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Nazis Ease Off On Persecution

AMSTERDAM (NC). Minor concessions recently made to the Church by the Nazi regime seem to indicate a desire on the latter's part not to bring about a further increase of the now existing tension between the two, in these times of war.

A recent ruling enjoining the newspapers from carrying regular schedules of church services unless they were paid advertisements has not been revoked after representations had been made to the authorities by the hierarchy. Only when such schedules had not been carried before a special permit will be required but even that is to be granted without difficulty.

At the same time it was officially explained in Berlin that preachers should by no means ignore the war in their sermons. An impression had been conveyed by a previous Government order that no reference to the war whatever was permissible but now Nazi officials announce that all services such as Requiem Masses and prayers for war victims or "prayers for victory" are welcome.

Perhaps it was due to this interpretation that a Te Deum service was recently held in the Munich Cathedral after the attempt at Chancellor Hitler's life there had failed. The Bishop afterwards sent a joint message of congratulation to Hitler on his own account.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Schulte Archbishop of Cologne in an Advent Pastoral exhorts the faithful to rally around the Church more strongly than ever. Particularly now that the faithful miss so many of their beloved ones who are at the front those left behind should receive the Sacraments more frequently and always pray for the soldiers hoping for their safe return after an honorable victory and peace. The Cardinal says Morality in Peril.

On the other hand the Most Rev. Franz Rudolf Bornwasser Bishop of Trier implores the blessings of the Immaculate Mother of God for the faithful in these times of stress particularly in regard to morality which the Ordinary says in a Pastoral issued on the occasion of the three-hundredth anniversary of the dedication of his diocese to the Immaculate Blessed Virgin. It is no so much in danger.

The war tax the Church is being obliged to pay is similar like all other public institutions since November amounts to a total of 800,000 Marks (approximately \$320,000) a month or almost 4 million dollars per annum. Accordingly heavy economies will have to be effected and no new buildings will be authorized.

ST. LOUIS (NC) A Christmas program sponsored by the Radio League of the Sacred Heart here will be presented over Station WVEW Christmas afternoon. The program will consist of Christmas music and a play by Martin F. Hastings, S. J., "He Came Unto His Own."

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BASILIAN FATHER



The Rev. John W. Meyer, C.S.B.

AQUINAS TEACHER, CONVERT, ENTERS PRIESTHOOD

A former public school teacher who was a convert from Lutheranism in 1933, the Rev. John W. Meyer, C.S.B., now Librarian and head of the English Department at Aquinas Institute, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Holy Orders were conferred by His Excellency the Most Rev. James C. McGuigan Archbishop of Toronto, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto.

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A general audience was cancelled on Wednesday, but only because it conflicted with an Advent sermon to be delivered in the presence of the Holy Father.

A report circulated in the United States asserted that Pope Pius XII had been advised to cancel general audiences because of strain, said to be due largely to grief over the crisis in Europe. It was hinted that only by resting would the Pope be able to take part in the usual Christmas ceremonies at the Vatican.

Vatican Paper Head Hits Reds

Deplores Russ Attack on Finns

VATICAN CITY. (NC) "The new fable and the old reality" is the heading of an editorial in which Conte Giuseppe Dalla Torre, director of L'Osservatore Romano, condemns Russian invasion of Finland.

The Russo-Finnish conflict, the director of L'Osservatore Romano comments, shows that there is nothing to distinguish the "bolshavist human morality" of Stalin and Molotov from that of the bourgeoisie.

When Stalin spoke of peace last spring, it is recalled, the "victims" might rely on "the Russian army and navy" and "the moral support of the workers of the entire world who have a vital interest in the maintenance of peace."

But such talk, it is pointed out, is "theorization" for "it is the mind and the will of the great revolution that it must compensate on earth for the repudiated paradise in heaven."

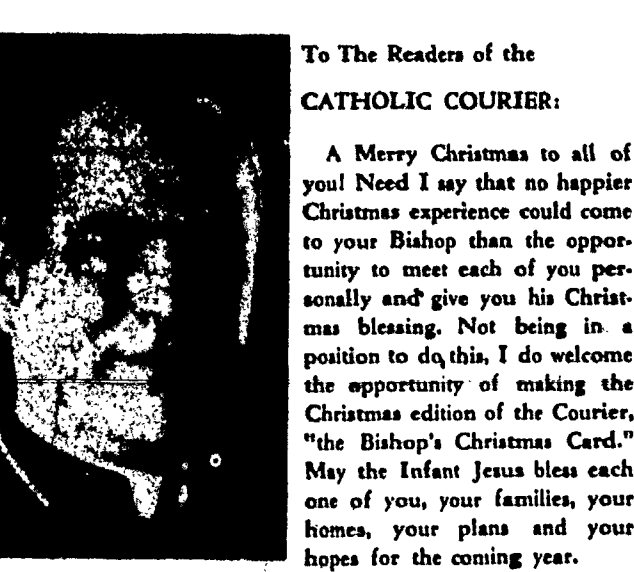
ANCHERING DIVINE TRUTH "It is the perennial philosophy of history," Conte dalla Torre concludes, "that through the unity of all truths one returns to the anchorage of divine truth."

On the preceding day Gonella had warned that the present Soviet military menace is not merely a threat to the independence of Europe, but the fate of Finland is bound in a large measure the fate of all northern Europe.

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The Bishop's 'Christmas Card'



God bless you. Your devoted Shepherd in Christ

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Apostolic Delegate Writes On 'Sanctity In America'

WASHINGTON (NC) "May it please Divine Providence to grant that America may soon venerate in its churches a goodly number of its own saints; and may the fervent prayer of the faithful hasten such a joyous event for the spiritual glory of this great nation!"

This is the wish of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The first chapter is devoted to the Jesuit Martyrs of North America: Noel Chabanel, Anthony Daniel, Charles Garnier, Rene Goupil, Isaac Jogues, John de Brabour, Gabriel Lalemant and Noel John Lalonde, whom His Excellency terms "men of prayer and surpassing holiness."

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Heywood Brown Columnist Dies

Famous Convert Succumbs At 51

NEW YORK (NC).—Heywood Brown, author, critic, columnist, president of the American Newspaper Guild, and a convert to the Catholic Church, died Monday morning at the age of 51 years.

Mr. Brown was received into the Catholic Church by the Rt. Rev. Major Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America in St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 23, 1933. Monsignor Sheen revealed after the ceremony that he had personally instructed Mr. Brown in the Catholic Faith for a period of several months, and that the total hours of instruction were between 90 and 100.

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Priest Honored by Eugene Field Society

AUSTIN, Tex.—The Rev. Dr. Vincent Mooney, C.S.C., Director, Catholic Youth Bureau, N. C. W. C.

There is a basic principle underlying the complete and well-intentioned abstention from American Youth Congress affairs on the part of Catholics. In substance that principle may be stated as follows:

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Rule Free Buses For Parish Pupils

SAUGERTIES, N. Y.—Catholic school children will be transported to their classes by publicly operated buses in the district as a result of a ruling handed down by Dr. Frank P. Graves, State Commissioner of Education.

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Godless Hail Gains In Poland

Demand Soviet Grab All Churches

AMSTERDAM (NC).—The twelfth hour of the struggle against religion in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe has struck, says a manifesto just released by the Soviet Godless Association headquarters in Moscow.

The Godless Association at the same time has addressed the following demands to the Soviet Government:

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