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ENCYCLICAL'S RESPONSE

U. S. Bishops Thank Pope For Encyclicals

WASHINGTON (NC) Voicing profound gratitude to His Holiness Pope Pius XII for his Encyclical Letter **Sertum Laetitiae**, marking the sesquicentennial of the establishment of the American Hierarchy, and likewise for the Holy Father's Encyclical **Summi Pontificatus** and his radio message to the Catholic University's semi-centennial celebrations, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States have declared that these expressions by the Sovereign Pontiff "cannot but do immeasurable good," and that they are resolved to bring the Encyclicals "to every Catholic home and as far as possible also to those not of the household of the faith."

This expression of gratitude and this resolve are embodied in a letter dispatched to Pope Pius XII in the name of the American Hierarchy. Appended to the letter are the signatures of His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty Archbishop of Philadelphia, and the Most Rev Michael J Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and newly named Archbishop of Washington

The Holy Father's Encyclical to the American Hierarchy "showed an intimate knowledge of the conditions of the Church of the United States and also a sympathetic understanding of the problems that the Ordinaries of our country must now renew their efforts to solve," the Bishops declared

They added that the Pontiff's words of generous praise "have afforded us unbounded consolation and have strengthened our resolve to do more in our respective fields of labor under the guidance of the Vicar of Christ."

Referring to the Pope's radio address to the United States the letter said the Bishops were grateful "that all persons throughout the length and breadth of our country could hear the voice and receive the blessing of the Common Father of the Christian Family"

The Pope's concern for the Apostolic care of the Negroes, his hopes for the Catholic University his interest in the solid scientific instruction of the laity and other causes, they will make their own with a greater sense of responsibility and endeavor to realize with all the resources at their command, the Bishops assured His Holiness.

Russia Controls AYC Declares Member

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of her experiences as a practical nurse and cook with the so-called Loyalists in Spain

Mrs Ryan asserted that the arrangements for her trip to Spain were made by Communists in Milwaukee and New York She said that among the 23 recruits with whom she sailed for Spain and service with the Spanish Leftists were 14 members of the Communist party She declared that Earl Browder, Communist party secretary, told these 14 before sailing from New York that they should say nothing of their party affiliation and pose as "anti-Fascists" because "some of those in the party were honest anti-Fascists" "He told us to submit absolutely to party discipline, follow the leader and trust the party completely" she added

The witness also testified that Browder "told us that the talk about democracy in Spain is not so" and that it was the Communist party that was in control in Spain

Mr and Mrs Ryan said they escaped from Spain with some difficulty after 17 months of service They said that the so-called Loyalist regime was entirely under Communist control, that the party commissars lived high and that the rank and file were brutally dominated.

Brooklyn College Bans Earl Browder Talk

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Brooklyn College here has banned a talk which Earl Browder, Communist leader, was to have made Friday before the college's Karl Marx Society.

The decision was made by the Faculty-Student Committee on Student Affairs. The committee felt it would be "ill-advised" to permit Mr. Browder to speak at the college at this time.

Pending a hearing by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, a permit for the use of the Great Hall granted to a student group at City College for a meeting at which Mr. Browder was to have spoken was revoked. The committee has before it also a request that the Communist leader be allowed to address a forum on civil liberties at the college December 31.

Irish Historical Society Acquires New York Home

NEW YORK—The American Irish Historical Society has purchased for its new headquarters the Fifth Avenue mansion here of the late William Ellis Corey former president of the United States Steel Corporation.

The house, a five-story structure at Fifth Avenue and Eightieth Street will be occupied on January 1. It will be altered to accommodate the society's library of thousands of volumes.

Assumes New Post

Richard Reid, K. S. G., of Augusta, Ga., editor since 1920 of "The Bulletin," and publicity director of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia, has been named editor of "The Catholic News," of New York. A former president of the Catholic Press Association, he takes the post made vacant by the death of Michael J. Madigan. (N.C.W.C)

Says Machabees Are Needed In World Today

NEW YORK The hope that "in those countries now writhing under the heel of dictators there were another family of Machabees to fling their challenge into the face of the mad rulers who demand that all peoples shall bow the head bend the knee prostrate themselves and offer incense to the State as God" was expressed Sunday night by the Rev James M Gillis C.S.P., Editor of **The Catholic World.**

Father Gillis spoke over the "Catholic Hour" which is broadcast over a network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WEAF here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men

Recalling the refusal of Mathathias head of the famous Machabees of the Bible to bow to King Antiochus when the monarch dominated Juda, Father Gillis said he further hoped "this example of ancient heroism will stir some modern hero to arise and to fling into the teeth of the mad leaders of our own day that stirring challenge, 'Although all nations obey (the tyrant and worship him) I and my sons and my brethern will obey the law of our fathers'"

In this Father Gillis declared "we have a singing manifesto that might well be heard from the lips of men and of nations in the present tragic circumstances" Saying that "Christians (and especially Catholics) are inheritors of the fundamental religious principles of the Jews" Father Gillis asserted the Old Testament heroes "are our own

"'I am the Lord thy God' says Jehovah" Father Gillis went on "'Hear, O Israel' runs the liturgical prayer of the Jews 'The Lord your God is One God' Not Zeus, not Jupiter not Isis or Osiris not Baal and Astartne not Bacchus and Venus, not Apollo or Aphrodite, not Antiochus Epiphanes false god blasphemer, usurper of the prerogatives of the Deity not the State or a leader who considers himself the incarnation of the soul of the State, not surely not the mummified cadaver of Lenin enshrined upon an altar in a temple in the Kremlin Square shall take the place of the One True God The gods of the Gentiles are demons' says David Yes and these gods of the neo-pagans are diabolical imposters When called upon to worship the statue of the Roman Emperor the martyrs spat in its face, and so do we reject with scorn the suggestion that we bend the knee to some Moloch or Beelzebub representing the Totalitarian State

"With Mathathias we lift up our voice and cry aloud 'Although all nations obey king Antiochus or any other pseudo-god we will obey the law of our fathers.'"

Reid To Edit N. Y. Catholic Weekly

NEW YORK (NC). - Richard Reid, K. S. G., of Augusta Ga., outstanding Catholic journalist, has been appointed Editor of **The Catholic News**, official organ of the Archdiocese of New York. This announcement was made Friday by Charles H. Ridder, publisher of **The Catholic News**. Mr. Reid is Editor of **The Bulletin**, official organ of the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta and of the Georgia Catholic Laymen's Association.

"Mr. Reid has been released by his Bishop, the Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara," Mr. Ridder said, "and will come to New York soon to assume editorial charge of **The Catholic News**, a post left vacant by the death on November 15 of Michael J. Madigan."

One of the most scholarly Catholic journalists in the United States, Mr. Reid has received many honors and college degrees for his devotion to Catholic apologetics. On February 19, 1938, he received the Papal title of Knight of St. Gregory He was awarded the Laetare Medal in 1936 by the University of Notre Dame, where for two years he has been a visiting lecturer His series on "The Morality of the Newspaper" has been published in book-form.

(Mr Reid has been in Rochester on several occasions, the last being in May, 1938 when he spoke over Station WHAM during the Catholic Press Convention.)

Born in Winchester, Mass., 43 years ago, Mr. Reid was educated at the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., where he received his A.B. and M.A. degrees. He took post-graduate courses at Columbia and Fordham Universities, and holds a degree in law from the latter.

He served one year 1918-1919, on the faculty of St. Francis Xavier High School, New York In 1919, he went to Augusta, where he served for a time as editorial writer on the Augusta **Chronicle** and as news editor and columnist of the Augusta **Herald**.

In 1920, he became Editor of **The Bulletin**, which, under his management, has achieved national recognition.

Mr Reid has long been active in the work of the Catholic Press Association, of which he was president for two terms. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Catholic Men and is prominent in the activities of the Boy Scouts of America He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and was at one time principal of the K. of C school for ex-service men.

During his years in Augusta, Mr Reid became a leading figure in the affairs of that city, where he was influential among people of all creeds and classes

Mr Reid has been a contributor to **America, The Commonweal, The Sign, The Catholic World, The Ecclesiastical Review, Pax, Columbia, The Catholic Mind**, and also to the secular press

Benedictines To Sing Mass Weekly on Radio

ATCHISON, KANS For the first time in the history of radio in the United States and the second time in the world, a monastic choir will broadcast weekly a Solemn Mass The a Capella choir of St Benedict's Abbey, had this distinction when, on December 3, it began broadcasting by remote control with station KVAK, Atchison from the chapel of the abbey The choir is directed by the Ven Anselm Llewellyn, O.S.B.

The Rev. Bernard Sause, O.S.B., professor of canon law, and the Rev Marian Kotinek, O.S.B., professor of Sacred Scripture, act as commentators during the Mass After the Mass a sermon is given by one of the monks of the abbey

19 Unions Represented At Labor School

NEW ROCHELLE, N Y Nineteen individual labor unions are represented among the 102 men and women registered for the Fall session of the College of New Rochelle Labor School. The students also include 27 non-union members. The school is directed by the Rev Dr. Joseph N. Moody, of Cathedral College, New York.

Finland Invasion Blow To 'Reds'

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which war provided to grab all the territorial loot it can

The western democracies now know where Russia stands and what to expect. It is more imperialistic and more ruthless than the so-called "capitalistic" powers against which it launched its invective

From the American viewpoint, also communism is appearing in its true colors. Communists in the United States had a difficult time trying to reconcile the Russian agreement with Hitler and to reconcile Nazi aims, which had been bitterly hostile to communism, with this part. Now they are having a more difficult time in trying to reconcile the Russian invasion of Finland with the democratic ideals they profess to uphold.

Slippery Footing

The prevalent opinion in Washington is that communism in the United States is now on a very slippery footing and that it will be forced to cut loose entirely from the Russian international or disappear altogether as an organized political force

It is quite possible, too, that Congress may take more rigorous measures to suppress communism, or at least to prevent its spread in this country. Heretofore the investigation of subversive activities, directed against communism and fascism, has not made much headway, because Congress has not regarded the menace of communism in this country as serious.

The Dies committee of the House of Representatives has been criticized more than it has been commended, on the ground that it was over-emphasizing the danger of communism. It may now take a more aggressive attitude toward rooting out communism where it is known to exist.

It is also expected that the lines will be more closely drawn between those who openly profess communism and those who are disposed to regard its aims or whether they are against them.

President Roosevelt, by the comment he has made and the stand he has taken, has indicated that American sympathies are all with Finland. He characterized the bombing of the Finnish capital as a "wanton act." At the same time, it has been made clear that the Government would regard with disapproval the sale of war equipment, especially airplanes, to Russia, although there is no official action to be taken to accomplish this purpose. It is expected that American manufacturers, in the present state of public opinion, will voluntarily refrain from selling any kind of needed supplies to Russia.

What 'NCWC' Does In A Year

The work of the various Departments and Bureaus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington is "well organized" and "the continuing service rendered to vital Catholic interests constitutes strong defense for the welfare of the Church in our country, this was the report of Archbishop Mooney of Detroit as Chairman of the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C. to the General meeting of Bishops. The work of each department during the past year will be reviewed under this heading. Learn what the "NCWC" is doing.

Press Department Records Expansion of News Service

Despite the extraordinary pressure of momentous news, ranging from the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI to the present strife in Europe, and the difficulties encountered in the effect of the war upon news sources, the N.C.W.C. News Service recorded a notable expansion in its service to the Catholic Press and in the number of publications served, the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie and Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department, reported.

Subscribers increased by five; news coverage was greatly enlarged, pictorial service was doubled, and file material was increased.

At the same time, the report noted, the Catholic Press in general continued its onward march, with five new publications—two newspapers and three magazines—being established.

The N.C.W.C. News Service subscription list was raised to 126 in the course of the year, representing 452 publications served, a new high in the number of subscribers. These subscribers are in 24 countries.

In news coverage, the N.C.W.C. News Service found great difficulty in keeping its new sources in some parts of Europe, the report said, but with the loss of some of these, new contacts were opened up. Particularly added connections were made in Latin American.

Radical improvement and expansion of the Picture Service, plans for the complete overhauling of the Feature and other services, increased service in the provision of file material for future fast-breaking stories, were among the improvements made in the course of the year

Growth of Lay Organizations Cited By Episcopal Chairman

The National Council of Catholic Men enjoyed an "exception" year, and the National Council of Catholic Women showed "commendable progress and gives promise of even greater accomplishments," the Most Rev Joseph F Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, reported as Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations

"Besides carrying on its regular work in connection with its production of the Catholic Hour, the maintenance of its Catholic Evidence Bureau, and other routine activities," said Archbishop Rummel, the National Council of Catholic Men "conducted a nation-wide campaign to oppose the repeal of the embargo on shipment of arms to the warring factions in Spain, established a Catholic Radio Bureau, and engaged the services of a Field Secretary The embargo campaign was one of the biggest things in the history of the Council and evoked high praise from all parts of the country The Radio Bureau has been modestly successful and gives considerable promise for the future The Field Secretary has done some practical organization work in the Dioceses of Great Falls and Spokane, and has been visiting Bishops, priests and laymen in many parts of the country in anticipation of further organization work during the coming fall and winter"

Archbishop Rummel said the Catholic Hour of radio broadcasting "enjoyed the most successful year of its history," and that the number of stations carrying it at the end of the last fiscal year was 81, located in 40 States, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii, and that audience mail increased to 714,050 pieces during the year The number of organizations affiliated to the N.C.C.W. rose from 1,216 to 1,225 in the year.

The National Council of Catholic Women established four new diocesan councils and reorganized four others in the course of the year, the Archbishop said. A total of 63 diocesan councils, two State councils and 16 national organizations are affiliated to the N.C.C.W., he reported

"It is important at this time to appeal for the further extension of the National Council of Catholic Women through its organization in every diocese throughout the country," Archbishop Rummel said.

"The united body of Catholic women's organizations, acting under the Bishops, speak with a common voice It not only helps to promote particular organization, but seeks so far as all can help towards it, the general welfare of the Church and country for Catholic activity.

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