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WASHINGTON, (N. C.)—The curtain has been raised on a entirely new scene in the turbulent world situation by the addresses of Secretary Hull, pleading for greater international cooperation, and of President Roosevelt, pledging enduring friendship for Canada.

Behind these is an even more important development. It is understood that the way has finally been smoothed for the reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and Great Britain. This, in a sense, joins the two great democracies economically.

The assurance of President Roosevelt and the plea of Secretary Hull bring them more closely together in the matter of international political policy. The United States has lined up with the liberal democracies to stem the tide of absolutism which is constantly rising in Europe and has begun to lap the shores of the western continents.

On Vatican Lines

There is also this to be noted, the two great democracies are driving in the same direction as the Vatican. Secretary Hull said: "When the dignity of the human soul is denied in great parts of the world, and when that denial is made a slogan under which propaganda is set in motion and armies take the field, no one of us can be sure that this country or even his home is safe."

"It is clear," he added, "that the present trend in that direction and the longer this drift continues the greater becomes the danger that the whole world will be sucked into a maelstrom of unrelenting and savage economic, political and military competition and conflict."

The two addresses, it appears, have been more commended upon abroad than in this country.

They have been regarded by absolute governments as a challenge.

Secretary Hull laid the basic principle upon which the American policy rests. The President affirmed the friendship of the United States in a British Dominion. It is anticipated that the accepted trade agreement will still further cement the ties with Great Britain.

Taken all together, they steps indicate that morally as well as economically the two governments will stand together to stem the tide of absolutism and autocracy which is undermining democratic government in various parts of the world.

The broad picture of conditions leading up to this important declaration of policy is still sketched only in heavy outline. Secretary Hull has repeatedly emphasized the necessity of breaking down the trade barriers set up by "nationalistic" governments, as a means of promoting world economic recovery. But in his latest speech the Secretary has gone into the moral issues involved and at the same time has sounded the warning that the United States may eventually become involved in the "madstream" and the collapse of all moral standards.

Just what fronts lie behind this disturbing prediction can only be surmised. It is regarded as significant, however, that just at this time disturbing disclosures concerning the spread of communistic activities in the United States are being made before the House committee investigating subversive activities in Mexico. In its relations with the United States, appears to be following an absolutist course.

Students Aid Warrent

LAOCHOW, CHINA—Inspired by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, the pupils of the Hun Hai mission school in Laochow refused to accept any presents and other gifts as a means of helping the refugees and wounded, says Lumen Service. Most of the articles had been stolen by the Sisters and pupils with the result that net profits to the amount of \$150 could be sent to the relief authorities.

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SPAIN Today and Tomorrow

Ruined
Belchite
Sordid
Proof of
Gangsterism

By Rev. Dr. Joseph V. Thorne and John V. Hinkel

This is the fourth in a series of articles on the situation today, and the prospect, in Spain, by the Rev. Dr. Joseph V. Thorne and John V. Hinkel, who have gone to that country to make a first-hand study of the religious, social and economic aspects of the Spanish conflict.

Thorne is Professor of Social History at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., and a well-known authority on Spanish History and culture. He visited Spain last summer. Mr. Hinkel, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, is a New York newspaperman, and also has been a keen student of the Spanish situation.

EXPECT 2,542,500
CATHOLIC STUDENTS
On Enrollment
For Coming Year

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An estimate of 2,542,500 pupils in 7,929 elementary schools during the 1938-39 school term takes into consideration the decrease in enrollment noted in this division in the 1934 and 1936 surveys. The total enrollment of the elementary schools in 1934, compared with the enrollment of the same schools in 1932, represents a decrease of 3,038 pupils or 1.5 per cent in the two-year period. The decline between 1934 and 1936 was even greater, 56,763 pupils or 2.6 per cent.

This loss in elementary pupils in recent years may be ascribed to the restriction in immigration and to the decline in the birth rate in the United States. The effect on enrollment caused by restricted immigration is so obvious that space will be given only to the decline in the birth rate. "Dynamics of Population," study made by Frank Lorimer and Frederick Osborn includes the following recent findings as to population in the United States:

"The population of the country as a whole is rapidly becoming a stationary population, with a maximum to be expected shortly after the middle of the century.

"The birth rate varies greatly in general. It is high in rural areas, lower in small cities and towns, and still lower in the larger cities. Population Groups

"As to population groups classified by race or by country of origin there are no important differences in reproduction. Since the world war there has been a marked drop in the birth rate of recent immigrant stock now living in the larger cities. The Negro group, like the white groups, appears to be at equilibrium as regards true reproduction rates."

During recent years births have been "most frequent among families with low economic status and least frequent among families with superior educational advantages and superior occupational ratings. Those who enjoy the greatest cultural resources are not having enough children to replace themselves in the next generation."

However, there is some evidence to indicate that the birth rate of people possessing abundant financial means and "high educational background... the rate of reproduction may be equal to requirements for replacement."

The findings, in the judgment of Messrs. Lorimer and Osborn, should "give greater emphasis to the values of family life to ways of living which promote physical vigor, and to conditions which guarantee a larger measure of economic security, especially to young couples during the early reproductive years."

As stated before, little or no change in last year's totals is expected during the coming term in the enrollments of the seminaries, teachers' colleges and normal schools. These divisions are the least affected by outside influences, hence the enrollments show very little variation from one survey to another.

In 1934, for example, the enrollment of students in major seminaries was 7,960 and in 1936 it amounted to 8,019. The number of students in preparatory seminaries in 1934 was 10,222 and in 1936 the total was 9,427. The estimate for the 1938-39 term presages 8,000 students in 93 major seminaries and 9,000 students in 79 preparatory seminaries.

Teachers' Colleges

The total number of students in diocesan teachers' colleges and normal schools was 9,304 in 1934 and 10,541 in 1936. The estimated total for the coming year is 10,500 students in the 41 diocesan teachers' colleges and normal training schools. It should be remembered, of course, that over one-half of this number will be in attendance at the summer sessions.

No attempt has been made to estimate the number of teachers in each division. The usual procedure is to add to the number of teachers in those divisions of the school system that will have increases in enrollment. Additions to the teaching staff may therefore be expected on the college and high school levels. Some teachers may be transferred to the latter division from elementary schools, but not to any great extent. For a number of years the lower grades in the elementary schools of some sections of the country were greatly overcrowded. The decline in enrollments in these grades has been helpful to many teachers who are now enabled to do more effective work with smaller classes.

The total number of teachers for all divisions of the Catholic school system for the coming year may accordingly be expected to exceed the 89,825 teachers who were recorded in the 1936 survey.

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BELCHITE, SPAIN—Five months after the tide of war swirled around here, leaving a trail of almost complete destruction, this once picturesque city of 6,000 people offers tragic proof even today of the type of gangster hoodlum life the International Brigades, composed of foreigners serving with the Spanish Red Army.

These correspondents have just concluded a melancholy visit to the shattered streets and buildings of what was once Belchite. They have spent hours examining the debris left by some of the bitterest fighting of the civil war in Spain. This is the story of part of what they found.

The story should be interesting to Americans, because the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, made up of American radical fighting with the Spanish Reds, had prominent part in the war-time history of this ruined city. It is a story the writers believe has never been told.

Hermitage Is Ruined

What was once the residence of the Hermitage, an old church and monastery near Belchite, built on a hill which commands the city and countryside for miles around. The Americans held this place for nearly seven months, and it was defended by the Nationalist troops last March. Hundreds of them are buried now in the olive groves around the city.

The Hermitage presents a battered appearance. What was once one of the loveliest places in all Aragón is now gravely mutilated by the scars of war. The church and monastery are stripped bare; its hillside garden, its terraces, its branches and bird-wire entanglements; its monks' cell and the Hermitage itself. The writers profaned it, as the writers observed on their first visit. There is not one single religious object left in and around it, except a statue of the Blessed Virgin in a niche above the main door of the church. The head of this statue is probably probably shot off by some International Brigade "sharpshooter."

It is abundantly evident that in their idle moments the American Reds and their allies used themselves by stripping the interior of this church of every religious object in approved Red style. They looted the tabernacle of its contents. They smashed the altar, and the crosses, pulpits, and everything else in the interior, except away the remains and turned the church into a barracks.

Chaplain's Grave Profaned

As if this were not enough, the grave of Father Oll, a Spanish chaplain of the Hermitage, who is buried behind the altar, was profaned. The marble slab marking his resting place was smashed into a dozen pieces. The grave, however, the slab bore evidence that International Brigade vandals even had disturbed the remains of the dead priest, but not so badly as some of their comrades had done. They profaned the remains of some Carmelite nuns in Belchite.

CITY COUNCIL ATTEMDS BLESSING OF CITY HALL

PARIS (N.C.)—The municipality of Chateaubourg, a small town near Rennes, recently built a new city hall. On the day of its inauguration, the clergy was invited to bless the entire building as well as the office of the mayor and the council.

The entire Municipal Council attended, headed by the Mayor and the General Councillor. After blessing the exterior, the Mayor entered the Mayor's office and blessed three Crucifixes which will be used there and in the council chamber. The Mayor proclaimed the excellent relations that exist between the municipality and the clergy of Chateaubourg and emphasized the profit that the community derives from this collaboration.

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