

Bishop Sponsors Golden Jubilee Crusade

LOYALIST SPAIN IS NOT A DEMOCRACY AND FRIENDS OF It Are Communist Inspired or Sadly Misguided, Declares Dr. Eastham In Supporting the Spanish Embargo

Giving a definite American answer to an advocate of lifting the arms embargo on Spain, Dr. James N. Eastham of Nazareth College, in an address Tuesday evening at Charlotte High School's Forum on the topic, "Shall the Embargo on Spain Be Lifted?"

Dr. Eastham Makes Forceful Plea To Keep Embargo

(Part of address given by Dr. James N. Eastham of Nazareth College at Charlotte High School forum on Tuesday evening. "Shall the Embargo on Spain Be Lifted?" is given below in part.)

At the very outset let me impress you with the fact that I do not urge the support of Franco's cause, but to plead for the retention of our neutrality act so that neither side in the Spanish civil war may buy arms from this country. I am not a question of who our sympathies might be, but one concerned with a stand of neutrality which will keep Americans out of another world war. During the Franco revolutionary wars, the sympathies of Republicans were with France while those of Federalists were with England. Regardless of their feelings, both favored the strict neutrality of the United States. They put their loyalty to their country above their emotions. It is always best to keep out of someone else's fight.

There are two classes of people interested in lifting the embargo. First the international propagandists and secondly, true loyal Americans who believe the Loyalist cause to be just. The first must be exposed; the second must be answered.

What is True Americanism?

Let me deal with the international propagandists first. Just what is True Americanism? True Americanism means just two things. First, the recognition of the sovereign, inalienable rights of man and secondly, unqualified opposition to all totalitarian forms whether they be Nazi, Fascist, or Communist which deny these rights. Between American democracy and the regime of Russia, Germany and Italy there is an insurmountable opposition. Over there the State is the source of rights; here man is the source of rights. Over there freedom resides in the collectivity; in the race as in Germany, in the nation as in Italy and in the class as in Russia; over here freedom resides in man. Over there neither political minorities nor the right of dissent nor freedom of speech, religion, or press are permitted; over here majority rule implies respect of minority rights. Over there man exists for the State; over here the State exists for the man.

To be pro-Communist and anti-Fascist or anti-Nazi or on the other hand to be pro-Fascist and pro-Nazi and anti-Communist is to be anti-American. An American is not interested in the fine points of distinction between the three dictatorial regimes, because they differ only in their methods of invading human rights. An American is concerned only with the fact that there has been an invasion and extinction of the inalienable liberties of man.

With this explanation of true Americanism we are able to judge certain propaganda agencies in the United States who are interested in lifting the Spanish embargo. Some of these agencies are: The American League for Peace and Democracy; The Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy; Friends of the American Lincoln Brigade; The American Student Union; and the American Youth Congress.

Why is it that all these organizations have condemned Nazism and Fascism, but never a condemnation of the third and most insidious ideology, namely Communism. How can we explain that fact?

Take, for example, the American League for Peace and Democracy which was formerly called the American League against War and Fascism. Why does this organization condemn Nazism and Fascism but not Americanism enough to condemn because the organization was set up in Moscow and in 1933 Stalin's agent in the United States went to Moscow to report on the success of the League as a Communist front organization. At the 7th Annual Congress of the

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Pastoral on Golden Jubilee Crusade

My dear People:

January 25, 1939

The month of February has been set aside by the Church as Catholic Press Month. The purpose of this action is to keep before the faithful the necessity of reading Catholic books and periodicals as a means of keeping in touch with Catholic thought. Its object, moreover, is to obtain the information on Catholic and current events which an intelligent Catholic should have in these days of controversy.

The need of a reliable news service has never been so evident as in the recent history of events in Spain. The hopeless collapse of most of the foreign news services as sources of unbiased information has disgusted many of us. The information furnished through the "Catholic Courier," our diocesan paper, has fortunately counteracted much of the propaganda which the American public has been forced to read.

I do not hesitate to say that every need in the matter of reading is now available in our Catholic newspapers, and our Catholic periodicals devoted to cultural and doctrinal subjects, and to the discussion of the economic and social problems of our day.

In our own diocese, may I call your attention to the Golden Jubilee Crusade of the "Catholic Courier" which begins January 29 (today), and extends through Monday, February 13. The successful maintenance of this diocesan paper through fifty years should inspire us now to the development of a greater newspaper for the next half century. That, however, is dependent upon the support of our people, I am, therefore, urging that every Catholic family in the diocese subscribe to the "Catholic Courier." The Courier should be in every home in the diocese, for I am inclined to think that homes which have no place for the official publication of their own diocese will have little room for any other Catholic publication.

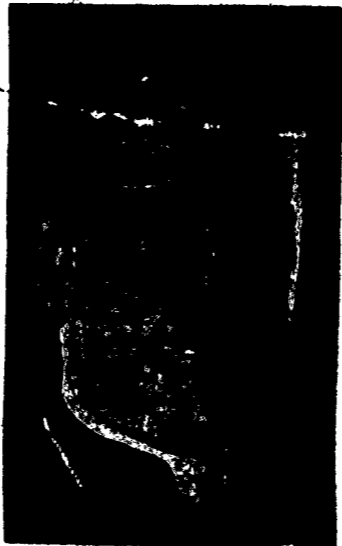
The Catholic Evidence Library at 50 Chestnut Street is always ready to furnish information about Catholic reading matter, and to direct along intelligent lines the reading of any who care to solicit its assistance.

With a sincere prayer that St. Francis de Sales obtain for us the blessing of success on Catholic Press Month, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER



BISHOP KEARNEY

"Let us have a brief slogan, 'The CATHOLIC COURIER in EVERY Catholic home.'"

FOURTH ANNUAL STUDENT CRUSADE TO BE LAUNCHED

Sunday Throughout Rochester Diocese In Conjunction With National Catholic Press Month

The diocesan call to action will result in the Diocese of Rochester, this Sunday, the first day of the Fourth Annual Student Crusade, which includes the fourth annual National Catholic Press Month.

Letters have been mailed to priests and schools. His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will speak Sunday over Station WYAT at 11:30 o'clock. In connection with the Crusade, Bishop Kearney has said:

"The span of life of the Catholic Courier goes back to small beginnings, and to a period when the inherent importance of the Catholic Press was but partially realized. I am proud that the half-century mark in the history of our diocesan newspapers stands as an inspiring witness and more fully is ever increasing opportunity for service to our Catholic people and to the community at large."

"This year, we will be honored by all people of good will who recognize the power for good which the Catholic Press represents. During the fifty years the Catholic Press has been published, it has been a constant reminder to the faithful of the need for the spiritual and intellectual life which has been served."

"The Golden Jubilee Crusade of the Catholic Courier, therefore, is a timely reminder of the need for the Catholic Press movement in America."

"To start 1939 most auspiciously and especially to obtain articles and the CATHOLIC COURIER, most Catholic students of the United States should be participating."

"To assist in the development of this year, the CATHOLIC COURIER has made special concessions in establishing an invitation and renewal offer of two dollars per year. The regular subscription rate has been \$2.00. The procedure will be similar for the crusade. Each year an every effort has been made to simplify the system."

"We will permit any handling of all subscriptions. Special consideration will be given to those who are unable to pay in full. All contributions will again be awarded as in the past. In this way the full cooperation of all schools throughout the diocese is required."

"The Knights of Columbus are active in union with the New York State organization to encourage the Catholic Press and urge members to subscribe."

"One priest in every parish of the diocese has been invited to act as a special sponsoring committee for the Golden Jubilee Crusade. The cooperation has been instrumental in assuring the success of previous crusades and will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this year's."

"The Rev. John M. Dwyer, Superintendent of Schools and the Rev. Leo C. Kennedy, Manager of the CATHOLIC COURIER, will speak at the student crusade. Music and entertainment has been planned and all schools of Rochester and Monroe County are invited. Each school is invited to send representatives from the fifth through the eighth grades (for the four years of high school) selected from each classroom on a basis of one student for each five. All are urged to be prompt and all are assured of a good time."

"General management of the Crusade is again, as in past years, in the hands of Mr. Howard W. Knapp, Manager of the CATHOLIC COURIER."

"Various places of deposit, of interest to the readers will be found on pages 8 and 9 as well as on other pages. It is requested that the 'Catholic Press' be read every day in every home in the diocese."

FATHER O'FLANAGAN Friend of Reds Officially Suspended

One of the speakers at the International Brigade demonstration in London last Sunday night was the suspended Fr. Michael O'Flanagan. (It was this same priest who spoke at Convention Hall, in Rochester, in May, 1937.)

There has been some doubt as to whether this priest was or was not suspended. Two years ago he was lecturing in the United States in sympathy with the Red Government.

In answer to the question of suspension, Fr. Eugene F. Cizynski, diocesan director of the Providence Diocesan Bureau of Social Service, received this reply from Bishop Dooley, of Elphin, Ireland: "I regret that the priest was suspended in 1925 by my predecessor. Suspension not withdrawn."

The fact that the priest is now suspended was confirmed to the "Courier" last week by the Bishop of Elphin, the Right Rev. Edward Dooley.

School Bus Provision Received In Legislature

ALBANY—The Legislature received today for consideration certain suggested statutory changes to carry into effect two new provisions of the Constitution as approved by the people last November.

The first bill amends the Education Law so as to provide transportation to all school children on an equal basis and conforms to Section 4 of Article XI of the new Constitution which authorizes the granting of transportation to all children, respectively of the school they legally attend. The language of the Constitution, which is applicable, reads as follows:

"The legislature may provide for the transportation of children to and from any school or institution of learning."

The Legislature in 1938, under the Kelly-McCreary bill (then Chapter 541, Laws of 1938), gave authority to school districts to afford transportation to all children alike, but this law was declared unconstitutional by the Courts in May, 1938 in *Judd et al. vs. Board of Education, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County*, reported in 278 N. Y. 200. Hence, the change in the Constitution above referred to.

The second bill authorizes school boards and school trustees, health authorities and welfare officers to provide health and welfare services and facilities equally to all children, irrespective of the school they legally attend. The proviso of the new Constitution in Section 1 of Article VII and has to do with the authority of local government units making grants. The prohibition of the section is lifted so as to allow the granting of "health and welfare services for all children."

PLANS FOR CATHOLIC Press Month Outlined By State K. of C.

NEW YORK—In a campaign to make its members "Catholic Press Conscious," the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, has presented an outline of suggestions for Catholic Press Month to each of its local Councils.

The Catholic Affairs Committee recommends that each member secure one subscription to his diocesan paper other than his own; that subscribers encourage local newspapers to give prominent place to Catholic papers; and that local Councils sponsor essay contests in high and parochial schools.

The committee calls the Catholic Press "the heavy artillery" to combat the "great vehicle" that brings to us quickly and accurately the Catholic position on many problems confronting us in our daily lives.

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