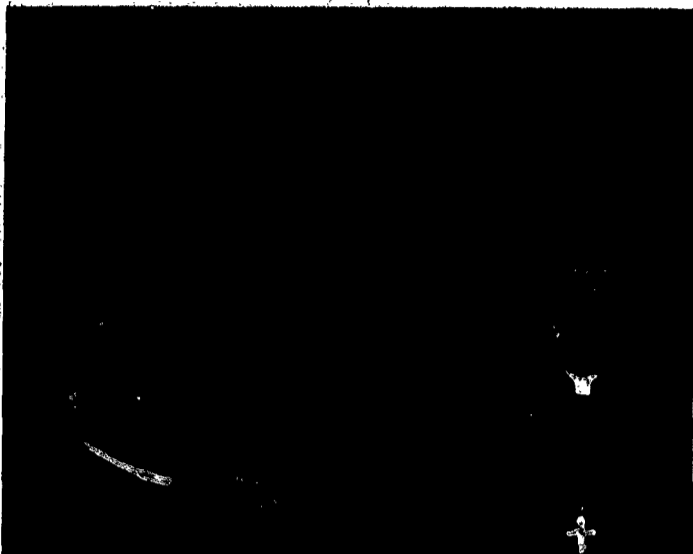


The New Pope in America



Because of his extensive tour throughout America, Pope Pius XII has gathered for himself first-hand information of American customs and conditions. Picture shows him with Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia, inspecting the famous Liberty Bell in Independence Hall.

and thrown into the street. Brutally treated, he finally succeeded in ending the torture by blowing out his brains.

Blunt refusal was given to that deceptive "friendly hand" of Earl Browder—Russian "brain trust" by the New York Chapter of the National Catholic Alumni Federation. "If Earl Browder had walked down Broadway clothed in nothing more than a barrel, he could not have appeared more ridiculous than when, in the name of the Communists, he extended a so-called friendly hand to the Catholics of America."

"What was it but a divine design that the world's sorest need, for a voice counseling peace and tolerance and love, was not stilled." These words of the "Los Angeles Examiner" described with what esteem the Holy Father is regarded and how grateful the world is for his recovery. "Pope Plus has indeed performed a wondrous service to humanity in these years providentially spared to him. The humble gratitude of millions has been expressed for this, a truly magnificent service to God."

Despite widespread feeling opposing the International Congress of the World Union of Freethinkers, at London, it is impossible to do anything to prevent it. Such was the statement of Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary at London. He has not the power to stop it and issued the statement to demonstrate his opposition to the congress and to reveal at the same time, his own predicament.

JULY, 1938

Canada held its first National Eucharistic Congress and more than 100,000 people participated. A message by the Holy Father was broadcast from Rome and later translated into English and French. Love of Christ in the Eucharist and filial devotion to the Holy Father formed the theme of the congress.

A message was sent to the International Refugee Committee pleading for the 500,000 non-Aryans who were to be driven from Germany by the Nazi government. It is impossible for any general movement because the government refuses to let these people use their own money. This appeal bore the signatures of many Bishops throughout the United States.

As the second year of the Spanish conflict drew to a close, authoritative dispatches arrived in America which proved that the Spanish Leftists had by no means abandoned their anti-religious attitude. Statues were mutilated, churches destroyed. One so-called "Lost Division" had one mission to perform—destroy churches and not leave a single religious monument remain.

Moscow's sickle of death cut down youthful Thano Summers in the prime of life. The former University of Washington student was killed while fighting in Spain for the Reds. In an endeavor to save more Americans from the tragedy of his son, Mr. Lane, father of the boy, staged single protest against the so-called "memorial meeting" to be held in honor of his son by the Communists. The express purpose of the gathering was in reality to gain money to carry on the Loyalist cause and to find more "misguided martyrs" for the sacrificial altar of Mars. The ultimate goal was to spread dreaded Communism into Spain.

Silent for more than two decades, ever since German gunfire demolished it early in the World War, the famous Rheims Cathedral resounded to the pealing of bells. Their ringing announced great ceremonies marking the re-opening of the Cathedral with a throng present estimated at 100,000.

With great vigor, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI condemned exaggerated nationalism. Such a movement, he said, impedes the salvation of souls and raises barriers between peoples, which is contrary not only to the law of God and the faith, but also to the Credo itself.

Thoroughly disillusioned, Harry Kennedy, a deserter from the International Brigade, Spanish Communist forces in the Spain Civil War walked into the Universe, Catholic newspaper office in London and said that behind the Red Lines, the Spanish people were overwhelmingly for General Franco. He said there was no sign of democracy

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ants to the grim realization that some of its clergy are rubbing elbows with out and out Communists.

The State of New Jersey was created a new Ecclesiastical Province according to a Papal Bull read by His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. It was less than one hundred years after the first bishop was consecrated and was a memorable day in the history of the Catholic Church in America.

Godless schools peril democracy as no other possible agency could ever do. At the Catholic Conference in Milwaukee, this was the grim conclusion of educators. Education must prepare the student both for this life and eternity—is the Catholic definition of education. Deep concern was voiced over the neglect of religion in contemporary American education.

"The hope of the world lies in the fact that the future is in the hands of God and not in the hands of men. The present is only partially according to God's will. This is because affairs are also being conducted according to the wills of men, some of whom actually are against God. This statement was made by the Holy Father.

Leaving no doubt in the mind of the reader, the American Medical Association came out with the very blunt statement that it did not endorse birth control either from a sociological or eugenic viewpoint and has always and does now deprecate the existence of birth control clinics. It condemned as "lies any statements which claim the approval of the Association.

The most purposeful and imposing gathering in the field of Catholic Social Action in America was held in Milwaukee with a great outpouring for brilliant religious ceremonies. The ever present problem of capital and labor was discussed fully and a peaceful solution was striven for.

MAY, 1938

The attempt to have the neutrality policy of the United States regarding Spain, lifted met with little success. Too many of the telegrams urging congressional action proved feeble. It was not a case of an aroused public petitioning congress, but rather a carefully conceived plan to "promote" removal of the embargo on the shipment of arms and military supplies to Spain.

Grasping any excuse possible, the Nazi government informed Bishop Sprill of Rottenburg that he had not given loyal support to the government because he refused to cast a vote in the plebiscite. The Bishop refused to vote because men hostile to the Church had been nominated for seats in the Reichstag.

Formal recognition of the Spanish Nationalist Government by the Vatican took place with the mutual appointment of accredited diplomatic representatives. His Excellency the Most Rev. Gaetano Cicognani, Titular Archbishop of Ancona, transferred from Papal Nuncio in Austria to Papal Nuncio to the Spanish Nationalist Government. The Spanish Nationalist Government named Don Jose Maria de Janguay Messia, Viscount de Santa Clara de Avedillo, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Soviet Russia and the agents of the Third Internationale brought about the conflict that is being waged on the soil of Spain. This statement was made by the Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S.J., Editor of AMERICA. He went on to mention France as supplying armaments also. The present strife in Spain, he said, was intended merely as a prelude to the sovietization of Europe, the United States and the world.

The fullness of the gap between church and state in Germany was brought to light when Chancellor Hitler visited Rome and failed to pay his respects to the Holy Father. Only once before in history had a like incident occurred, that when President Loubet of France failed to visit the Pope. Catholicism still is a huge problem in Germany as approximately 36% of its population is Catholic. Hitler, however seemed contented with the thought that by controlling the souls of the younger generation, he would eliminate all opposition.

JUNE, 1938

In an environment of majestic splendor, representatives from all over the world assembled in Budapest to honor the Holy Eucharist. The occasion was the 34th International Eucharistic Congress presided over by the Papal Secretary, His Eminence Eugenio, Cardinal Pacelli. The whole nation of Hungary united in honoring the Eucharist. Processions, resplendent in color, miles in length, truly religious, presented a picture of genuine devotion to the Holy Eucharist. A world caught in the labyrinth of political and national entanglements took a holiday from their sorrows and had recourse to the only solution of every problem, the Holy Eucharist. A half million people attended.

Calumnies and the baneful doctrines of racism were vigorously and thoroughly condemned by the Vatican as excuses for justifying the persecution to which the Church is being subjected to in Germany today. The Vatican recommended that faculties of institutions of higher learning arm themselves with philosophy, the sciences and juridical moral disciplines "to reject learnedly and validly the absurd dogmas."

Slowly but surely are true reports of the brutal persecutions in Austria, by Nazi forces, finding their way into America. Despite Nazi vigilance, some reports slip through uncensored. One of them told of Dr. Frederic Funder, dean of Austrian editors, who was thrown into a concentration camp. His offense seemed to have been that he was a leader of the Christian Social party and was a friend of the former Chancellor, Kurt Schuschnigg. Another publisher was seized at his desk

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