

or freedom in Red Spain and that it was a lie to say that the Reds were without arms.

Nationalist Spain's Ambassador, His Excellency, Don Jose Yanguar Messias, Viscount de Santa Clara y Avedillo called upon the Holy Father. To the distinguished diplomat the Supreme Pontiff said that "the Pope prays for General Franco and for all Spain" for the "cessation of their great suffering."

Protests of Catholic parents' associations against sex education in the public schools of Paris were effective. The Ministry of National Education withdrew the order.

The bus transportation proposal for all children in New York State passed the Constitutional Convention with 134 affirmative votes and 9 negative votes recorded.

Her case pronounced incurable by the medical profession, Sister Delfina Grazioli, in charge of the nurses' home at Columbus Hospital, Seattle told her own account of the miracle performed through the intercession of Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini by which she was restored to health.

Dynamiting of churches by retreating Red forces in Nules and Burriana, Spain was reported from Bilbao. At Villarreal, it was learned, the finest church had been burned and with it the body of St. Pascual Bailon. An order to "blow up everything" was found as Spanish Nationalist forces liberated those cities.

Enroute to Spain the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon of Erie declared that he had in his possession evidence of atrocities committed by Spanish Leftists in their persecution of the Church and all Catholics in a statement issued at New York prior to sailing.

Persistence carried the day for Sister Mary Daniel of Dominican Convent, San Rafael, Cal., when she succeeded in having President Franklin D. Roosevelt change the route of his transcontinental tour that he might pass by the convent doors.

AUGUST, 1938

The American educational system which "has substituted for religion so-called character-training for citizenship," was termed a "colossal failure" by the Rev. Edward C. J. Prndergast, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools. "The rejection of Christian ideals and the sensuous living conditions that exist today are bringing us back to the days of paganism."

The school situation in Liverpool, where the City Council had refused to make grants to Catholics for the building of new schools demanded by recent legislation reach a crisis. The Board of Education informed the council that it would withhold \$75,000 a month from its efficiency grant. As a result, Protestants bigots opposing the Catholic schools were faced with a substantial rise in the local rates.

With strong protest against those who oppose Catholic Action, Pope Pius launched a bitter condemnation against racism and exaggerated nationalism. He warned those who pretend to attack Catholic Action without attacking the Church.

Freedom of the press was the chief topic under discussion in Mexico. The Senate proclaimed with emphasis its attitude in defense of freedom of thought and of the press, declaring that no social class, either because of its influences or numerical strength, could quiet its critics or annul the right that all citizens have of thinking and publicly and freely expressing their opinions.

The political authorities of Vienna suppressed the Jesuit theological faculty of Innsbruck, according to a report. The political authorities of Varadero confiscated the books of the Jesuit College in Feldirek and denied the institution the right to receive new students.

The Jewish press hailed the Holy Father as their champion because of his definite stand against racism. Commenting editorially, The Jewish Morning Journal declared "Truly the Pope today is the only power in Europe who takes this stand. One hears no comparable statement from London or from Paris, or even from America. The Pope stands out today as the sole champion of modern liberalism."

The Pope of the Press



The achievements of the late Pontiff are legion—any single one of which would have emblazoned his name in the annals of history. This picture shows him opening the World Catholic Press Exhibit in Vatican City.

Entering a formal protest with the Nazi governor of Vienna, Cardinal Innitzer objected strongly to the new German marriage and divorce laws which flagrantly disregard the solemn stipulations of Austria's Concordat with the Holy See. A significant incident tells of the gravity of Church strife in Nazi land today. When the Cardinal sought to impart the last Benediction over the body of his friend, Herr Spalovsky who had been detained in a concentration camp for many months, the Nazi authority refused to permit this last act of charity. Day by day, the breach grows wider between Nazi and Church powers.

Support of the Catholic Press was urged by the Rev. Theophane Maguire, C. P., editor of "The Sign." "All Catholic papers are not oozing with exciting news, all Catholic magazines have not attained an enviable degree of excellence. But from the varied men which our Press as a whole presents, you are at liberty to select and assimilate what you best like and what you most need."

Just how fallacious are the reports on Spain as given in newspapers may be gleaned from the pleas of the Spanish people to Bishop Alter of Toledo who was traveling in Spain. "Tell the American people what is really happening in Spain. Tell them what you have seen here. The American people are neutral because they look upon this war as an internal affair, but tell them what it really is: a war to save Spain for the Spanish people, a war to save religion, morality and civilization itself."

In their endeavors to undermine the Catholic religion, Nazi directives have been disseminating literature in opposition to the Church, not only in Germany but also in Austria. Among their comments was one which claimed "Christianity is a religion for slaves and imbeciles because it declares that the last shall be first." (2) "Christianity is on a par with Communism." (3) "Evil passes, good remains; that is why the Catholic Church must perish."

Bearing out the prediction that the World Youth Congress held at Vassar College would provide "an opportunity for the fostering of irreligion and the promotion of class hatred of Sovietism, the sessions offered repeated evidence of Communist participation.

At the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention, a general warning was given that "a Catholic cannot take a neutral position regarding any of the evils of our day." "Evil forces are not satisfied with national organization; they have an international objective and they are working for a world-wide solidarity, the like of which has never been even dreamt of in previous ages."

SEPTEMBER, 1938

In an effort to bring the truth to non-Catholics, a nation-wide plan was launched and a central Catholic information office was set up with Paul Martin-Dillon as director. The aim of the move is to bring about conversions.

The blame for retarding social reforms was put directly on the shoulders of the self-styled liberals. Mgr. Ready continued to denounce the tyranny of greed and those who are seemingly "liberal" but actually are utterly selfish.

In continuing their war on the Church, Nazi officials expelled Bishop Sproll of Rottenburg in direct violation of the Solemn Concordat with the Holy See. The act was not an exercise of authority but of violence. He had incurred the hostility of the Nazi forces by refusing to vote in the recent plebiscite because he could not vote for a government hostile to the Church.

A world-paused Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, known at home and abroad as "The Cardinal of Charity" had died. His career is pointed to as an eloquent testimony to the democracy of the Catholic Church. Combining dignity of bearing with true humility of heart, Cardinal Hayes had made faith, charity, courage and action, the marks of his administration of the Archdiocese of New York. The long line of mourners extending for many blocks attested to the warm spot in the hearts of all men for the great Cardinal Hayes.

Further exposition of the hostility of the Nazi forces was the recent attempt to gag the Bishops. Subterfuge of all kinds had to be used by the German Hierarchy to reach the faithful with their message. Two copies of the pastoral letter were sent each pastor and the move was a wise one for numerous parish houses were raided and the one copy stolen.

In a report came the information that 6,676 persons were excluded from the Communist party in Russia because they had been discovered participating in religion services or had their children baptized.

In retaliation to a charge that the Catholics of Quebec were a menace to Quebec, a Protestant columnist of the Montreal "Gazette" took it upon himself to allow the foolishness of such a statement. He said, "We fail to see any crushing by the Roman Catholic Church."

Three radio stations cut Rutherford, the so-called "Judge," off the air lest he might further delude any more people. They halted his broadcast from London and apologized over the air to Catholic listeners and assured them that no Rutherford broadcast will be carried. A united America is rising up against a menace which seeks to undermine religion. Letters poured in to the stations so fast that there was no alternative but to cut off the vicious broadcast in the midst of the "Judge's" brazen attempt to link the Pope with various ists.

Communist forces were so powerful that in 1936 war veterans were discharged to give employment to members of the Communist party. So said Victor F. Ridder, former WPA administrator before a sub-committee investigating un-American activities. The Communists aimed their attacks against the veterans because they seemed naturally to "gravitate away" from the Workers Alliance, a Communist affiliate.

45,000 Catholic men marched over a two mile route in reparation for the public insults against Almighty God. This came on the heels of the Anti-God Congress held in London.

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