

U.S. Awakening To Red Menace

Russia's Onsets Arouse Concern

WASHINGTON (AP)—The war against Communism with Finland as the central theater, has stirred much more interest and feeling in Washington than the war between Nazism and democracy. At the moment, the latter struggle, grim as it is, is accentuated by the sinking of ships, has taken secondary place from the American viewpoint. The heroic efforts of Finland against the aggression of the ruthless neighbor from the East assumes epic proportions.

It is not only the drama, as such, of this valiant fight on the part of the Finns that has excited this sympathy. Washington has been criticized on the ground that it has attempted to paint the menace of Communism in the United States in too lurid colors.

But the Communism that marched through Poland, that put its iron heel on the necks of the smaller Baltic countries and is now battering at the gates of Finland is quite a different thing. It becomes a threat to the stability of Western civilization.

Revenge Seen Motive
In the case of Finland, it is probably something more than the desire for revenge that is driving the Bolshevists to try to set the world afire with the torch of world revolution, stood firm as Poland did and stemmed the tide. It is probable that the Communists are actuated as much by a spirit of vengeance as by the desire to extend their sway.

It is recognized, too, that Finland in the broader perspective of the struggle against Communism, is merely an outpost.

If Finland goes down Russia will knock at the doors of the Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Denmark and Norway, and will probably push its gate a point on the Atlantic from which it could launch an attack upon Western European countries. The possibility that it will reach out to southeastern Europe and attempt to gain a foothold in the Balkans also is not overlooked. It is obviously a matter of much concern to Italy, which would be exposed to the menace of Communism if this were accomplished.

In other words, Communism is viewed in Washington now not merely as an irritating political movement which is mildly disturbing the domestic peace of the country, but as a menacing force which recently has become a direct threat to Europe and threatens world stability and is aimed at the destruction of religious, cultural and economic institutions which are the bulwark of modern enlightened civilization.

Want Communism Halted
In any case, Washington and the American people so far as their attitude is reflected in Washington are emotionally and mentally decidedly unneutral. They want to see Communism stopped in its tracks.

PRIEST'S MASS TO BE SUNG FIRST TIME AT CHRISTMAS

CHICAGO (AP)—The Rev. Edwin J. Hoover, director of the Cathedral Chorus and head of the "Chorus Music" department in the Archdiocese of Chicago is the author of a Christmas Mass which will be given its first rendition on Christmas morning at the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Father Hoover was selected by the late Cardinal Mundelein to organize the Cathedral Chorus, who have participated in many notable services.

NATIONAL COLLEGES IN ROME SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

ROME—In addition to the broadcast of the North American College from Rome on Christmas Eve over the Columbia Broadcasting System, other national colleges in the Eternal City will broadcast programs by short wave from December 22 to 29.

December 22, English College, 48.42 meters, 1 P. M.; December 24, Propaganda College, 18.84 meters, 10 A. M.; Pio Latino, 19.87 meters, 8:30 P. M.; December 25, special concert to be broadcast at 1 P. M.; December 26, Irish College, 48.47 meters, 1 P. M.; December 27, Spanish College, 48.47 meters, 3 P. M.; December 28, Italian Choir, 48.47 meters, 2 P. M.; December 29, German College, 48.47 meters, 2:30 P. M.

PREPARE FOR YULE BROADCAST



Rev. Francis C. Young, noted poet-priest of Chicago, is shown with some of his boy choristers from St. Philomena's Church, preparing for his 17th annual broadcast of Christmas carols and poems, over the National Farm and Home Hour. This year it will be heard over the combined Red and Blue networks of the National Broadcasting Company, Friday, December 22, at 12:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time (N.C.W.C.)

Holy Name Men To Unite In Peace Prayer Jan. 14

NEW YORK (N. C.)—In response to the plea of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for prayers for peace the Holy Name men of the United States are to unite in a day of prayer and general Communion on January 14, the second Sunday in January for the intention of the Holy Father. It was announced today by the Rev. H. C. Graham, O.P., national director of the Holy Name Societies.

Under the guidance of the Hierarchy of the United States, the diocesan directors are organizing the men in this concerted prayer that hostilities might cease.

By a receipt of the Holy See, the second Sunday in January is designated for the public celebration of the Feast of the Holy Name. It is planned to have the entire membership, as well as those men who are not actively allied with the Society, offer their Communion on that day for the intention of the Pope.

The Holy Father has many times expressed himself for the cause of peace. During the last week of November he entered his annual retreat with the expressed intention of praying that the warring nations might settle their differences over the conference table rather than by the continuance of armed force.

In his first Encyclical, Summi Pontificatus, the Holy Father enjoined the faithful of the world to storm Heaven with prayer that an early end be brought to the devastation that is now threatening so much of the world.

"Pray then, Venerable Brethren," he wrote, "pray without ceasing, and especially when you offer the Divine Sacrifice of Love. Do you on pray you whose courageous profession of faith entails today, painful, and not rarely, heroic sacrifices, pray you, suffering and agonizing members of the Church, when Jesus comes to console and heal your pains, and do not forget with the aid of a true spirit of mortification and worthy practice of penance to make your prayers more acceptable in the eyes of Him Who lifteth up all who fall and setteth up all that are cast down." He in His mercy may shorten the days of trial and that thus the words of the Psalmist may be verified: "Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction; and He delivered them out of their distresses."

FR. FEENEY HEADS CATHOLIC POETRY SOCIETY

NEW YORK (N. C.)—The Rev. Leonard Feeney, S.J., Literary Editor of America, and nationally known poet, has been elected President of the Catholic Poetry Society of America.

Other officers elected for the coming year are: Katherine Brexy, Blanche Mary Kelly, Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C., and Daniel Sargent, Vice-Presidents; the Rev. Alfred Barrett, S.J., Chaplain; Edith Donovan, Secretary; John Gilland Brunini, Executive Secretary; Donald C. Connor, Treasurer; Estelle Brady, Assistant Treasurer; and Francis X. Connolly, J. G. E. Hopkins, Nell C. Merrigan, officers of the Executive Board.

Soviet Godless Pay Respects To Pagans

MOSCOW—Soviet Ambassador Skwarzew at Berlin has been requested by the Militant Godless at Moscow to pay their respects to the German Neo-Pagans Skwarzew has been a member of the atheist organization since 1919 and was an important organizer of the Godless movement in the Caucasus.

Movie Pledge Renewed Here

Clean Literature Drive Also Urged

Joining in the nation-wide annual mobilization for clean movies, the more than 200,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester on last Sunday pledged anew their determination to keep the movies clean. Coupled with this, diocesans here pledged their full support in the Bishop's campaign for Decent Literature.

Throughout the country Catholics took the pledge of the Legion of Decency in accordance with a practice established several years ago by the Bishops of the United States, a practice recommended by the late Pope Pius XI in his Encyclical, "Vigilanti Cura."

The call to renew the Legion of Decency pledge throughout this diocese was made at the request of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor in a letter to all the pastors.

In conjunction with taking of the pledge, priests of the Legion spoke on the necessity for keeping a vigilant watch over the moral values of the movies and stressed anew the campaign against indecent literature. Merchants who have co-operated in the campaign conducted under the sponsorship of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union were commended.

The moral and technical improvement in motion pictures has been great and gratifying in this country since the Legion of Decency was launched in 1934. Catholic leaders of the nation are repeatedly stressing the need of constant vigilance to maintain these gains. They are also stressing vigor and vigilance in the literature field to bring about a higher moral standard in publications.

The Pledge of the Legion of Decency taken by Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester and throughout the country is constantly being renewed in mind as follows:

THE PLEDGE
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

I condemn indecent and immoral pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminality.

I pledge myself to do all I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent or immoral films, and to unite with all who protest against them.

I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy.

I hereby renew my pledge not to read indecent and immoral literature, and not to patronize merchants who consistently offer for sale indecent and immoral publications.

Students Cancel Browder Invitation

NEW YORK—One of the two student groups at the College of the City of New York that had invited Earl Browder, Communist leader, to address them has withdrawn its invitation.

Following revocation of a permit for the use of the Great Hall at the college by the two groups and a request by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs that invitations be withdrawn, the Students' Legislative Committee, sponsors of a civil liberties forum on December 21 at which Mr. Browder was to have spoken, has withdrawn its invitation.

Nazis Question Card. Innitzer

Secretary Jailed; Unrest Grows

AMSTERDAM.—His Eminence Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, was subjected to severe questioning by the Nazi secret police, reliable reports from the former Austrian capital state.

The Cardinal's private secretary, Monsignor Jakob Weinbacher was taken into custody. Father Georg Reichmann, S.J., well-known preacher, and Erwin Hissa, head of the Vienna Catholic student groups, were likewise arrested.

All these measures seem to have been adopted in connection with the growing unrest in what was formerly Austria.

Retractions are no longer permissible there at all.

The total of Austrian Catholic priests arrested during the past month is reported to be over 200. Arrests in Czechoslovakia.

Many arrests of priests were also perpetrated in former Czechoslovakia, whence many prisoners were taken into Reich concentration camps.

All indications point in the direction of a growing persecution of the Church in Nazi Germany, but the methods now adopted differ somewhat from those Hitler's officials had found suitable in their minds before.

While formerly a great deal of derogatory publicity was being attached to all measures inflicted upon the Church, persecution is now carried on silently behind the scenes.

Notably, everything is now done under cover to eliminate completely all the monastic institutions of Germany by imposing heavy taxes upon them to an extent where they find it impossible to carry on their tasks.

Also, Catholic publishers may no longer engage in the publication of books not strictly of Catholic interest, which forces a good many of them out of business, and religious books—except liturgical—may be sold only to religious institutions which makes it impossible for most of them to carry on.

Book Sales Restricted
At the same time non-religious book-stores may not sell religious, and particularly Catholic, books and pamphlets, and no religious books may be kept on display in the show-windows of non-religious book-stores.

Catholic Publishers now make an attempt to promote the sale of their books by distributing review copies to well-known priests and laymen who may be able to recommend them among their acquaintances.

Catholic periodicals suffer heavily under a spurious restriction of their paper supply. Thus Stimmen der Zeit, famous Jesuit monthly, as well as Hochland, outstanding Catholic monthly published by laymen, must now combine two issues at a time or reduce their size to half of their customary volume.

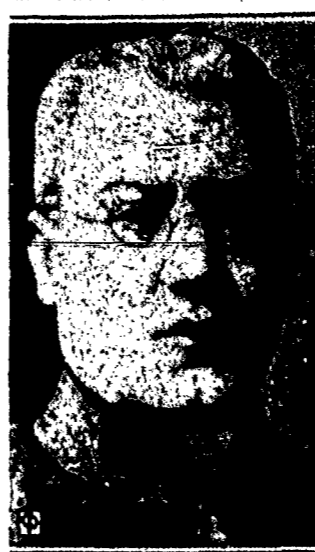
Italian Airmen Give Statue To Spaniards

ROME.—(N. C.)—The Italian Air Corps has presented to the Spanish Air Corps a statue of Our Lady of Loretto, patroness of aviators.

The statue is carved out of wood from the valley of Gardena in South Tyrol and was blessed by a military chaplain at the port of Brindisi, before being taken by plane to Burgos. It has been placed in the chapel of the aviation camp at Tetuan.

Cardinal Lauri Named Camerlengo By Pontiff

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CARDINAL LAURI



CARDINAL ROSSI

Italy Can Now Aid Peace, Says Pope

VATICAN CITY.—(N. C.)—Having kept out of the European war so far, through the wisdom of its rulers and the intimate impulse of the people themselves, Italy now stands "in a most favorable situation to co-operate in the advent and re-establishment of true peace based on the noble principles of justice and humanity," His Holiness Pope Pius XII said Thursday.

The occasion of the Sovereign Pontiff's discourse was the ceremony at which Ambassador Alfieri presented his credentials as Italy's new representative to the Holy See. The Holy Father said that from the high sentiments with which the Ambassador lauded the Pope's recent Encyclical Letter on the fraternal union of souls and peace based on justice, he felt "joyful hope" that his solicitude for the achievement of such a sound peace "will always find a faithful echo in the valiant, strong and hard-working Italian people."

NCCW To Meet In Detroit In 1940

WASHINGTON.—The twentieth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women will be held in Detroit, October 27-30, 1940, according to an announcement today from the headquarters of the National Council here.

The Board of Directors will meet October 24 and 25 and the Diocesan Presidents' Day will be October 26. The convention will be held at the Hotel Statler in Detroit.

Priest Badly Burned In Rectory Fire

RENOVO, Pa.—The pastor and an assistant escaped and another assistant was seriously burned when fire almost completely destroyed the rectory of St. Joseph's Catholic Church here.

The Rev. Paul Carroll was the priest badly burned. The Rev. James J. Gill, Pastor, and the Rev. Philip O'Donnell, the other assistant, escaped in their night clothing. Damage was estimated at \$40,000. The church and school building near the rectory were damaged by water.

Volunteer To Teach Negroes
Philadelphia.—At a conference held at the convent of the Sisters of Christ Our King here, many who attended volunteered to take "teachers' courses and serve as catechists in the homes of colored persons who want instruction in the Catholic Faith.

N. Y. Archbishop Heads Army-Navy Diocese with Bishop O'Hara Auxiliary

Appointments by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII of two distinguished Roman Cardinals to high offices in the Church, of two new members of the American Hierarchy, and of an Ordinary and Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of the U. S. Army and Navy were included in events taking place in the Holy Father's first Consistory held Monday at Vatican City.

Army, Navy Ordinary Auxiliary Appointed

WASHINGTON (N. C.)—The American Hierarchy is given two additional members; the Diocese of the Army and Navy, without an Ordinary since the death of Cardinal Hayes of New York, is given both a new head and an Auxiliary Bishop; and the resignation of one American Bishop is announced, in connection with the Consistory held in Vatican City Monday.

These announcements were made in Washington Monday by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, is named by the Holy Father to be Bishop Ordinary for the Army and Navy.

Father O'Hara Elevated
The Very Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, is named Auxiliary Bishop of the Army and Navy, with the Titular See of Myra.

The St. Rev. Msgr. Albert Spellman, Bishop of Buffalo, is named Titular Bishop of the Holy See of Myra, with the Titular See of Myra, in the Province of Lycia.

The resignation is announced of the Most Rev. Vincent Spellman, O.S.B., Bishop of Birmingham, together with his resignation as Titular Bishop of the Holy See of Myra, which has been accepted by the Holy Father.

Archbishop Spellman, native of Williamstown, Mass., and born in 1849, was named by the Holy Father Archbishop of New York this year and was installed on May 23, after serving as Auxiliary Bishop of Boston since 1922. In his new office as Bishop Ordinary for the Army and Navy, he succeeds the late Cardinal Hayes, whom he also succeeded as Archbishop of New York. The Chancellor of the diocese has been the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George J. Waring.

Cardinals in Offices Once Held by Pope

By MSGR. ENRICO FUCI
VATICAN CITY.—His Eminence Lorenzo Cardinal Lauri was appointed Camerlengo of the Holy See by His Holiness Pope Pius XII Monday at the Secret Consistory.

His Eminence Raffaele Carlo Cardinal Rossi, O.S.D., was named Camerlengo of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments.

Both of these offices were held by the present Holy Father as Cardinal Paoletti, Papal Secretary of State.

His Eminence Enrico Cardinal Bilio was named to the Suburban See of Sabina, and His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Balotoli was named to the Suburban See of Palestrina. Thus these two Princes of the Church move from the order of Cardinal Priests to the order of Cardinal Bishops.

Palliums were postulated for the Archbishops named since the last Consistory, among them the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and the Most

Archbishop Spellman Appreciates Honor

NEW YORK (N. C.)—Appreciation of the honor and realization of the responsibility in his appointment as Bishop-Ordinary for the Army and Navy are expressed in a statement made yesterday by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The Archbishop also pays tribute to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, C.S.C., President of the National Council of Catholic Women, and Auxiliary Bishop-elect for the Army and Navy.

"I appreciate the honor and I realize the great responsibility of the additional office which has been entrusted to me by His Holiness," the Archbishop's statement said. "In assuming the duties of this position, I am happy that I am to be associated with Bishop John F. O'Hara, distinguished and capable

Bishop O'Hara Record Noted

WASHINGTON.—Bishop-elect O'Hara, who becomes the Auxiliary of the Army and Navy Diocese, is a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., and was born May 1, 1886, the son of John W. and Ella C. (Thompson) O'Hara. His mother lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Making his earlier studies in the parochial and public schools of Fern, Ind., he later attended the College of Sacred Corcoran at Montevideo, Uruguay, the University of Notre Dame, and the Catholic University of America. Still later, he took a course in banking at the University of Pennsylvania.

Later, he served in the U. S. Army, and was ordained September 2, 1913, by Bishop Chaitrad in the Cathedral at Indianapolis. He became a professor and prefect of religion at the University of Notre Dame in 1917. In 1922, he was named Vice-President of the University, and in

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