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In an "open letter" published by 150 Protestant clergymen, educators and laymen in the public press attacking the Pastoral Letter of the Spanish Hierarchy, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Reedy, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, made vigorous reply. Monsignor Reedy branded the "open letter" of the Protestant group as lacking in frankness, as imputing to the Spanish Bishops things they did not say. Further he said that the letter was a "rehash of irresponsible charges that have long since been discredited."

Due to the illness of the Most Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, Bishop of Scranton, the Most Rev. William J. Hayes, Bishop of Raleigh, N. C. was appointed Titular Bishop of Appia and Coadjutor Bishop of Scranton with faculties of Apostolic Administrator.

Monsignor Giulio Grazioli, Dean of the Auditors of the Sacred Roman Rota in an address to the Holy Father shared false opinions regarding nullity of marriages. In his address Monsignor Grazioli reported that of 8 marriage cases handled by the Rota only 34 were decided favorably to the applicant for a decree of nullity. Of the 34 favorable decisions 21 were awarded free of any expense to persons who were unable, because of lack of means to pay the ordinary expenses of such judicial procedure.

In Batavia, Illinois where a spirit of tolerance exists between Catholics and non-Catholics, the Rev. Porter French, Congregational minister arranged with the Rev. William Donovan, pastor of Holy Cross Church to have the latter explain fundamental doctrines of Catholicism to a group of older boys and girls of the Congregational parish. Father Donovan, a native of Canandaigua, is well known in the Rochester Diocese.

Delegates to the seventeenth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women in Washington in resolutions, asked equality for women in industry, scored attacks on family life, asked assistance for the Catholic press, and denouncing attacks on Christianity in Spain, extended sympathy to the women in that country as sisters. They pledged "cooperation with every effort made to restore for the Spanish children in their own country the protection of a Christian home of which they have been so ruthlessly robbed."

Declaring that publication of the "Open Letter" from 150 Protestants on the Spanish Civil War, not only misrepresented the facts and the issues of Spain, but also tended to create a species of religious war in the United States, 175 Catholic clergy and laymen delivered their answer, clearly setting forth the Catholic position in this country on the struggle in Spain.

The purported ratification which the General Assembly of Kentucky gave to the proposed Child Labor Amendment

to the Federal Constitution in January 1937, was held by a unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals "ineffective and void."

The charge that Germany was being systematically de-Christianized in such a way as to avoid too intense public protest was made in a pastoral letter issued by the Most Rev. Konrad Count von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin.

Both at the Holy See itself and through its representatives in the United States, the Vatican denied promptly with the utmost vigor and in the most categorical terms, a wide-spread Associated Press report that it had taken sides with Japan in the conflict with China. The report had stated that the Holy See had sent instructions to Bishops and missionaries in China directing them to favor Japan as a means of combatting Communism. The Vatican declared the supposed instructions to be a complete fabrication for the purpose of deception.

Sprinkling on the high altar, Greg-

orian water which contains salt as a symbol of incorruptibility, ashes as a symbol of penitence and wine as a symbol of generosity. Cardinal Archbishop Suhard consecrated the Rheims Cathedral and reopened it after twenty-three years for public worship.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. McGuinness, First Vice President and General Secretary of the Catholic Church Extension Society was appointed Bishop of Raleigh, N. C.

Anti-Catholic clauses, particularly those relative to Religious Orders and Congregations are to be eliminated from the Constitution by which Spain will be ruled. General Franco, head of the Nationalist government declared in a special interview granted the Rev. Manuel Grana, N. C. W. C. correspondent at Bilbao.

State officials were called upon to investigate charges that 62 sterilization operations had been performed upon girls under 16 years of age in

mates of the State Industrial School at Beloit, Kansas. Charges were made by Mrs. Kathryn O'Loughlin McArthur of Hays, Kansas, former state representative.

Four weapons available to missionaries for the fight against Communism were listed by the Most Rev. Archbishop Celeo Constantini, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith in Vatican City, Italy. They are, the Archbishop said, preaching, dynamic and vigorous action to spread Catholic truth, native clergy and social action.

Bing Crosby, screen and radio star was the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Music from his alma mater, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.

A plaque in honor of the memory of Pauline Jaricot, foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was blessed in St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans on the seventy-fifth anniversary of her death.

NOVEMBER 1947

The Most Rev. Duane C. Hunt was solemnly consecrated fifth Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah in the Cathedral of the Madeleine. Sermon was delivered by Bishop Hunt's predecessor, the Most Rev. James F. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

A commission of three lawyers appointed by the British National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief ordered 17 child exiles to be returned to Bilbao.

Engaged in "intellectual slumming" is how the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen characterized American intellectual leaders who were aligning themselves with organizations that threaten Christianity and civilization in a lecture he gave at the Catholic University of America under the auspices of the Convert League of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Children who attend religious public schools have the same right to life services as those who attend schools maintained at public expense was the discussion handed down by the Supreme Court of Nassau County in the case of Citizens of Hempstead I. I. against the Board of Education of Union Free School No. 2 and the members of the board.

Two hundred and fifty Catholic college students picketed the New York State Communist Party's mass meeting in Madison Square Garden in New York as the Reds commemorated the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Soviet Union.

The new Brazil Constitution promulgated dramatically at Rio de Janeiro was believed to contain nothing that would disturb the position of the Catholic Church in that country.

With the approach of the golden jubilee of the Catholic University of America His Holiness Pope Pius XI in an Apostolic Letter called for wider support of the University and urged that claims of the institution be given priority over all appeals other than those of established tradition and of strict necessity.

The Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and the Most Rev. Maurice McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford were elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America.

"Tobacco Road" was billed but not presented in New Orleans, due to efforts of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Wynhoven, editor of Catholic Action of the South, acting under instructions of the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans.

The Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, withdrew the entire Catholic Hour from the air in Toronto pending consideration by the Canadian Broadcasting Commission of action of the CBS manager, Major Gladstone Murray in banning the Rev. Charles B. Lanphier from broadcasting.

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Chronology of Outstanding Events

When the Holy Father Inspected the Vatican Press



Progress even in age-old Vatican City. Interested in trends in the sciences, Pope Pius XI was interested in the new printing presses used for the publication of the official Vatican newspaper, Os-

servatore Romano. The Pope, a contributor to the paper on political and economic questions, was vitally interested in journalism as a means of spreading Catholic Action.