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**Finns' Plight Warns Anew Of Red Peril**

WASHINGTON (NC) - The strains to which the American neutrality policy is being subjected are now becoming apparent.

The moral embargo against nations which bomb civilians and open towns from the air has been strengthened. The sea fight off the South American coast has raised the question of maintaining the neutral zone around the Americas. Most of all, the valiant struggle of Finland against the Red armies of Russia has aroused American sympathy, in official as well as unofficial quarters, to an extent that can hardly be overestimated.

From its detached position, the United States is probably better able to judge the significance of the turbulent progress of events in Europe than the nations within the war zone. There is no doubt that at the moment, the particular phase of the European situation upon which Washington attention is now being centered is the struggle in Finland.

**Getting Closer**  
This is not attributable entirely to the small country's hard defense. If it fails, the Red menace will be brought a step nearer the borderline between the democratic European countries and the Communist regime of Russia. In this respect Finland is an outpost. It is a gateway for the entry of communism in its worst form into northwestern Europe.

It is not a question therefore, merely whether Finland shall survive or perish. It is a question whether the relentless and Godless order which prevails within Russia shall be extended westward like a devastating blight threatening the destruction of western civilization.

This aspect of the European situation is made graver by the war between the German Reich and the allied powers. Communism feeds on exhaustion and despair. The more the western European nations deplete their resources and sap their energies by war, the more favorable becomes the opportunity for the communist international to extend its rule.

That was attempted by the Bolsheviks in the wake of the World War. It may be attempted again when the warring powers have fought each other to a standstill. Germany itself would then be the possibility of being compelled to trade its dictatorship in Europe for a communist dictatorship in America. Hitler and Stalin have made it taken for granted that no love is lost between them and that they will support each other's wars at the moment one or the other sees a chance of winning.

**Aid For Finland Pressed**  
The question now uppermost then is how Finland can be aided and how the ruthless westward advance of communism can be stopped before it reaches the shores of the United States. The pressure to extend material aid to Finland will be strong. This does not necessarily involve the abandonment of the neutrality policy to foreign nations provided that the aid is paid for and transported by the purchasers.

But Finland needs credits with out delay. Ships will also be needed to transport supplies. The allied powers have no surplus spare. Any deliberate move on the part of the United States to extend material aid to the Finns would probably encounter some opposition in the Congress on the ground that it might bring the possibility of war a step nearer.

Whether such a step is taken or not, the Finnish struggle has revealed in clearer outline the menacing view of the world which the United States is in no danger of attacking. The possibility of the infiltration of communistic ideas comes closer. No one can foresee what the result might be, if Europe would be under the impact of a long-continued and exhausting war.

**Little Choice Between Two**  
Nazism revealed its utter relentlessness in its destruction of Poland and its willingness to abandon Poland's people to the Russian yoke. Communism is now attempting to do the same thing in Finland. Between the two there is little choice as Washington sees the situation, for the time being at least, around the greater resentment mainly because of the heroic defense of the Finnish people which might have been as short-lived and fruitless as that of the Polish people, had Russia been able to display the military efficiency of Germany.

This situation may have a definite effect upon the deliberation of Congress. Against the background of European warfare, the necessity of composing internal differences becomes more apparent. For this reason it is anticipated that the forthcoming session will be actuated by a spirit of deliberation and compromise even in the face of an approaching political campaign.

**A Blessed Christmas To All**

**Making Your Christmas Crib!**



That Christmas crib displayed in the parish school-room, or in your neighbor's home, was probably fashioned by these men, pictured making figures for the Christmas cribs, in the shops of the "Catholic Worker" labor publication, an New York City. Provided with employment here, the men face a greater hope for the future. (NCW C)

**Legion of Mary Forms Curia Here; Msgr. Burns Director**

Formation of the Rochester Curia of the Legion of Mary took place at a meeting held in the Parish Library, Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The four Praesidia of the Legion in Rochester were represented by their officers and the following Spiritual Directors: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, the Rev. George J. Schmitt, the Rev. Joseph T. Curran, of 'Lido' and the Rev. Edward J. Hartmann.

It was announced that Monsignor Burns had been named by His Excellency Bishop Keenan, as Diocesan Director of the Curia.

Officers of the Curia elected are: President Mrs. Katherine Reynolds, Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral; Vice President Miss Marion Powell, St. Monica's parish; Secretary Miss Odella M. Punch, Sacred Heart parish; and Treasurer, Mrs. F. R. Boland, St. Anne's parish.

Pastors who are interested in securing literature on the Legion of Mary or who desire to organize a Praesidium are requested to contact Monsignor Burns.

**Legion's Work Here**  
In the parishes in which the Legion is working in this diocese, the Praesidia are engaged in various activities. In Sacred Heart parish 1100 members have been recruited for the Legion of the Sacred Heart. In the other parishes members are engaged in recruiting children for the Instruction Classes, distributing Catholic literature, Catechetical instruction, providing transport for children to Catechetical centres and catechizing.

**Aids Confraternity**

In Brooklyn N. Y. the Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has recently in a letter to the Pastors of the Diocese, recommended the Legion of Mary as Fraters for the Confraternity in the parishes. In his letter he states:

"Achieved results have proven the effectiveness of the Legion of Mary. In the parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Brooklyn, children were brought back to Sunday School within a period of six months in St. Rose's parish, within a period of one year. 150 children were brought to the doctrine classes by the application of the Legion system."

**Why Catholics Shun A.Y.C.**

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Catholics against participation in the Geneva session.

"I will always be the first," Bishop Beason said, to encourage any move which tends to promote a lasting peace. The Church regards war in the same way as She does pestilence and famine. But she expects us to meet in conventions with persons who hold different opinions on the very points which we want to elucidate, especially when a large majority seeks to press its views on the minority."

The Bishop continuing asserted that a cursory glance at what Leftist youth had been publishing would make it clear that just as at the Brussels Congress the preceding February they would see upon any means of advancing themselves at Geneva, and of securing control.

"Our presence," His Excellency added, "would be just a support to the elements of the extreme Left."

**Longing for Unity**  
"We do not for a moment doubt the sincerity of those who extend their hands to us at the present time," he went on. "We even hope that, if they were to know us better, they would not find our doctrine unacceptable. But we cannot escape the conviction that most of them particularly the leaders, are fighting against the very principles which we deem necessary. That is why collaboration with them would be just plain naive on our part."

"We are longing for unity and peace. It would be easy to give our assent to and approval of many questions, but there are some cases in which we are in conscience bound to say No. As Catholics we are convinced that good can come only from Christ. Thus we cannot collaborate, either by direct co-operation or unconscious compromise, with those who aim to bring about the total destruction of our Christian social order."

I think it of particular significance as a measure of some leaders of the World Youth Congress, that these leaders have in several instances declared that Bishop Beason later withdrew his opposition, while the fact is he has reaffirmed it emphatically as late as the current year, 1939. I cite here a letter written by Bishop Beason in January, to Father E. J. Coyne, of Dublin. After recounting

**Says Hitler, Stalin To Go, Pope Remain**

NEW YORK, (NC) - "The swashbuckling murderers now rampant in Europe and Asia will ultimately be overthrown by the Pope and the simple pious people who at the moment can do nothing but pray," said the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Sunday night in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over a network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WEAJ here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Saying that "when a concrete reality—an army, a government, an empire—comes into conflict with a spiritual truth, the concrete reality, though at first generally victorious, invariably, inevitably succumbs." Father Gillis asserted that "when Hitler and Stalin are through, Christ will again come into His Own." "Will He tyrannize, barbarically savagery of the totalitarian states play itself out?" he asked. "It always did. Will peace and justice and truth and religion come back? They always did. They always will."

**A 'Live Bomb'**  
Father Gillis recalled St. Peter's answer to St. Paulin when it commanded him to stop preaching Christianity—"We ought to obey God, rather than men." The speaker called "that quiet utterance of the first Pope" a "live bomb," since he said, "kingdoms, empires, whole civilizations have come tumbling down because of the promulgation of that principle."

Citing the history of Church-State relations to prove that the modern dominating powers will ultimately fall while the spiritual power of the Pope will be re-established and reinforced, Father Gillis asserted that "the Pope retiring to pray may seem to be waging but a pitiable conflict with bastards, bombing planes, magnetic mines, poison gas, flame-throwers, lying propaganda, and conscienceless diplomacy," but he added, "the 'captains and the kings' and the 'man on his knees in the Vatican remains'."

Continuing he said "when Hitler and Stalin have gone to join Nero and Herod, the Pope will still be carrying on not bragging, not blustering or threatening, but just carrying on, possibly against new tyrants, but not carrying on 'for the conflict is not really between man and man,' he said. "Church and state, Pope and tyrant, the fight is between God and man. God fights in a laudable way. God doesn't hurry. God uses His Own means. But God always wins. Such and such a man, we sometimes say, is 'on the side of the angels.' The Pope is on the side of the angels and of God."

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**Heywood Broun, Noted Convert Dies**

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to the ultimate and all embracing brotherhood of the Church."

**Interview with 'Friend'**  
The editorial was in the nature of an interview with a friend, who he admitted was himself. It began as follows:

"Recently I was talking with a close friend of mine who has been credited into the Catholic Church. He is associated in the trade-union movement as members of the C. I. O."

"I thought," said my friend, "that Americans held that a man's religion should be his own business, but it seems that I have been mistaken. In particular, I was surprised to find how many bitter letters I received from persons wholly unknown to me who identified themselves as 'free thinkers.' Seemingly it is a freedom which they assign wholly to themselves. They are passionate about the right of disbelief but censorious of affirmations."

Mr. Broun also said in this editorial that "I wanted the brotherhood of man," and that "I have found it now because its full fruition can come only under the Fatherhood of God." "And in spite of delays and doubts," he added, "it seems to me that there is in every living being the word and the seed. But before we find complete fraternity we must find Christ, complete and manifold. No matter from what quarter we begin the journey here is our home."

He gave a picturesque "Apologia" of his conversion in a letter to the editor printed in an October issue of the Commonwealth.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Patrick's Cathedral where Monsignor Sheen celebrated a high Mass of Requiem.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Henriette Broun, his son, Heywood Hale Broun a brother, Irving S. Broun and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Hirsch.

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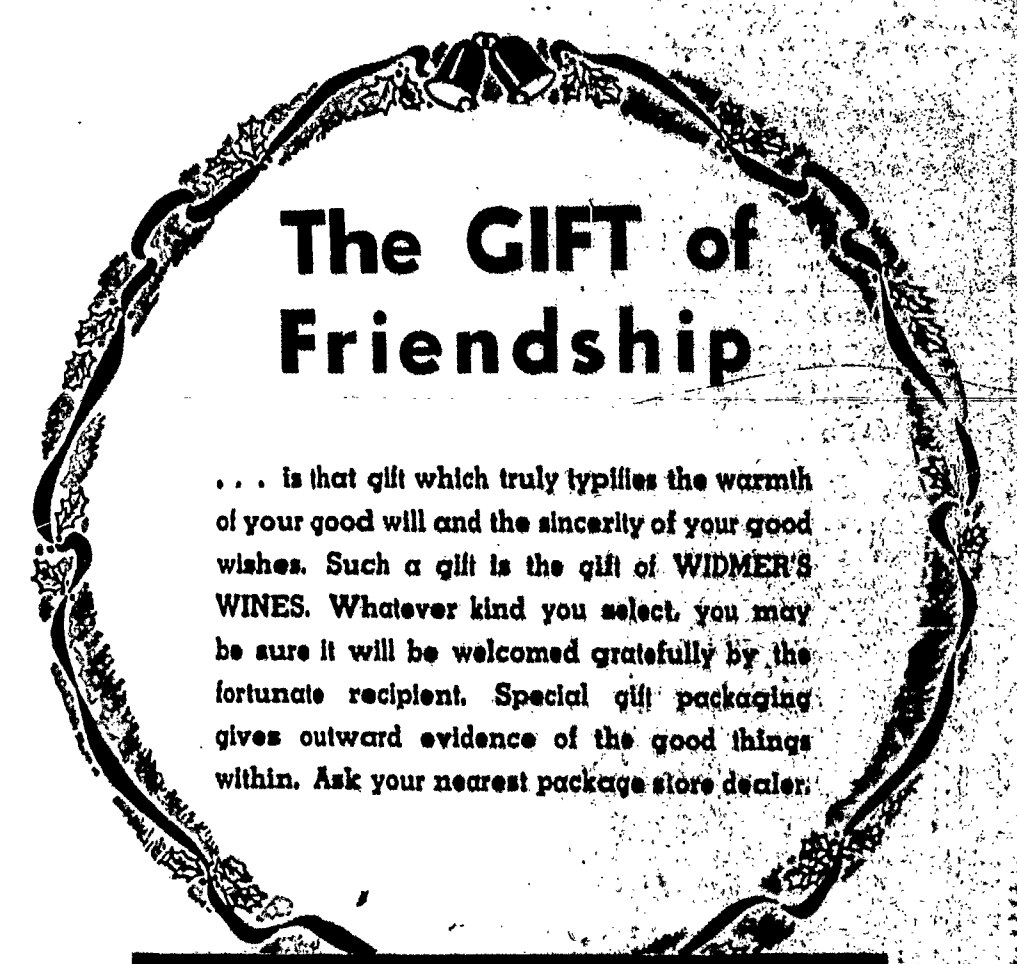
**Youth Congress Fails To Invite Catholic**

NEW YORK - The American Youth Congress, which announced the holding of a forum here Saturday at which the activities of the Dies Committee will be assailed, has issued no invitations to Catholic groups to participate. Some Catholic Catholics have, however, been invited.

The American Youth Congress has been under scrutiny by the Congressional committee and witnesses have asserted that the organization is Communist-dominated. Officials of the Youth Congress have stated that speakers at the forum will assert that the Dies Committee is violating the Bill of Rights.



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