U. S. BISHOPS LAUNCH 'DEMOCRACY' DRIVE

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3,000 Hear Bishop Kearney Score Persecutions By Nazis

Decrying the "wild orgy of religious persecution which has reached a climax" in latest Nazi acts against the Jews in Germany, His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, addressing the mass meeting of 3000 Rochesterians of all denominations at Convention Hall, Saturday evening, voiced vigorous protest against all religious persecutions.

Speaking with the Bishop in denunciation of the policy of National Socialism in Germany were the Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple, president of the Federation of Churches, and Sol Heumann, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr William M. Hart, V.G., was chairman of the meeting and Charles A. Tucker president of the Rochester Layman's Retreat League, presented the speakers. The Rev. Paul M. Schroder gave the evening prayer and Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein the benediction.

Act Through Resolution

In a resolution presented by the Rev Justin W. Nolan of the Inter-Faith Goodwill Committee and seconded by William T Nolan of that committee, the 3,000 persons present voted to condemn every form of racial and religious persecution wherever it occurs and to urge active participation in refugee work. (Text of resolution will be found at bottom of this column.)

Prolonged applause followed Bishop Kearney's closing declaration that "We maintain that no power on earth can accord to ignore the command of Jesus of Nazareth—'thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, with thy whole soul with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

Text of Bishop's Address

The Bishop's address in full follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I can think of no event in recent times which has caused such widespread indignation among all peoples, irrespective of nationality or creed, as the recent wild orgy of religious persecution which has reached a climax in the latest measure of persecution against the Jewish population of Germany.

The universal voice of protest carries a message of encouragement to those of us who were beginning to believe that as a nation we were becoming more or less callous to the religious persecution about us. The desecration of Christian temples, the denial of the right to worship God, the ruthless murder of priests and nuns in Mexico, even when provoked with undeniable certainty to our government's apathy. Like the Knights of Columbus, it asked little or no sympathy. The attitude could be summed up in the old saying, "That's their funeral."

His Terror in Spain

Again when the insensate destruction of churches and convents by the Spanish Loyalists was proven by the testimony of unbiased eye-witnesses, when the sadistic murder of thousands of priests and nuns merely because of their religious profession seemed the principal part of the Loyalist program, no reaction was visible here except possibly the childish swallowing without blinking of all the Red Propaganda that came from Madrid and Barcelona. Now yesterday's "Times" tells us that the Loyalists have extended their hands in welcome to the exiled Jews. Unfortunately, the exiles may find them still red with the blood of the very type of persecution from which they flee.

However at last, there is a definite reaction against religious oppression of minority. The world stands aghast at the efforts of a supposedly civilized nation making the Jewish people outcasts on the face of the earth.

Now the action, whether defensible or not, of one young man who may, like Spartacus, "have seen the breast that had nourished him trampled on by the hoof of the war-horse, or the bleeding body of his father thrown among the blazing rafters of his dwelling," is greedily snapped up as the occasion for cruelties and atrocities the very reading of which makes us lay aside our paper, sick at heart.

Influence More Sinister

The situation in Germany has been very graphically summed up by the President of Fordham University:

"The situation in Germany today is not merely political or eco-

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Around The World

PROTEST OUTRAGES

Amsterdam. — The recent events in Vienna have aroused widespread indignation among the Catholics of Holland with the result protests against the persecution of Catholics by the Nazis are flooding the country.

One Catholic group is collecting hundreds of thousands of Catholic signatures to a protest against the oppression of co-religionists in the Reich. As each 1,000 signatures are secured, they will be sent with messages to Reichsführer Hitler.

PARIS PAVILION CLOSED

Paris. — The last vestige of the Paris Exposition—the Pontifical Pavilion—has been removed.

His Eminence Jean Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, gave a final Benediction as the last of the pavilions closed its doors. The Cardinal expressed the hope that the campanile be placed elsewhere so that the protective image of Our Lady may continue to watch over the city. In complimenting the Commissioner General of the Pavilion, the Rev. de Riviere de Manny, His Eminence made known that about 10,000,000 visitors had passed under its domes since last year.

ORDER INCREASES

Warsaw. — The Albertines, community founded about half a century ago by Adam Chmielowsky known as Father Albert, to work among the destitute in Central European countries have grown to such an extent that they now have 15 houses for men and 45 houses for women in Poland.

The Albertines are a familiar sight in many of the towns and villages of Poland. They go from house to house begging any kind of gifts for the poor.

ABORTION CASE STUDIED

London—Catholic Doctors members of the Guild of SS. Luke, Cosmas and Damian, have set up a subcommittee to consider the implications of the judge's summing-up and the judgment itself in the Bourne case, in which a doctor who performed an abortion operation was tried and acquitted.

Dr. V. J. O'Donovan, lay President of Catholic Action here and Chairman of the doctors' guild speaking at Liverpool, where the Guild at its annual meeting decided to set up the sub-committee, pointed out that St. Luke's medical practice was founded on the tradition of Hippocrates, and the Hippocratic oath says without qualification, "nor will I aid a woman to procure abortion."

FEED 700 REFUGEES

Ichang, China—More than 1,000 refugees have been housed in the mission compound here for some time, and nearly 700 of them are fed daily by the missioners, says Lenten Service.

Schools and other buildings were vacated in order to make room for the homeless, and to gain additional space large tents were erected in the gardens of the mission.

To ward off the ever present danger of epidemics the Rev. Lucius Stas and Brother Liberatus Guibert have been giving injections against cholera, typhoid, and the like.

CATHOLIC GENERAL HONORED

Montreal. — The one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the victory of Chateauguay, when the French-Canadian Colonel de Salaberry defeated General Hampton and prevented annexation of Canada to the United States, was marked at the tomb of the noted Catholic military leader at Chambly.

The patriotic observance ended with attendance at Mass in the Cathedral here of the 11th Infantry Brigade — the only Brigade made up entirely of French Canadians.

REVIVE OLD RITE

Goa. — An ancient ceremony was revived here when the new Governor General on assuming his new office, received his staff of authority from the hand of the statue of S. Francis Xavier in the Church of Bom Jesus.

The ceremony goes back to the ages of faith when relations between Church and State were closer and every new Governor General of Portuguese India received his symbol of authority in this manner.

NAZI VICTIM TEACHES

Quebec. — The Rev. I. Eschmann, O.P., once imprisoned by the Nazis, will be in charge of the Scholastic and Method courses at the School of Social, Economic and Political Sciences here.

Father Eschmann was taken into custody by Nazi police after he had commented in the pulpit on papal directives regarding Nazism and was imprisoned for six months. He is 40 years old.

PRIEST BEGINS FUR TRADE

Lebret, Sask. — The Rev. Clovis Bretarne, O.M.I., is pioneering a fur-raising industry among Indians in order to make them self-supporting.

The principal of the Lebret Indian School, he is starting a mink farm in connection with this school. It is proposed later to start fox farming, and then to raise other fur-bearing animals.

HITLER REGIME WIPES OUT SCHOOLS Of Catholics In Bavaria

MUNICH (NC).—An official declaration of Minister Adolf Wagner, published in large type in the Bayerische Regierungsanzeiger, directs attention to the fact that the 5,500,000 Catholics of Bavaria have no choice but to accept the Nazi school.

"In all Bavaria," Minister Wagner's statement reads, "the confessional schools have been transformed into communal schools. At this turning point in the history of our public education, I thank all those who have aided me in the task that was placed upon me."

The Ordinance of the Minister of Education and Public Worship of October 25, 1933, No. IV 62,601, sounds the death knell of the Bavarian Catholic school and marks the end of the school controversy that has existed in Bavaria since the advent of the Nazi regime. Of the 8,223 Catholic free schools that existed before the accession to power of Hitler, not one remains. This is a flagrant violation of Article 6 of the Bavarian Concordat with the Holy See, and of Article 23 of the Concordat solemnly concluded between the Reich and the Vatican in 1933.

The 780,000 Catholic children who were being educated in Catholic schools, now are forced to follow a curriculum impregnated with Rosenberg's "conceptions of National Socialist life," and which systematically seeks to wean them away from the Church.

All Schools Affected

The new ordinance effects not only the primary school, but hundreds of secondary schools, high schools and normal schools, it means their radical suppression or "transformation" into non-Catholic one might even say, non-Christian schools. The edict affects also 1,0 3 Protestant, 67 Jewish and 216 mixed schools or schools attended by both Catholic and Protestant children and located principally in the vicinity of Nuernberg and Fuerth where Protestants are in the majority. Among the 11,400 teachers in these schools, there were thousands of religious members of teaching Congregations.

In this manner the Nazi school drive was limited to centralization. Then, in 1933, propaganda, directed by militant specialists, was started in favor of the mixed school. The year 1935 marked the beginning of a great school offensive by the entire Party and, in 1936, the adoption of terrorist methods directed against Catholic parents who refused to fall in line. In 1937, first at Munich and then at Nuernberg, finally throughout northern Bavaria, all the Catholic and Protestant schools were converted into Nazi schools. With Julius Streicher conducting the propaganda at Nuernberg, 82.1 per cent of the children were attending the Nazi school the previous year.

NON-CATHOLIC WRITER LAUDS PRIEST'S WORK IN CANADIAN MOVEMENT

PHILADELPHIA.—High tribute to the work of Father J J Tompkins leader in the Nova Scotia co-operative movement, is paid in the Journal of Adult Education by Benson Y Landis, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Mr. Benson's article is entitled "A Teacher of Fishermen by the Sea," and recounts the part played by Father Tompkins in the co-operative movement which is "changing the map" of the Maritime Provinces and "remaking the lives of many of the people there."

800 First Communions At Guadalupe Basilica

MEXICO CITY. — Of 6,000 boys and girls belonging to the catechetical associations of San Francisco Javier, who came in pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 800 made their First Communion.

The Most Rev. Massimino Ruiz, Auxiliary Bishop of Mexico, pontificated at the Communal Mass.

"Guarding the Social Heritage of Man..."

A plan to devote the resources of Catholic schools to the study of Christian Democracy is revealed in a Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States just made public. The letter, signed by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty (upper left), Archbishop of Philadelphia, in the name of all the Bishops of the country, was authorized at the General Meeting of the Bishops in Washington in October. At that time the American Hierarchy received an impressive letter from His Holiness Pope Pius XI to mark the closing of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Catholic University of America. Msgr. McMahon Hall appears above. The Holy Father's letter stressed the sublime mission of the University in guarding the social heritage of man in the natural and supernatural order. Believing that, to carry out the Holy Father's injunction, "it is necessary that our people, from childhood to mature age be ever better instructed in the true nature of Christian democracy," the Bishops have directed the Catholic University "to compile at once a more comprehensive series of graded texts for all educational levels. On the foundation of religious training, these texts will build "an enlightened, conscientious American citizenship." Upper right, inset, Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, Chancellor of the Catholic University. Lower left, Monsignor Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the University.

72 U. S. BOOKS ARE Banned As Indecent By Australia Ruling

MELBOURNE — Seventy-two magazines published in America have been banned from entry into Australia by the application of a new customs regulation. By this regulation the importation not only of "indecent, obscene or blasphemous works or articles" but also of "literature which in the opinion of the Minister, and whether by words or by pictures or partly by words and partly by picture: (a) unduly emphasizes matters of sex or crime, or (b) is calculated to encourage depravity," is prohibited.

Organizations which sent congratulatory letters to Acting Minister for Trade and Customs Perkins include the National Secretariat for Catholic Action, Australia Holy Catholic Guild, Catholic Women's Social Guild, Catholic Evidence Guild, Holy Name Society and Chesterton Club.

In addition to this action, legislation has been introduced in the Parliaments of several Australian States to tighten the definition of the word "obscene," and to apply to magazines published in Australia the same restrictions incurred by the banned American periodicals.

Some importers and shopkeepers have made complaints that their livelihood has been impaired. "But which is the better?" asked the Minister. "Is it better that they should suffer or that the whole of the community should suffer? Are we to allow the youth of the community to become depraved because the banning of the magazines will result in hardship to a few owners of bookstalls?

"Some people complain that we are digging the scissors in too deep. They are to be dug deeper. There are scores of magazines that are yet to be examined and banned if need be."

Pope Pius To Make Vatican Retreat

Vatican City — A retreat to be made by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, members of the Sacred College of Cardinals, and other Vatican dignitaries will be given at the Vatican from November 27 to December 3.

For real home-made cookies, try Aunt Jennies. Every day features are Harmits, Date Nut and Chocolate Walnut Cookies, 24c doz. Old-fashioned Sugars and Molasses, 20c. 316 Monroe Ave. Monroe 965. —Adv.

Third Nun Beata Declared At Solemn Vatican Rites

VATICAN CITY.—The solemn beatification of Maria Dominica Mazzarello, co-founder with St. John Bosco of the Salesian Sisters (Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix) took place Sunday, making the third successive Sunday that St. Peter's Basilica has been the scene of this impressive ceremony.

The beatification of Blessed Frances Xavier Cabrini, Foundress of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, took place the Sunday before, and Blessed Maria Rosello, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, was beatified on Sunday, November 6.

Present at Sunday's Beatification

Present at Sunday's beatification were Their Eminences Genaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte, Angelo Maria Cardinal Dolci, Alessandro Cardinal Verde, Raffaele Carlo Cardinal Rossi, Maurilio Cardinal Fossati, Carlo Cardinal Salotti, Karel Cardinal Kaspar, Eugenio Cardinal Tisserant, Francesco Cardinal Pellegrinetti, and Nicola Cardinal Canali—members of the Sacred Congregation of Rites—together with His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, who is Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica.

Family Present

Also present were the members of the Vatican Chapter, the Superior General of the Salesians, together with the Counsellor and Procurator General. The Vicaress General represented the Superior General of the Salesian Sisters, who was unable to attend because of illness. Members of the Mazzarello family, the two persons who were beneficiaries of miracles considered in the Beata's cause, the sister of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, and a large number of Salesian Sisters, together with pupils at institutions they conduct, were others present.

The Pontifical letters authorizing the beatification of the Blessed Maria Dominica Mazzarello were read by Monsignor Carlo Grosso, a Vatican canon. The Te Deum was intoned by the celebrant, His Beatitude Antonio Anastasio Rossi, Patriarch of Constantinople. Then the pictures of the new Beata, and those portraying the miracles considered in her cause, were unveiled. The bells of St. Peter's rang out joyously, and the Solemn Pontifical Mass began.

Pope Venerates Beata

Seventeen members of the Sacred College of Cardinals and the members of the Papal Court accompanied the Holy Father when he descended to the Vatican Basilica Sunday afternoon to venerate the new Beata.

The entrance of the Papal procession into the Basilica was the signal for a magnificent demonstration of affection on the part of the assembled throng. His Holiness, deeply touched by this manifestation, gave his blessing from the gestatorial chair all during the procession. Formation of the procession for the Holy Father's return to his apartment in the Vatican was the signal for another outburst of applause.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted by the Most Rev Lorenzo del Ponte, Bishop of Acqui, the Beata's birthplace.

PRIEST CONDEMNED To Death Is Saved By Showing Breviary

PEKING. — How a breviary saved the life of a priest in North China is reported by Lumen Service.

Troops of occupation were fired upon from an establishment just outside the city where the priest is stationed. While walking in the streets of the town shortly afterwards the priest was arrested, charged with complicity, and sentenced to be shot immediately. His declaration that he belonged to the Catholic mission inside the city was not accepted, so he knelt down to say some prayers in preparation for death. Just then he remembered that his address was written clearly in the breviary he carried with him, so he showed the book to his would-be executioners. The book was accepted as sufficient proof of his identity and he was immediately released.

Catholic University Establishes Own Press

WASHINGTON. — The establishment of its own press in its jubilee year has been announced by the Catholic University of America Board. It will be known as the Catholic University of America Press.

The press will be the only official issuer of the university's publications. It will take over the publication of the Patristic and Canon Law Series, doctoral dissertations, and outstanding writings by members of the faculty.

Pastoral Rallies Schools, Calls Nation's Catholics

To Concerted Action For 'True Christian Democracy' As Powerful Bulwark Against Subversive Movements In United States

WASHINGTON (NC)—Proclaiming in vigorous terms a "Catholic crusade" for "true Christian democracy" the Hierarchy of the United States, in a pastoral letter made public today, rallied the full resources of the Catholic schools of the country to a powerful campaign for a "Christian concept of citizenship."

The pastoral is addressed to all the Catholics of the United States.

At the same time the Bishops warned gravely of subversive teaching and action in this country which seek to "destroy all that is just and ennobling in liberty-loving America."

The letter adverts to "the American Hierarchy's traditional position of unswerving allegiance to our free American institutions."

In Name of All Bishops

Signed by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, in the name of all the Archbishops and Bishops, the pastoral was authorized at the General Meeting of the Bishops held here last month. It announces expanded and intensively systematized teaching of the principles of democracy and citizenship to the Catholic school children of America.

The pastoral recalls the impressive letter of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, read at the opening of the Catholic University's golden jubilee observance last month. The Sovereign Pontiff instructed the University to "evolve a constructive program of social action, rooted in its details in local needs, which will command the admiration, and acceptance of all right-thinking men."

"To carry out the intention of the Holy Father," the pastoral says, "it is necessary that our people, from childhood to mature age, be ever better instructed in the true nature of Christian democracy. A precise definition must be given to them both of the freedom in the light of the Catholic faith and tradition and of the rights and duties of citizens in a representative Republic such as ours ever. They must be told by the pastors that love of country is a virtue and that disloyalty is a sin. Call for 'Crusade'

"To foster this Christian concept of citizenship, the Bishops in their annual meeting have charged the Catholic University of America to compile at once a more comprehensive series of graded texts for all educational levels. On the foundation of religious training, which is the distinctive characteristic of our schools, these texts will build an enlightened, conscientious American citizenship.

"We, therefore, entreat all the faithful of every walk of life to unite in this Catholic crusade for better citizenship, which will bring to every individual wider opportunities for sound social education."

When applied on a nation-wide scope this project will affect more than 2,500,000 children in the thousands of Catholic elementary and high schools, as well as colleges and universities. It will go into more than 18,000 educational institutions.

The Bishops say "we are the more today of proclamations and programs which, if translated into action, would destroy at last in fact and unabiding love for liberty-loving America." The pastoral recalls the Holy Father's alarm at the revolutionary conditions prevailing in most countries, and declares that British converts of the American Hierarchy at the moment of subversive teachings and the "audacity of subversive action in our country."

"We must face the fact that the dangers of which the Holy Father speaks threaten our own democratic institutions," says the letter.

University's Great Service

The Bishops declare that the Catholic world looks with approval upon our school system as the most extensive and best organized to be found anywhere, a large measure of credit is due the Catholic University. . . . This organization has not been effected without laying a heavy financial burden upon the shoulders of the laity. The sacrifices of the founders, promoters, and teachers of our grammar schools, high schools, and colleges in our respective dioceses can never be adequately described. But the contribution made by the University to this school system is not widely known outside educational circles. We, however, who are familiar with the University, realize how effective have been its inspiration and work in building up Catholic education in the dioceses of our country.

Essential School Element

Concerned as we naturally are with the educational needs of our own diocese, the Catholic University may seem remote and consequently, its influence on diocesan education may be underestimated, even overlooked. We must regard it, however, as an element essential to the completion of our educational system, and one which requires our unfailing and generous support. The Catholic University must be sustained by unanimous Catholic public opinion in order to exercise its rightful supremacy in the field of Catholic education.

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Text of American Bishops' Pastoral

WASHINGTON—Following is the text of the pastoral letter issued to all Catholics in the United States, in the name of all the Bishops of the country, calling for a "Catholic Crusade" for Christian democracy:

To the Priests and Faithful of the United States:

We greet you, heads of the Catholic University as an isolated unit. Its progress will touch all of us. Under its guidance our diocesan institutions can go forward, strengthened by Christian principles and standards and forewarned of timely warnings against the dangers of secularism in education.

The work of the University proper during fifty years has progressed as steadily as its resources permitted. These resources, in connection with those of other universities and in some measure, of the many Catholic colleges in the field of higher Catholic education, have been only inadequate, despite the generosity of many Catholics and the annual University Collection taken up by order of the Holy See. The process of establishing a great center of learning and culture in our day and in our country is a slow one—too slow, indeed, in view of the pressing need of such an educational center. Let us, therefore, frankly acknowledge that for fifty years we are still building a Catholic University.

Mission Need Not Suppress

It is, then, with a sense of our grave pastoral responsibility that we beg all our people to be mindful of the urgent needs of the Catholic University and to keep the plea of our Holy Father to make the Jubilee Year an occasion not only of retrospect and commemoration, but also and chiefly of prospect and dedication.

In that prospect and dedication, we, the successors of souls, cannot but realize our need in these special days of outstanding leaders among the clergy and laity. Our seminaries and colleges are doing excellent work in laying solid foundations for this leadership. It is upon these foundations that the Catholic University through graduate studies, would build with living stones, the city of truth and Christian culture. Signal success has been achieved by Catholic universities in countries small in extent and meager in resources. Shall we, blessed in a vast country with more numerous resources and freedom to function as do few for our University?

The Holy Father in his Letter

The Holy Father in his Letter has special emphasis upon the sublime mission of the University in guarding the social heritage of man in the natural and supernatural order.

Pius XI Warns

Pius XI warns, with a grave sense of responsibility, that other forces are at work in our country today. The world has become so civilized, so refined, so full of discoveries and inventions which have made life easier and more alluring, pleasant and

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Rally Adopts Resolution

The resolution adopted at the Inter-Faith Protest Rally, Saturday evening at Convention Hall copies of which were sent to the President and Congressmen of this district is as follows:

"That we express our condemnation of every form of racial and religious persecution wherever it occurs, in our own land or any other.

"That in accord with this principle we express at this our abhorrence of the racial and religious persecution now going on in Germany.

"That we commend the President of the United States for his published sentiments concerning this persecution and for his summons to our ambassador in Germany to return to this country for consultation.

"That we ask our government to use every means within its power and discretion to help the refugees from Germany to re-establish themselves in a self-respecting existence.

"That in such an emergency we ask the President and the Congress to consider how far the restrictions on immigration, normal for normal times, may be relaxed to permit greater assistance to people in affliction.

"That we pledge our support to the President and the Congress in every reasonable effort to diminish the violence of this persecution and to bring home to the German government the disastrous effects of its policy of driving out hundreds of thousands of human beings to become homeless wanderers on the face of the earth.

"That we re-affirm our faith in the dignity and rights of man upon which this nation was founded as the enduring faith of our American way of life, that this nation, under God, may have a new birth of freedom,' and that 'government of the people, by the people and for the people' may 'not perish from the earth'."