

the appointment of Simon W. Gerson, a Communist, as Administrative Assistant to the Borough President of Manhattan reached a high point when Mayor LaGuardia was urged to remove Gerson by Jeremiah F. Cross, New York State Commander of the American Legion.

Saying that the proposed Amendment to the Constitution embodied a "false theory of equality" N. C. W. C. leaders in statements presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee opposed the projected Equal Rights Amendment.

An outstanding feature of a Catholic Press Exhibit held in New York was the Trinity League's Anti-God Exhibit of more than 2,500 blasphemous books, newspapers, magazines, handbills and other propaganda material from the United States, Soviet Russia, Germany, Spain and Mexico.

Decrees issued by the Franco Government rendered wholly extinct the school laicism imposed upon Catholic Spain by the Republic.

That Communism had become a "Trojan Horse" wheeled into unsuspecting groups in this country under the guise of a peaceful United Front and that Communism had changed its tactics but not its ends was the warning sounded by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen in a talk over the national Catholic Hour broadcast.

Sentiment was widespread in Ireland to end the British Conceived Partition Plan the result of which in operation was that the Catholic majorities in North Ireland were denied a voting voice.

Josef Stalin's statement asking workers in all countries to rally to Soviet Russia's assistance in time of need brought a stern editorial in the New York Evening Post, pro-labor paper warning that the invitation reveals the real aims of Soviet Russia in the United States and other countries.

MARCH, 1938

That all social justice councils established by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin were to cease existence as such and were to be entirely dissociated from any representation of Father Coughlin was announced officially in Social Justice, national weekly review.

Despite attacks from two groups of the National Education Association and from other quarters against proposals to include parochial schools in federal aid to education, a resolution offered at a joint meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Association at Atlantic City was put aside without a vote.

Probably the most eventful three-day period in the century and a half of the Church's history in Kentucky saw the establishment of the Archdiocese of Louisville; the erection of the new Diocese of Owensboro and presentation of the Pallium to the Most Rev. John A. Floersch, Archbishop of Louisville.

The first convent of the Maryknoll Sisters in Japan, situated at Zeze, five miles from Kyoto, was destroyed by fire.

The clergy throughout Colorado were called upon by their Bishop, the Most Rev. Urban J. Vehr to cooperate actively in the campaign against indecent reading matter. The Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women announcing that lewd and indecent publications must go, launched a drive to rid newsstands and book racks of offensive publications.

Papal Knighthood in the order of St. Gregory the Great was conferred by His Holiness Pope Pius XI on Richard Reid of Augusta, Ga., editor of the Bulletin of the Catholic Laymen's League of Georgia.

With nothing left to suggest the sacredness of the spot—no cross, no picture, no statue on the desecrated altar and amid the debris left behind by the Reds, Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Teruel attended by soldiers, of the Nationalist forces, kneeling on the floor covered with rubbish.

Watched with grave concern in Vatican circles were reports of a meeting between Chancellor Adolf Hitler and His Eminence Theodore Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna held at the Imperial Hotel in the Austrian capital. Reports coming from the meeting said that the question of the

Results of War



At long last, with the victory of General Franco, such desolation and ruin is halted. This picture shows what remains of a once flourishing Catholic Church after the Leftists had concentrated their heavy fire upon it.

Catholic Church in Austria was discussed and that Chancellor Hitler showed full understanding of the problem giving the Cardinal Archbishop assurance for the Church's position.

At a hearing which a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor held in Washington on the so-called American Youth Act, the Rev. Vincent Mooney, C.S.C., Director of the Catholic Youth Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference was the subject of booing and hissing by members of the American Youth Congress, proponents of the measure.

Wide resentment followed issuance of an open letter in which 61 Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal and Protestant Episcopal churches urged the Catholic clergy of this country "to bring the might of your influence to bear" on General Franco and "his Nazi and Fascist allies" to persuade him not to bomb cities like Barcelona. The Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Thorming of Mt. St. Mary's College, Spinnburg, Md., in a vigorous reply declared that the open letter contained "palpable untruths."

Despite Hitler's assurance and Cardinal Innitzer's efforts to keep peace between the Church and the Nazis in Austria suppressions of church groups were widely reported as well as the arrests of the Most Rev. Sigismund Watz, Archbishop of Salzburg and several priests.

The new labor law, or social constitution which General Franco promulgated for Nationalist Spain opened with the declaration that the State, renewing the Catholic tradition of social justice that guided legislation under the Monarchy was to undertake "the task of restoring to Spaniards, once and for always, their country, bread and justice."

Establishment by the nations of the world of a tribunal at the Vatican to which they could refer all international problems of a moral and humanitarian nature, as a means of promoting international accord was suggested by the Most Rev. Martin S. Gillet, O.P., of Rome, Master General of the Dominican Order on a visit to Washington.

Organized opposition to State legislation providing free text books and free bus service to private as well as public school pupils was indicated as the major aim of the "Friends of the Public Schools," organized with headquarters in Chicago.

In a joint statement the Austrian Hierarchy formally approved of the Anschluss of the former Austrian Republic with the German Reich and urged the Faithful to vote Yes in the forth-coming plebiscite which was to legalize the reunion definitely and to abolish the traditionally Catholic State of Austria.

APRIL, 1938

In a historic conference at Vatican City, His Holiness Pope Pius XI met with His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna to discuss the critical situation of the Church in Austria. The Cardinal after a two-hour conference issued a statement saying that the Austrian Bishops declaration urging the people to vote for union with the German Reich

obviously did not intend to approve of anything inimical to the Catholic Church.

American Catholics were warned against "grossly false" propaganda concerning the issues of the Spanish Civil War by the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Code, Professor of History at the Catholic University of America, who charged that more than \$13,000,000 had been spent by the Spanish Embassy at Washington for propaganda purposes.

An important step in the long and exacting process looking to the beatification of an American martyr was taken when His Eminence Camillo Cardinal Laurenti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites signed the decree officially opening the "non cultus" process in the cause of the Rev. Leo Heinrichs, O.F.M., killed in Denver 30 years ago by a Communist while the priest was celebrating Mass.

Assertions such as are flooding this country, that General Franco will set up a Fascist regime in Spain, constitute a colossal fraud," was the considered opinion of Colonel Campbell Turner, noted diplomat on his return from Spain.

Rao Sahib P. K. Varughese, one of the most distinguished of Jacobite laymen was received into the Catholic Church in St. Mary's Cathedral, Madras.

Replying to a message of homage received from General Francisco Franco, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Salvatore of Horta, a Spaniard, His Holiness Pope Pius XI sent his blessing to the Spanish Nationalist leader.

In solemn ceremonies at the Vatican, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI declared that Andrew Bobola, Giovanni Leonardi and Salvatore of Horta were from that day, Easter Sunday, to be known as Saints and their feast days were fixed as follows: St. Andrew Bobola of Poland, May 16; St. Giovanni Leonardi of Italy, October 9 and St. Salvatore of Horta, March 18.

That a summer camp at Sangatuck, Michigan conducted under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association was employed last year for the persistent and systematic incultation of class hatred was brought to light by the Most Rev. J. H. Schlarman, Bishop of Peoria, with the result that Peoria officials of the Y.W.C.A., protested to the national body against the situation.

Undaunted by restrictions imposed by Mexican civil and military authorities, an expansion of activities by the Catholic clergy and laymen was noted in many parts of the Republic, according to reports from various dioceses appearing in Christus, a monthly review of Catholic activity published under the approval of the Bishops of Mexico.

Americans must wake up to the fact that their clergy are being duped by the Reds. The fight against Communism should not be waged by any one group and it took a strong statement by Ellety Sedgwick, the Editor of the Atlantic Monthly, to awaken Protest-

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This annual feature supplement to the
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has been delayed in publication by circumstances beyond our control. The yearly news review features,—

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and

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(in the Rochester Diocese)

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