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'Pax Romana' Opens Session

400 Delegates Attend Congress

WASHINGTON As war clouds hovered over a large portion of the world, some 400 delegates from 40 countries gathered at the Catholic University of America here, for the 18th World Congress of Pax Romana, and heard the august encouragement of the Holy Father for the success of the Congress and the always more perfect realization of the program you have mapped out for your organization.

It is the first meeting of this international secretariat of Catholic university federations ever held in the Western Hemisphere.

Developments included a welcome on behalf of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the N.C.W.C., who said "one would wish to have a pseudo-oriental tongue to address delegates from so many different countries but that it was good to remember that we do speak with the universal language of the Faith."

(Catholic Youth Council)

Description by Monsignor Ready of the program for a National Catholic Youth Council to coordinate the work of various youth organizations throughout the country. Monsignor Ready said the plan envisages diocesan councils and college and university units.

Pledging to the Holiness of Pope Pius XII by the Congress its full devotion and assurance of fervent prayers for his august person and for peace.

The challenge addressed by the delegates by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America that they assume the duties which are theirs in the world "that the youth of today may find the leadership that will make them a solid phalanx in a world saved for Christ."

World Delegates The delegates arrived at the Catholic University early Monday morning from 37 nations. They represent in addition to the United States Canada, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, China, Belgium, Bulgaria, Mexico, Cuba, England, Scotland, Finland, France, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Yugoslavia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, and other lands.

Monsignor's program was opened with a Solemn Mass of which the Very Rev. Msgr. Egidio Vagnoni, Auditor of the Apostolic Delegation, was celebrated in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The other officers and servers of the Mass came from England, Canada, China, South America and the United States.

Bishops Are Present The Most Rev. John M. McManis, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, presided at the Mass and Henri Roger Beausant, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris, occupied a place in the sanctuary.

Preaching the sermon at the Mass, Monsignor Corrigan said "The Red International knows that its one persistent enemy is what they call the 'black international'."

"We have no quarrel with this term. The sustained leaders have deserved that honor. But you can raise a more exacting standard. You are to be the 'White and Gold International' of the Papacy White for the light of truth. Gold for the good you offer to all men. Thus your mission is significant as recognizing in truth and good will the brotherhood of man, but only in the fatherhood of God. Under your banner of white and gold you support the true patriotism towards your home land but at the same time patriotism to your homeland in God.

"As Pius XI called you to work for the Kingdom of Christ, where alone can be true peace. The august encouragement of Pope Pius XII was conveyed to the Congress in a letter from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, read at the opening session following the Mass. The letter was read by Abbe Joseph Gremaud of Fribourg, Switzerland, General Secretary of Pax Romana, founder and leader of the movement to whom it was addressed.

In addition to conveying the Sovereign Pontiff's well wishes and blessing, the letter said: "His Holiness believes that your activities can procure the best results in the domain of Christian Education as well as that which concerns Catholic Action in universities."

Negro Dies After Reading First Mass

PELOUSAS La Nine days after he sang his first solemn Mass the Rev. George Chachere S.V.D., 30-year-old Negro priest was found dead of a heart attack in the home of his parents here. The final absolution was given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Philip L. Keller, who preached the sermon when Father Chachere sang his first solemn Mass in Holy Ghost Church here. The Most Rev. Richard O. Corow, Bishop of Natchez, was present at the Requiem Mass at the seminary.

Father Chachere was a student 11 years at St. Augustine's for two years at Holy Ghost Novitiate, East Troy, Wis., and spent the last year of his preparation for the priesthood at the Gregorik University, Rome, in which city he was ordained last January.

NOTABLE PAX ROMANA VISITORS



The 18th World Congress of Pax Romana, being held at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., from August 26 to 31, and at Fordham University, New York, from September 1 to 9, has brought to the United States Roger Millot, of France, who is shown here with Mme. Millot. In addition to being Vice President of Pax Romana, M. Millot is head of the European delegation. He is Past President of the French Federation of Catholic Students and Director of the Office of Catholic Press Illustrations. (Wide World.)

Human Relations Theme Of Institute Discussions

Prelate Urges More Lay In Social Work

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (N.C.) Bring lay persons back to a greater participation in all social work programs to bridge the gap between private and public social work administration, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, urged at the 1939 Williamstown Institute of Human Relations. The Institute is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Speaking on "The Relation of Social Work to Government Today," and declaring that the "turn of laymen to the social work movement is a development of programs tending to undermine the character and spiritual heritage of the people," Monsignor O'Grady said:

Let us induce the laity to come with us into the slums as did St. Vincent de Paul, Ozanam and Canon Paretti; and the leaders of the social work in America let us invite them to acquaint themselves with the poor and the disadvantaged. Let us help them acquaint themselves with the types of public assistance that have been made available by government so that they in turn can help the poor, people to secure their rights.

As we hope that the new Age may bring with them a new courage and a new spirit to the underprivileged of the land so that they may find themselves in an undue dependence on government or for that matter on any other agency and that they may set forth once more with a new pride and determination to make the best of the resources at their disposal.

Describes Religious Instruction Plan

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (N.C.) A plan whereby religious instruction classes for Catholic children attending Pittsburgh public schools are held twice weekly in rented rooms situated near the public schools, was outlined by the Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Conkley, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church Pittsburgh at the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations here today.

"The same plan might be adopted in other Catholic parishes throughout the United States, and by our Protestant and Jewish brethren who desire to bring religious education to youth," Dr. Conkley said. "We would like to emphasize the fact that our plan is in thorough accord with the principles of American democracy."

At dismissal time in the public schools on the days religion classes are held, nuns and lay teachers in charge of the religious instruction meet the children and guide them to the place where instruction is given. Classes are held for one hour. There is no charge of any kind. Books are free.

Father Conkley praised the co-operation of public school authorities. He said that Catholic children are not kept after school on the days religious instruction is given; that the nuns are introduced to the pupils by the principals, and that, on occasions when the children are in a large body to the parish church, they are accompanied by an escort of motorcycle policemen.

Judaism's Best Chance Is Under Democracy

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (N.C.) Judaism is fundamentally incompatible with Communism and Fascism and its chances both to survive and to make valuable contributions to society are best under a democracy, Dr. Joshua Liebman of Chicago, told the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations, meeting here under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Brown Urges Everyone To Join In Pope's Plea

NEW YORK—All peoples should join in the appeal of Pope Pius XII for "peace in our time," Heywood Brown, noted columnist, declared this week in his syndicated column printed in many newspapers throughout the country.

Urging all efforts for peace, Mr. Brown asserts: "If we fail, we will share the guilt of opening the wounds of One Who died to save us."

The article, reprinted here by permission of the New York World Telegram and United Feature Syndicate, is as follows:

"The Pope has spoken eloquently for peace in our time. I see no reason why all peoples should not join in that appeal. Indeed, I think that it ought to be a demand. That familiar phrase 'National Honor' will be flung as a barrier against negotiations. But can 'National Honor' be a thing sufficient to justify the slaughter of millions of men and women in any quarter of the globe? Do the desire and the maimed and mutilated ever stand as witnesses to the dignity of the world in which we live? No, and again no.

"War is a betrayal of all the aspirations and ideals of humankind. It is a kind of co-operative treachery against the divinity of the human race. Of course, no good can be done by anybody who simply insists upon the repetition of the obvious. And yet it is international insanity if war is to come now in spite of the general recognition that no problems are settled by the appeal to arms, and that the price in blood and treasure and misery always exceeds even the objectives of the most optimistic.

"Now is the time to make good the truisms that in all lands there are folk united, whether they like it or not, in a fundamental kinship. The differences in language, custom and national ideals may seem very great, but these things are less than the fact that links between Israel and to the Jews, between Judaism and tyranny," Dr. Liebman said. "The essential conflict philosophically speaking, is the struggle between a materialistic interpretation of history, on the one hand, and an idealistic and progressive philosophy of life on the other. It has long been obvious that Communism has reared its superstructure upon a materialistic interpretation of history, but it has only recently been understood that racism the theory of the blood is perhaps the most materialistic of all theories one that would separate mankind into predetermined and permanent zoological specimens.

"Nazism denies the very essence of the religious interpretation of life which insists that man is a child of freedom and choice. No wonder then that Judaism must reject these ideologies of life which make men pawns in the hands of blind fate."

"The man in uniform can, if it pleases him, call out the trumpets and the drums, and say with fine rhetorical appeal, 'Madame, your son died for the Fatherland and for the national honor of his country, and as a symbol of his sacrifice I now desire to pin upon you this red ribbon, this emblem of the blood he shed, to be forever for you a memorial for the life which is gone.'"

"Upon the wall one may hang the scroll or ribbon, and look upon it in the late afternoon as the twilight falls. But in the morning a thing which can possibly take the place of either son or lover. There is not in it the warmth of the human body."

"Let us all enlist to bring about, here and now, 'Peace in our time.' If we fail we will share the guilt of opening the wounds of One Who died to save us. We cannot wash our hands or our hearts. We too, must give ourselves to the goal of mercy for mankind."

Pilgrimage To Bro. Andre Draws 10,000

MONTREAL Ten thousand pilgrims took part in a torchlight procession on the grounds at the foot of St. Joseph's Oratory on the anniversary of the birth of the late Brother Andre.

The humble, little, former porter found the shrine which is today marked by the impressive Basilica atop Mount Royal.

In the torchlight procession was carried a statue of St. Joseph, blessed in 1914 by Pope Pius X. The thousands sang hymns, and assisted from their places on the mountain side at Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated from an altar before the doors of the shrine.

Brother Andre was born on August 8, 1845, and died on January 8, 1907. Steps are already under way which it is hoped will lead to the inscription of his name as a Canadian Saint. He was a member of the Order of Holy Cross.

Children are impressionable. Their reading should be supervised.

the other chiefly by reason of its economic influence. In the present crisis the United States is publicly in accordance with the Vatican. The thousands of eyes, therefore, are disposed to give much more weight to the Holy Father's appeal than appears on the turbulent surface. It accounts, they say, for the conciliatory attitude of the Italian governments and the assumptions that Mussolini tried to persuade Hitler to accept a peaceable settlement of the problem of Danzig and the Polish Corridor.

If war does not come immediately, the repercussions of the Stalin-Hitler agreement may have a marked effect on the future of European affairs. The lines arrayed against moral and religious forces have been tightened. Whether, in due time, an anti-Christian offensive will be launched, is a question that must await economic adjustments for which the German-Russian trade agreement paves the way.

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