

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Says Russian Blight Gave Franco Victory

NEW YORK Testimony that the Russian blight made defeat of the so-called Loyalists in Spain certain, is offered in the current issue of The American Mercury by a newspaper correspondent who "covered" the Spanish civil war on the Leftist side.

The author, Irving Pflaum, who describes himself as an "anti-fascist," in his article entitled "Russia's Role in Spain" further charges that Stalin sought control in Spain not to aid the Spanish people but to better Soviet Russia's international position that Stalin actually did dominate Spanish Leftist affairs from May, 1937, and that Communists in Spain, under the direction of Moscow, were guilty of widespread terrorism in the areas under their control, slaughtering many of their Loyalist confederates to wipe out anti-Stalinist activity and strength.

Stalin's domination in Spain, Mr. Pflaum asserts, "was one of the most decisive factors in assuring victory for Franco." "Russia," he says, "doled out its help carefully, hesitatingly, and maneuvered it in line with its own selfish objectives." He says Communist tactics in Spain used for political advantage affected Loyalist military affairs and broke the morale of soldiers and civilians.

Mr. Pflaum, explaining how within a short time after Soviet intervention, the anti-Stalinist Premier Caballero was forced out, the Spanish Party grew from 10,000 to a claimed 400,000 and Soviet control was riveted on Loyalist Spain," emphasizes that the timing and distribution of Russian supplies were calculated at every point to support the now expanding Communist strength.

SERIES OF VATICAN-U. S. BROADCASTS BEGUN MAY 7

VATICAN CITY The first of a series of three programs from the Vatican City, directed especially for American listeners, was heard Sunday afternoon. The broadcast was heard through the facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The Sistine Choir, under the direction of Don Lorenzo Perosi, sang and the Rev. Lawrence Mc. Kinley, American priest stationed in Rome, spoke on the history, privileges and functions of the Sistine Choir.

EUCARIST CONGRESS HELD IN VERY ANCIENT CITY

SANTIAGO DE R An impressive display of faith and love for the Holy Eucharist marked the regional Eucharistic Congress held here, one of the oldest cities in the New World.

Thousands of faithful attended the three-day manifestation of devotion to the Eucharistic King amid beautiful natural surroundings. Some 10,000 received Holy Communion in the course of the Congress.

The Most Rev. Richard Pittini, S. C., Archbishop of Santo Domingo, presided over the various ceremonies. A great reception was tendered His Excellency, the Most Rev. Maurizio Silvani, Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti.

Restores Church Loot Stolen 40 Years Ago

CEBU, Philippines.—Carrying a large sack and depositing it at the sacristy of the Escobedo Church here, an old man who had walked to this city from his old home in Balamban, many miles away, last week fulfilled a duty and restored himself in the friendship of God. He had just performed restitution of loot he had stored away 40 years ago after robbing the church of its vessels and ornaments. The robbery was committed during the revolution against Spain.

"Now my conscience will no longer bother me," the old man was quoted by the newspapers, which also reported that he made his Confession for the first time in four decades only recently.

IN ANY LANGUAGE Jerusalem.—The Eastern issue of the Review of the Terra Santa College here, has just appeared with articles contributed by the staff and students in 10 languages: English, Arabic, Italian, French, Spanish, Greek, Armenian, Turkish, Ethiopic and Syriac.

EXHIBITS ART FOR REFUGEE AID



Chang Shan chieh, noted Chinese painter who is exhibiting his paintings in the United States for the benefit of the Chinese war refugees. He is pictured in Washington with Bishop Paul Yu-Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, who captured the artist and his wife last December. (N. W. C. staff photo.)

Holy Father Moves For Universal Peace Crusade

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noble French nation who are united in thousands around Christ present in the Holy Eucharist to offer Him a further solemn act of adoration and reparation.

In the course of recent years Africa has more than once been the scene of a "Carthage Starting Point" of having given hospitality to more than 30 Councils within its walls, was the starting point with its International Eucharistic Congress. Then with regional and national congresses the movement spread to South Africa (the Congo, Madagascar and Tripoli). Today the triumph of the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated on a coast which for so long a time was called barbarous.

"Our heart exults with joy at taking a two-fold part in it. We are in fact, really present in two ways visibly in the person whom we have chosen as our Legislator, so that he should preside over the Eucharistic days in Our name that is to say Our beloved son the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, invisibly but really with Our prayer, desire and enthusiastic thought. Neither the waves of the sea nor the roar of the armaments of war raging on the shores could withstand our myopic impetus. Notre Dame de la Garde, the great sentinel statue of Our Lady overlooking the harbor of Marseilles, has sent you to the Madonna of Africa, and in this Holy Host there irradiates from both these hills the faith shown to you by the Prince of Peace Who is also author of that peace which is today so ardently supplicated by a human society now so troubled."

"This is what has brought you here and encouraged you. This is what unites us intimately to you in this Month of May which we wish to be entirely dedicated to prayer (and particularly the prayer of children who are the beloved of the Saviour) to draw down from Heaven upon the earth through the hands of the Immaculate Virgin, that peace promised to men of good will peace to souls troubled by the evil and seduction of false doctrines, peace between nations trembling in constant anxiety."

"This is why Our blessing is affectionately sent forth in the first place, to you children of France, whose great religious destinies were permitted to recall under the vaulted roof of Notre Dame in Paris, two years ago. But this blessing goes further still. It goes to you neophytes and converts and to the Missions of Africa, and, lastly, to all you men whose souls, like Our own, have been redeemed by the blood of God made Man. Christ was given to all nations in heritage. Of this inheritance Eucharistic Providence has made Us the depository. Of this humanity God has made Us the pastor and father. May this divine blessing descend on all the fruit of the blood shed for all by the Saviour hidden but present in the Holy Eucharist."

QUEEN'S WORK MASS St. Louis.—The Queen's Work, official organ of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, this month marks its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The magazine was founded in 1913 under the editorship of the Rev. Edward P. Garasche, S. J., now Director of the Catholic Medical Mission Board. Its present Editor, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., was assigned to assist Father Garasche shortly afterwards.

Archbishop of Bagdad For Latin Rite Named PARIS By decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, the Very Rev. Armand Etienne Blaque du Chayla—in religion Father Stephen of the Sacred Heart, of the Discalced Carmelites, has been named Archbishop of Bagdad for the Latin Rite.

The new Archbishop is 52. He was born in Brest, France, of a distinguished naval family that has also given two prelates and four nuns to the Carmelite Order. His father was a high-ranking naval officer and his great-grandfather was the Admiral du Chayla who commanded an important section of the French fleet during the Napoleonic campaigns.

After four years' service during the World War, Armand du Chayla, who had entered the religious life in 1912, resumed his ecclesiastical studies in Spain. He returned to France to study at Lille and was ordained in 1922. He became Superior of a convent in Provence then, in 1927, returned to Lille as Prior and Counselor to the Provincial of the Carmelites. Under his direction the convent at Lille became a very popular center for Diocesan sacerdotal retreats, both individually and collectively.

'RUSSIAN BLIGHT' PAX ROMANA

Vatican Approves Pax Romana Plans

VATICAN CITY—Departing from Vatican City after having been received by high Vatican officials, including His Holiness Pope Pius XII, Edward J. Kirchner, president of Pax Romana, international Catholic student organization, is visiting in Switzerland, France, Spain and Portugal, before sailing for South America to attend the Conference of Catholic Students to be held at Lima at the end of this month.

Received in audience by the Holy Father, Mr. Kirchner and Rudolf Salat, administrative secretary of Pax Romana, were told by His Holiness of his deep interest in the world session of the organization to be held at the Catholic University of America, in Washington and at Fordham University, New York City, this fall.

The Pontiff recalled with evident pleasure his visits to the two American institutions of higher learning at which the international meeting is to be held and showed a thorough interest with the aims and purposes of the organization. He gave a special blessing to the organizing committee for the Congress, to the Congress itself and to all American Catholic students.

His Holiness was pleased to learn that a special message would be sent by Pax Romana to all university federations throughout the world requesting that all students join in the Crusade of Prayer for Peace inaugurated by the Pope.

Mr. Kirchner and Mr. Salat also were received by His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, with whom they had a long conversation concerning the coming Congress. The theme of which is "The Role of the University in National Catholic Action" was discussed in several conversations with His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Piazzi, Director of the Central Office of Catholic Action and Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities. Cardinal Piazzi do gave his full approval and sent his personal greetings and blessing to the Congress.

SEIZED LEFTIST TRUNKS CONTAIN SACRED VESSELS

PARIS When the refugees and army from Catalonia were pouring into France in February, French customs officials seized a number of trunks and boxes at the request of the Bank of Spain. Six trunks, each marked "Monastic values of Alvarez del Vayo," which were held at that time, have been opened at the customs office at Le Boulou in the presence of judicial authorities.

Mr. Valin reports that these six trunks of the former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Barcelona Government contained jewels, gold coins and bank monnaies, chalices, ciboria and the crown ostensibly from some statue of the Blessed Virgin. After an inventory was made the trunks were sealed and deposited.

Greek Archimandrite Of Hungary Convert

BUCHAREST Rumania The Archimandrite of the Rumanian-Greek Orthodox Church, Theodosius Bonteanu, has become a convert to the Roman Catholic Church and has written a book telling of his conversion.

In the book he deprecates the ignorance of the Catholic Church among many of the Orthodox congregation and says they do not realize how close they are to the Church of Rome in many instances, he says, only blind hatred separates them. He predicts that the Orthodox Church will return to the true fold.

The semi-official Government newspaper Rumania, has published an article dealing with the possibility of union of the Rumanian-Greek Orthodox Church with the Catholic Church. It states that there are 1,000,000 in the Rumanian-Greek Orthodox Church and 1,500,000 in the Greek Catholic Church.

Jesuits To Establish 20 Weather Stations

MANILA—Father Miguel Selga, S. J., director of the Manila Observatory, is shortly leaving for the island of Mindanao in connection with the observatory's plans to establish 20 more weather stations on the island.

Establishment of such weather stations is expected to help materially in the economic development of Mindanao in which connection the Commonwealth government has just launched an ambitious industrial and settlement program.

"If in doubt, throw it out."

Five-Day Deaf-Mute Mission Is Given

NEW ORLEANS The Rev. D. D. Higgins, C.S.S.R., of Chicago, known as "the apostle of the deaf," preached simultaneously in the spoken language and the sign language at the closing Mass of a five-day mission for deaf-mutes, held in St. Mary Assumption Church.

A retreat for students of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf, Baton Rouge, in St. Agnes' Church, with a group of the children making their first Holy Communion, and a mission for the Catholic children in the Mississippi State School for Deaf, Jackson, were included in Father Higgins' Southern tour.

Around The World

FATHER FLANAGAN

Detroit.—The National Variety Club has chosen the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town, for its first humanitarian award.

The award is given to Monsignor Flanagan as the person who made the greatest contribution to humanitarian work in the United States in 1938. The Club which plans to make the award annual is an organization of persons in the entertainment profession devoted to charitable and humanitarian activities.

HEADERS IN 48 STATES

Juneau, Alaska. Noting its fifth year, the 48 States of the Union are represented in the paper's subscription list. Announcing a remarkable increase in circulation, the paper says the State of Washington leads in the number of subscribers, while British Columbia is the first among the Canadian Provinces.

GOOD ADVICE

Washington.—A distinguished columnist, editor and publisher, writing in his own nationally-circulated newspaper, has strongly recommended to his readers the study of the Encyclical Letters Rerum Novarum and Quadragesimo Anno issued by Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI, respectively. This publisher, David Lawrence, writing personally in his United States News, advised that copies of the Encyclical could be obtained from the National Catholic Welfare Conference, here.

ORIENTAL RITE

Greensburg, Pa.—A Mass in the Oriental Rite was celebrated in the chapel of St. Michael's College here by the Rev. A. A. Perick, Pastor of St. Michael's Greek Catholic Church in Farrell, Pa.

Because so few Catholics of the Western Rite have the opportunity to assist at an Eastern Rite Mass, the Rev. Dr. James A. W. Reever, President of the College, last Thursday addressed the student body at an assembly to familiarize them with some of the ceremonies and music of the Eastern Rite Mass.

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THE PEAKNESS RACE — Saturday, May 13—4:15 P. M. COMMUNITY CHEST MASS — Sunday, May 14—12 Noon.

This special Mass will be broadcast from the Pro-Cathedral in Flower City Park, Rochester.

OPENING 1939 COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN — Monday, May 15—7:30 P. M. This broadcast will come direct from the Chamber of Commerce main dining room as the workers assemble for their first meeting.

THE SPOTLIGHT — Monday, May 15—8:00 P. M. This popular Monday evening show will be heard at this new time on the date only.

MR. GEORGE THE SIXTH — Monday, May 15—4:15 P. M. The King will be heard in the first of a series of special broadcasts in connection with his visit to the United States.

DEDICATION AND UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL — Thursday, May 18—3:30 P. M.

MUSIC

SUNDAY MUSICALS — Sunday — 10:30 P. M. ON WINGS OF MELODY — Sunday — 1:00 P. M. THE GERMAN HOUR — Friday — 7:15 P. M.

VARIETY

PLANTATION PARTY — Friday — 8:00 P. M. HANK AND HERB — Saturday — 7:00 P. M. RED FOLEY — Saturday — 8:30 P. M.

NATIONAL BARN DANCE — Saturday — 8:30 P. M. MAGIC KEY — Sunday — 2:00 P. M. JACK BENNY — Sunday — 7:00 P. M. CHARLIE MCCARTHY — Sunday — 8:00 P. M. THE CIRCLE — Sunday — 10:00 P. M. EDDIE DUCHIN — Monday — 9:30 P. M. TRUE OR FALSE — Monday — 10:30 P. M. THE INSIDE STORY — Tuesday — 8:00 P. M. INFORMATION PLEASE — Tuesday — 8:30 P. M. FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY — Tuesday — 9:30 P. M. BOB HOPE — Tuesday — 10:00 P. M. HOBBY LOBBY — Wednesday — 8:30 P. M. KAY KISER — Wednesday — 10:00 P. M. SMILE PARADE — Thursday — 8:00 P. M. GOOD NEWS — Thursday — 8:00 P. M. BING CROSBY — Thursday — 10:00 P. M. VOCAL VARIETIES — Friday — 7:00 P. M.

DRAMA

YOU, THE UNSEEN JURY — Sunday — 7:30 P. M. HOLLYWOOD PLAYHOUSE — Sunday — 9:00 P. M. ORPHANS OF DIVORCE — Monday — 7:00 P. M. ONE MAN'S FAMILY — Wednesday — 8:00 P. M. TRUE TROOPERS DRAMA — Thursday — 7:30 P. M.

NEWS

PETER GRANT — Sunday — 8:45 P. M. FAITH NEWS — Monday through Friday — 1:15 P. M. COUPPER NEWS — Saturday — 11:15 A. M. YOUR ESSO REPORTER — Four times a day—Seven days a week.

COMMENTARY

FATHER COUGHLIN — Sunday — 5:00 P. M. WALTER WINCHELL — Sunday — 5:30 P. M. FRET BROWNELL — Wednesday, 9:15 P. M., and Friday — 7:15 P. M. LOWELL THOMAS — Monday through Friday — 6:45 P. M. WAL ROGERS — Monday through Saturday — 4:30 P. M. AL SIGL — Monday through Friday — 8:15 A. M.

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