songs and other materials used.

When he presented this information to Robert K. Clark, President of the Community Fund, the Bishop asserts, Mr. Clark, a non-Catholic, was shocked by the venom of class hatred contained in the interpretation of the Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Sunday Service and at the spirit of class hatred spouting through the songs.

Mr. Clark called a meeting of the Community Fund executive board, which in turn called in the officers of the Y. W. C. A. The latter too were shocked at what had taken place at Camp Gray, Bishop Schlarman declares, and the local board of the Y. W. C. A. drafted resolutions of protest.

Just Criticism

The resolutions addressed to the National Board read in part as follows:

"Our investigation here leads us to the unwelcome conclusion that the Catholic Church has a very just criticism which must be answered at once.

"The Board of Directors of the Peoria Y. W. C. A. at a called meeting of March 31, unanimously voted to enter a protest against some of the songs and worship services used at the Industrial Conference at Camp Gray last summer, and any other part of the program which tended to promote class hatred and bitterness.

"As the National organization compels the local Association to subscribe to the purpose to become a member of the National organization," the letter conveying the resolution states, "we in turn feel that the National organization cannot subscribe to any procedure that is not in perfect harmony with and in no way opposes the stated purposes of the organization to share His love for all people. We feel the enclosed songs and devotional

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HOLY FATHER CANONIZES THREE SAINTS IN SOLEMN EASTER RITES AT VATICAN

THREE NEW SAINTS CANONIZED EASTER SUNDAY

FEAST DAYS FIXED FOR NEW SAINTS

Proclaimed Holy Before Throng

By Msgr. Enrico Pucci

VATICAN CITY (NCW) — For the second time, His Holiness Pope Pius XI united the solemnity of Easter Sunday to that of a Canonization. The first occasion was in 1934 when Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesians, was proclaimed Saint, and it was the first time in history that this had ever happened on Easter Sunday.

The ceremony Sunday proceeded with the magnificent solemnity that makes canonizations hold the first place in the great papal functions.

There were present 26 members of the Sacred College of Cardinals, five members of royal families, including the Crown Princess of Italy and members of the royal houses of Denmark and Saxony, 12 members of the Pope's family including his sister, his sister-in-law and nephews, 160 members of the General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, 50 Polish army cadets in uniforms and carrying flags and 5,000 girls of Italian Catholic Action wearing white dresses and veils and alternating with the Poles in the singing of hymns in their native languages.

Cardinals present included His Eminence Alexander Cardinal Kakowski, Archbishop of Warsaw; His Eminence Isidro Cardinal Gomez Tomas, Archbishop of Toledo, Spain, and His Eminence Alfred Cardinal Baudrillart.

Still others present were the sisters of the Empress of Annam and the persons who were the beneficiaries of miracles accredited to the new Saints.

Feasts Announced

The dates of the feast days of the new Saints have been fixed as follows:

St. Andrew Bobola, May 16; St. Giovanni Leonardi, October 9, and St. Salvatore of Horta, March 18.

Substituting for the Holy Father in the reading of a homily following the canonizations of the new Saints, Monsignor Bacci, Secretary of Briefs and Princes, recalled the glorious and consoling fact of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are called upon to follow Our Lord to the heavenly country but the ascent is difficult because of the many human failings he said. Our sole hope he added is to follow the example of the Saints among them the three newly proclaimed.

Teachings Cited

St. Salvatore of Horta, Monsignor Bacci said, gives us the example of humility and voluntary mortification, despising earthly things. St. Andrew Bobola teaches zeal for the spread of the divine kingdom with an example of martyrdom that teaches the weak to bear every suffering for the cause of God and of the Church. St. Giovanni Leonardi gives the example of innocence, piety, mortification and apostolic zeal.

It seems Monsignor Bacci concluded, that Divine Providence gave these new Saints in times of such decadence to our times. St. Andrew Bobola is obtaining by his prayers the Monsignor declared, the desired unity of the Christian East and West. St. Salvatore of Horta is obtaining for Catholic Spain a new and flourishing Christian life, with the reintegration of peace and harmony. St. Giovanni Leonardi is obtaining the happiest development of Catholic Missions which he founded and promoted.

When during the Solemn Pontifical Mass the postulations were made the symbolic presentations of candles, bread, wine, water and doves were made by the following members of the Sacred College: Their Eminences Camillo Cardinal Laurenti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites; Enrico Cardinal Gasparri, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State; Pietro Cardinal Boetto, S.J., Archbishop of Genoa; Angelo Maria Cardinal Dolci, Archpriest of the Lateran Basilica; Alessandro Cardinal Verde; Giulio Cardinal Serafini, Prefect of the Sacred Congre-

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These pictures, showing portraits of the three new Saints and notable incidents in their lives, were carried in the Procession during the solemn ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica, Easter Sunday, when Holy Father Pope Pius XI officiated at the canonization ceremonies. (1) St. Giovanni Leonardi, 1541-1609, Italian founder of the Clerics Regular of the Mother of God. (2) Comforting prisoners condemned to death. (3) St. Andrew Bobola, 1591-1657, Polish Jesuit, (4) martyred at Janow by the invading Cossacks. (5) St. Salvatore of Horta, 1513-1567, Spanish Franciscan, (6) curing the sick through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

NATIONALIST HEAD VOICES GRATITUDE

Of Catholic Spain For New Saint

VATICAN CITY—(NCW RADIO)—Replying to a message of homage received from General Francisco Franco on the occasion of the canonization of St. Salvatore of Horta, a Spaniard, His Holiness Pope Pius XI sent his blessing to the Spanish Nationalist leader. In a message the Pontiff said:

"Glad to hear vibrating in Your Excellency's message the ancient faith of Catholic Spain, we send her crown of Saints enriched by a new hero of Christian strength. We heartily send the Apostolic Blessing to prominent citizen of Spain."

In his reply to the Supreme Pontiff, General Franco said:

"At this moment, when the new Spanish Franciscan Saint, Salvatore of Horta, who in his life coupled the supreme ideal of his faith with apostolic virtues to a heroic degree, is raised to the honors of the altars, I express to Your Holiness the gratitude of the Spanish people for this canonization of a Spaniard at a moment when Spain is turning toward the purest aims and ideals of Catholicism, the renewal of the loyalty of Catholic Spain itself to the Pontiff, the [illegible]

LEADER PROTESTS

Praying for [illegible] Attack on Pr[illegible]

NEW YORK, (NCW) — [illegible] meeting here of [illegible] was reported in [illegible] who have [illegible] Prof. Charles G. [illegible] Mawr College, [illegible] that he was not [illegible] alternate was [illegible] he had been there [illegible] demanded an apology.

Furthermore, [illegible] said he was at the [illegible] in a private [illegible] President of the [illegible] tion for International [illegible]. These facts [illegible] letters to America [illegible] to review here, [illegible] speaker to whom the [illegible] organized.

"May I take advantage [illegible] columns," Professor Fenwick [illegible] the editorial [illegible] my very great regret that I [illegible] have taken part in a rally [illegible] Madison Square Garden [illegible] day night. At which [illegible] speakers, Rabbi Wise [illegible] denounced [illegible] prayed for the success of General Franco in Spain.

"Dr. Wise was the [illegible] on the program and [illegible] leave the meeting after [illegible] the sentences I [illegible] when he made his [illegible] marks. Had I been [illegible] should certainly have [illegible] against what he said and [illegible] an apology, as I have [illegible] for.

In Purely Private Capacity

"I was present at the meeting under a complete misunderstanding as to its character. I understood that it was to promote [illegible] world co-operation [illegible] tive way; and I went [illegible] forth principles which the [illegible] Association for Industrial [illegible] Peace has been publishing in pamphlets year after year. My appeal for 'freedom of religious worship,' as part of a Charter of Fundamental Liberties which must be an essential condition of world co-operation, left no doubt as to what I stood; and I am confident that the response to it showed that the audience were not all hostile to the Catholic conception of the basis of world co-operation.

"I should add, Professor Fenwick also says, that it was definitely understood that I was to be introduced in a purely private capacity."

In his letter to Rabbi Wise, Professor Fenwick states that "when I met you on the platform at Madison Square Garden last Monday night and was photographed with you I little realized that it was a prelude to a violent denunciation of prelates who have prayed for the success of General Franco in Spain."

A Fair Question

"Obviously," Professor Fenwick continues, addressing Rabbi Wise, "it is your privilege to think that the success of General Franco in Spain would be hurtful to causes in which you believe, and I have no desire to criticize you on that

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Manhattan College To Honor Four

NEW YORK (NCW) — At the celebration of the diamond jubilee of Manhattan College April 26, honorary degrees will be conferred upon four distinguished Americans, Brother Patrick, FSC, president of the College, announced today.

The honors will be bestowed upon Rev. Sister M. Madeleva, CSC, president of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., an outstanding poet and author; the Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., president of Fordham University; Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel Prize winner and a member of the staff of Rockefeller Institute and Paolino Gerli, Catholic business man and philanthropist.

Negro College Gets High Rating

NEW ORLEANS (NCW) — Xavier University, conducted by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Negroes, received "A" rating from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, held in Dallas, Tex.

The rating was based on progress made in expansion of college courses and erection of modern buildings, including the recently-completed $46,000 gymnasium and the $106,000 library.

NAZI HEADS VOICE

Opposition To Religious Freedom

AMSTERDAM — Further public declarations by Nazi leaders relayed here serve to emphasize their antipathy toward the unrestricted practice of religion as insisted upon by the Christian churches. The declarations preceded the plebiscite in which the annexation of Austria was almost unanimously approved.

First of all, General Hermann Goering, speaking in Vienna, warned churchmen not to interfere in matters which are none of their concern. And now comes Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, with a similar declaration in a speech broadcast from the former Austrian capital asserting that it is imperative that there be a proper segregation of things of this world and things of the other world.

Scorns Prayer-books

"Our Nazi Christianity, which has been realized in the last five years of accomplishments, he says, is written in the hearts, not in prayer books."

Likewise, Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi education director and archfoe of Christianity, has stated once more, this time in a speech in Dortmund, Westphalia, that all who adhere to the great unity of Germany "without reservation" are welcome in the German Reich.

School Prayers Abolished

In all public schools of Germany, including the Catholic districts, prayers have been abolished, crucifixes eliminated and religious instruction restricted to the extent that it no longer plays an important part in the curricula.

All over Austria streets bearing the names of former Chancellor Dollfuss and Schuschnigg have been renamed. Monuments to Dollfuss have been destroyed and his widow and children have left the country.

THIS WEEK in The News

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"Dare to be Different," speaker tells Geneva Club
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N. Y. REGENTS REJECT BABY BIRTH FILM

NEW YORK (NCW) — The State Board of Regents has rejected a request by the American Committee on National Welfare for permission to exhibit the film "Birth of a Baby." Announcement was made that the picture might be shown for educational purposes to selected audiences.

The Regents voted unanimously that "as an amusement picture, we find that the film is so far in contrast with Section 1,082 of the Education law that we cannot license it." Sponsors of the film announced they would appeal to the courts.

Prelate Has Used $210,000 in Gifts To Aid Diocese

LONDON, (NCW) — When a check for $37,000 was presented to the Most Rev. Peter Amigo, Archbishop-Bishop of Southwark, to mark his sacerdotal golden jubilee, it was revealed that jubilee presentations during his career have amounted to $210,000 and that the whole of that sum has been used for purposes within the diocese.

With the latest gift a parish hall is to be built in the Southwark Cathedral parish.

STOP LEFTIST

With Questions on Spain That Go Unanswered

NEW YORK (NCW)—Jose Bergamin, Spanish Leftist propagandist who is described as a "noted Catholic editor," received a stormy "welcome" here Thursday when he spoke at a meeting arranged primarily for local public school teachers to learn the truth about Spain.

Fifty one persons including several priests attended the meeting which had been widely promoted in the public schools. With the exception of about a dozen known radicals, several of their teachers, the audience as a whole was sympathetic to Mr. Bergamin's remarks. Applause at times when he used the example that there was no Loyalist intervention in Spain.

Mr. Bergamin spoke through an interpreter. In answer to a direct question as to what he thought of Communism, Mr. Bergamin replied: "This is a personal matter. I do not care to discuss it."

Two other important questions submitted to him in writing were not answered. One asked him if he wrote a poem "The Romance of the Moro Moro," in which communistic principles were praised. The other asked him to name the ecclesiastical authorities who he had said earlier in his talk had approved of his lecture tour in the United States.

Other Questions Evaded

Mr. Bergamin likewise evaded answering this question: "How many priests and other religious have been killed in Leftist Spain?" A Vatican source announced last Sunday that approximately 11,000 in all have been killed there. Is this figure correct?"

After a minute's deliberation Mr. Bergamin began through his interpreter that "according to statistics of the ministry in charge of ecclesiastical authorities . . ." At this point he was interrupted, quickly corrected himself and said "I mean the Ministry of Justice." He then concluded his answer with this direct statement:

"According to statistics collected by the Republican Government of Spain there were 30,000 priests in Spain at the start of the war. Today there are actually 14,000 functioning in that part of Spain held by the government. In Catalonia alone for example, 4,000 Masses are said every day."

To repeated requests from the floor to answer the question, Mr. Bergamin remained evasive.

At the start of his talk, Mr. Bergamin expressed surprise that his qualifications to speak as a Spanish Catholic had been attacked. He said he "never claimed to be the official representative of the official ecclesiastics of Spain, but spoke as an individual Catholic giving his personal view on Spain."

When Bergamin and the three other members of his propaganda team arrived in the United States on April 4 they were referred to by Communist publications which accorded them a warm welcome as "an unofficial delegation of lay Catholics from Loyalist Spain."

Mr. Bergamin's announced topic was "The Catholic Teacher in Republican Spain." He never touched on this subject during his speech which dealt principally with responsibility for the Spanish civil war.

Two Spanish priests who were present several times challenged his assertions. The chair ruled that they were out of order and that questions would be answered "at the end." All questions were submitted in writing. However Bergamin never answered a number of questions submitted to him by these priests.

MAKES GIFT TO SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. James L. Flood has announced the outright gift of her family property to the Religious of the Sacred Heart and in 1940 the property will become a part of the San Francisco College for Women. In announcing the gift Mrs. Flood said she desired the property to be devoted to some useful and worthy purpose.

The Rev. Mother Hill, Superior of the Order, in acknowledging the gift, said: "The San Francisco College for Women desires publicly to express its appreciation and gratitude for Mrs. Flood's great gift to us." Mrs. Flood will retain possession for two years, enabling the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart to work out arrangements for the use of the property.

Daily 90 Years Old

LUXEMBOURG — The Luxemburger Wort, leading local German-language Catholic daily, has just celebrated its 90th jubilee.

LAUDS PREMIER

For Support of Protestant Asylum

MONTREAL—(NCW) — The Gazette, local daily secular newspaper, commends Quebec's Catholic Premier, Maurice Duplessis, and his government in putting through a bill to provide a guarantee of $750,000 for projected additions to the Verdun Protestant Hospital for the Insane.

Pointing out that the hospital board president is Gordon W. Scott, appointed to Mr. Duplessis in politics, the Gazette says: "There is in this action an example of breadth of vision and tolerance exercised in solving a public problem. Opposing sides in politics have disregarded whatever political differences they may have had, for the good of the community, proof indeed of the soundness of our method of self-government in the Province of Quebec, where differences in race, religion and politics can be submerged for the benefit of the whole."

Nun Is Speaker In British Broadcast

LONDON (NCW) — A nun spoke over the radio in the national program of the British Broadcasting Corporation here yesterday. She is a Franciscan Missionary of Mary and she spoke on "Nuns in Far-away Lands."

Catholic Farmers Organize

SAN ANTONIO — A Catholic Farmers' League was organized at Hallettsville last Sunday in response to the suggestion of the Most Rev. Arthur J. Drossaerts, Archbishop of San Antonio, who was the principal speaker at the gathering, which included some 8,000 farmers from many parishes of the Archdiocese.

Clergy and laymen addressed the gathering, which His Excellency characterized as composed of "thousands of stalwart men, thousands of sturdy Texas farmers who above all other professions and avocations are indeed the backbone of our country and our Christian institutions."

His Excellency decried using the organization for political purposes. "We are here," he said, "not to further any other political aspirations. In fact one of the [illegible] to be everlastingly [illegible] mixing up our religious [illegible] tions with politics. We [illegible] use of the men [illegible] instrument of [illegible] without ever allowing [illegible] men to use the [illegible] political purposes [illegible] example of [illegible] ously avoiding [illegible] entanglements.

Aims at Strong Catholic Farmers

"Aim at the [illegible] Catholic farmers [illegible] ship of the [illegible] form [illegible] the [illegible] can [illegible] [illegible]