

GERMAN HIERARCHY PROTESTS DECREE Ordering Cessation of Religion Classes

AMSTERDAM—The Nazi Government is "doing violence to the conscience" of public schoolers in Germany, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, says in a formal complaint addressed to Hans Raut, Nazi Federal Secretary of Education...

"This measure," the Cardinal says in his letter of protest, which he wrote in his capacity as spokesman for the German hierarchy...

Cardinal Bertram demands that the measure be revoked, and points out that Christian teachings are based on Divine Revelation, not on Jewish tradition.

A statement read from all the pulpits of Protestant churches of East Prussia voices a similar protest.

Few Teachers Have Yielded Among the German Catholic public school teachers only a few so far have acceded to the Nazi request, while the great majority continue to impart religious instruction to pupils as regularly provided for in the curriculum.

The nine lay Brothers who were arrested by the Nazi police of Innsbruck, Austria, have been released from prison after it was found the accusations against them were completely devoid of foundation. The Nazi authorities took advantage of the fact that religious superiors had seen fit to punish another Brother and confiscated the properties of the Servite Order in Innsbruck.

Many more priests were recently arrested in various parts of Austria under various pretexts. Twenty-four such arrests are reported from the Diocese of Linz. Five of these priests were taken to the Dachau concentration camp.

Despite the tremendous pressure brought to bear upon them by Nazi propagandists, the parents of Austria are bravely standing up for their convictions and it is known that in some 80 per cent of all known instances parents insisted that religious instruction be imparted to their children in the public schools.

DISTINGUISHED CARDINAL DIES IN WARSAW, POLAND

WARSAW.—The death of Alexander Cardinal Kakowski, Archbishop of Warsaw, on Dec. 30, removed one of the most notable Churchmen of the world. A priest for 32 years, a member of the hierarchy for more than 25 years and a Prince of the Church for 19 years, Cardinal Kakowski was one of the leaders in the organization of the Polish Republic.

In 1917 Cardinal Kakowski, with the approval of Pope Benedict XV and the council of the Polish bishops was elected to the Regency council of new Polish Republic. Cardinal Kakowski's work on this council which drew up the national constitution and arranged for the election gained the highest praise for European leaders.

Another great distinction of Cardinal Kakowski was the fact that he consecrated Pope Pius XI, then Mgr. Achille Ratti, as Titular Archbishop of Lepanto. The present Pontiff had just been named Apostolic nuncio to Poland which he served as Apostolic visitor. The consecration took place on Oct. 28, 1919.

Reports Presented At Sodality Meeting

GENEVA.—Members of the Junior Rosary Society of St. Francis de Sales parish held their monthly meeting in the school hall Jan. 9. Announcement was made by the president, Miss Margaret Longo, that the Junior Rosary Society will be sanctioned by the Diocese of the Diocese as a Sodality and will be considered as such from the present time.

CARDINAL CHRISTENS POPE'S NIECE



His Eminence Alfred Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, holds the baby daughter of Count Franco Ratti, during the christening ceremonies recently held in the Milan Cathedral. The baby is a niece of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. (N.C.-Ampco photo.)

FAILURE RESULTS In 'Lift Embargo Week' at Capital

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Communism as well as Fascism. The "Keep the Spanish Embargo" demonstration, several times more numerous, was notably orderly, although highly enthusiastic.

The apparent attempt by Spanish Leflist Ambassador Fernando de los Rios to steal the thunder of the "Keep the Spanish Embargo" demonstration by announcing in advance that he invited some of the Committee members to visit "Loyalty" Spain brought him some crushing replies and had the net effect of increasing interest in the "Keep the Embargo" demonstration.

Edward J. Heflin, Secretary of the "Keep the Spanish Embargo Committee," announced several notable additions to the already imposing list of one hundred Catholics and non-Catholics in all parts of the country forming the Committee. Meanwhile, feeling that they have been effective in offsetting the effects of "Lift the Embargo Week," the "Keep the Spanish Embargo Committee" is proceeding with increasing vigor to bring out the expression of American sentiment against the lifting of the embargo.

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Catholic Heads Belgian Press Group

BRUSSELS.—At the general meeting of the Belgian Press League, Joseph Demarteau has been elected president. Mr. Demarteau is the Editor of the Gazette de Liege, a prominent member of the Commission Permanente de Presse Catholique, the International Association of Catholic Editors.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL HEAD ASSAILS U. S. Policy in Regard to Spain

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"In this connection you are probably aware that an appreciable part of the so-called refugees now in Red Spain are not refugees at all. They have been forced to remain there by the Red government, so have been driven thence by the retreating Red armies—that is to say, they have been prevented from remaining in, or returning to, Nationalist Spain. They are, in effect, hostages."

Wholesale U. S. Recruiting Mr. Hart tells Mr. Welles that from considerable first-hand knowledge I obtained in Spain, from careful study of the records, and from assertions made on both sides in Spain, that war would have broken out in all other parts of the world for the intervention of the organized International Brigades.

But what I wish to point out particularly," Mr. Hart tells Acting Secretary of State, "is that the allowing by the American Government of the wholesale recruiting on American soil of some thousands of Americans who fought in Spain, has itself constituted a force for an American intervention on the side of Communist Spain. And, secondly, I wish to point out that the giving wholesale of the relief now proposed, no matter how plausible the pretext that it will be available to both sides according to their need, will be tantamount to another intervention by the United States on the side of Communist Spain.

And, just as the first intervention by the United States and other countries led to the prolonging of the war—led, indeed, undoubtedly, to the killing of several hundred thousand additional men and women on Spanish soil, so the new proposed intervention will lead to a further prolonging of the war—to the killing of several hundred thousand more. In other words, the net effect, while it will be precisely what Communist propaganda seeks to bring about, will nevertheless, be contrary in all respects to what the American people are led to believe is the motive for the apparently charitable "Silence on Red Slavery."

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Thanks Expressed By Fraternity For Christmas Cards

The Fraternity of Christian Doctrine wishes to thank its many friends for sending in to the Office their Christmas cards. Answering the request in the CATHOLIC COURIER, cards have come from nearly every section of the diocese. These cards are salvaged for Vacation School work. Pictures, religious and secular, are gathered and catalogued; gold and silver paper are especially useful; red paper is also collected. Cards of white are separated into three sections according to these classifications.

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St. Jude Novena Begins Jan. 23

CHICAGO.—The tenth annual winter Solemn Novena in honor of St. Jude Thaddeus, Patron of Difficult Cases, will start on Monday, January 23rd, and end on Tuesday, January 31st at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, 1907 So. Ashland Avenue.

The Rev. Wm. D. Sullivan, O. P., Superior of the Dominican Mission here, country of Louisville, Kentucky, and James C. McDonough, O. P., Missionary of Chicago, will conduct this Solemn Novena. The increase in attendance and interest is due to the many favors granted through the powerful intercession of St. Jude, who was close to our Divine Lord as an Apostle and relative.

Community Ice Bank Promoted By Priest

CHICAGO.—Under the direction of the Rev. John A. Fleming, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, a large community ice skating pond has been made available to the young people of the neighborhood of all classes and creeds.

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