

Driven Out By War



Typical of the irony of war is this sad scene which shows nuns being driven from their convents. These sisters had been ministering to orphans, to the injured and the sick, yet, with the loyalist offensive, their works of charity were brought to an abrupt halt.

cent of the school-age population of Mexico was enrolled in the Government schools and that of this number only 69 per cent attended regularly and only 8 percent completed their courses.

Another Jacobite Archbishop, Mar Joseph Severino, Metropolitan of Neranam, India was reunited with the Catholic Church.

JANUARY, 1938

A statement appearing in Life Magazine, saying that the Pope "believes the world is in a struggle between Communism and Fascism and he favors Fascism" was branded false in a letter addressed to the editors by William Montavon, Director of the Legal Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Outstanding Catholic layman in China, one of its great industrial leaders and world famed for his philanthropies, Lo Pa Hsing, was slain by assassins in Shanghai.

Blood transfusions failed to save the life of Edward J. Neil, Associated Press war correspondent who was hit by an exploding shell on New Year's Eve on the Teruel front in Spain. Last rites were administered by the Rev. Joaquin Borrero who had given his blood for a transfusion.

The Mother Superior and eight sisters comprising a former Anglican Community of the Sisters of the Love of Jesus, who had been received into the Catholic Church in a mass conversion were canonically established as a Catholic religious community by the Archbishop of Vancouver.

That there is a need for men and women in the labor movement who are capable of understanding and explaining to others the rights and duties of workers as laid down by Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI was emphasized by Commissioner John D. Moore of the New York State Labor Relations Board in an address delivered at the Crown Heights School of Catholic Workmen in Brooklyn. Returning to the air after a considerable absence, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, made an eloquent plea for the national cooperation of all classes of Americans and warned against the rise of struggle between the classes.

Advocating among other things the teaching of birth control, the Report of the Committee on Social-Economic Goals of the National Education Association was assailed as stupid and dangerous by the Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Director of the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference. He declared it the duty of every Catholic in the United States in every community to protest against the proposed program.

At the National Congress of French Communists held at Arras, France, every effort was made to proclaim the "outstretched hand" propaganda and to renew their advances toward Catholics.

Protesting against the persecution of religion by the Nazi regime, a resolution was adopted at a meeting in St. Paul of 3,000 representatives of lay organizations.

A number of Catholics walked out of the hall and a prominent Catholic editor, Vincent de Paul Fitzpatrick of the Baltimore Catholic Review, who had risen merely to ask a question, was threatened with violent ejection. When one of the speakers in the Baltimore Open Forum turned from the subject of debate and launched a sweeping attack upon the Catholic Church.

The Church of El Cristo in Vera Cruz, the first church built on the American mainland, was a mass of ruins after having been set on fire by a group of Communists reported to be members of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (C. T. M.)

FEBRUARY, 1938

Frank announcement that 60 members of the 73rd Congress of the United States had signed a message conveying greetings to and lauding the Leftist parliament in Barcelona, Spain, was expressed in a statement made public by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

A mounting flood of protests from Protestants, Jews and Catholics over

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Persecutions of Catholics in two nations brought action at their general meeting of the Bishops of the United States in Washington—a message to the Bishops of the Reich declaring an attempt is being made in Germany to destroy (ruin) of the Redemption; a letter to Bishops of Spain expressing horror because of tragic conditions there, and praying them for a recent Pastoral revealing the simple truth.

A statue was unveiled on the grounds of St. Peter's Church in Pleasantville, N. J., in honor of former Governor Alfred E. Smith, a founder of the church and frequent attendant at services there when on vacation.

DECEMBER, 1937

"The truest friend of the poor and the laboring man is the worker," today is Pope Pius XI," declared the Bishops of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in a profound statement on "A Christian Attitude on Social Problems" made public in Washington.

Declaring that immorality is growing so rapidly in the modern press that it constitutes a grave danger, particularly to youth, the Executive Board of the Catholic Press Association of the United States proposed at its meeting held at Notre Dame University that the principles of the Legion of Decency be applied to the press and publications generally.

San Franciscans, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, joined in observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Episcopal consecration of the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, retired Archbishop, now resident in Rome.

Canada's five famous northern missionary Bishops went to Ottawa to make a strong plea before the Government in behalf of the Indians in Canada's Northwest.

That the faithful Catholic in Nazi Germany was an outlaw in his own country was stated in a vigorous pastoral issued by the Most Rev. Konrad von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin.

A tribute to the religious devotion of Edward McGrady, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, was paid by General Hugh S. Johnson at the annual meeting of the Eastern Association of College Deans and Advisers, of Men at Atlantic City.

Catholic leaders in Switzerland took a leading part in defeating a proposal to make Freemasonry and other secret organizations illegal in that country.

Indignation and Catholic protests followed presentation of a nationally broadcast program when it was charged that a version of a biblical event dealing with the Garden of Eden was presented over the air in an indecent and irreverent manner.

From Vulkan City came an announcement revealing the growth of the Church in the United States in the creation of the Archdioceses of Newark and Louisville and the dioceses of Paterson and Camden in New Jersey and Owensboro in Kentucky.

Appointments of shepherds for the newly created divisions of the Church in the United States were announced as follows: The Most Rev. John A. Floersich, Bishop of Louisville; the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh was named Archbishop of Newark; the Most Rev. Thomas McLaughlin was named first Bishop of Paterson, the Rev. Bartholomew J. Estace was named Bishop of Camden and the Rev. Francis J. Cottone was named Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, Mich., became editorial counsel for the paper Social Justice, which he founded and had recently sold.

Police in the City of Vera Cruz, Mexico arrested three Catholic priests, Father Raymundo Lopez, Jose Garcia and Prudencio Ortiz on charges having to do with violating restrictions placed on the clergy.

It was predicted in a dispatch from Washington that Joseph P. Kennedy, chairman of the Maritime Commission would be the next Ambassador to Great Britain thus becoming the first Catholic in the history of the United States to be the country's representative at the Court of St. James.

Witnessed by a congregation of 1,200 university students filling St. John's Church at the University of Illinois, twelve students made public profession of their faith and were formally received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, chaplain.

Characterizing the program "as a mistake," sponsors of the indecent and irreverent Adam and Eve skit which was broadcast nationally, December 12, offered several public apologies. Assurance was given that there would be no repetition of any such broadcast.

No reference of any kind was permitted by Nazi censors to be made in any newspaper or magazine, not even the Religious press to the important letter addressed to the German Hierarchy by his Bishops of the United States.

Gaining state-wide proportions the campaign against salacious literature inaugurated by the Most Rev. John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, Ind. enlisted the full cooperation of civic leaders and groups of all creeds.

Numerous false reports about the "complete" capture of Teruel in Spain were branded as typical examples of Red propaganda by the Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Thorman of the faculty of M.C. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., in an address at a mass meeting of Catholics of Southern Florida held at Miami.

Government schools in Mexico were shown to be in a state of collapse when official statistics presented by the Minister of Public Education at the "Socialist Days" meeting of 8,000 Mexican teachers revealed that only 48 per

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