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Irish Will Not Aid Germans

'Strictly Neutral' Says Eire's Envoy

WASHINGTON.—Statements in the secular press tending to show that Germany has reasons to expect aid from a portion of the Irish people in an attack upon British Isles are vigorously refuted by Robert Brennan, Irish Minister to the United States, in a statement made public here.

Mr. Brennan says Ireland's position remains the same as Eamon De Valera stated it to be in 1935, namely, "we are going to win our own independence of Britain but we are not going to allow our territory under any conditions whatever to be made use of by some foreign power as a basis of attack against Britain."

During a specific press statement of Germany's expectancy of aid from a section of the Irish people and asserting that it "contains many misstatements," Mr. Brennan declares:

"The writer says during the four years of the first World War German submarines had regular refueling and supply bases in obscure bays and inlets in Southern and Western Ireland. This is absolutely false. I was myself on the spot and I had inside knowledge of the circumstances. There was not a single instance of any such refueling.

Reports False  
The writer further says "hundreds of German sailors made landings during that time and the German Intelligence Service found that the easiest method of getting their spies into England was to run them to it friendly port in Ireland first and then let them work themselves across the channel. This, too, is false. The Ports at that time were held by British forces. Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary were stationed in every village, town and hamlet. There were only three instances of Germans having any contacts with the shore. One was the well-known incident on the Kerry Coast when Roger Casement and two companions were put ashore from a German submarine in a collapsible boat. The second was on the coast of Clare when an Irishman named Dowling was similarly put ashore, and a third was when a submarine, presumably German, landed a small number of men on the coast of Mayo and did not contact anyone on shore. In the first two cases the men who landed were arrested by the British Authorities.

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"The writer refers to extremists who openly sympathize with Germany. The only extremists in Ireland are the I. R. A. and they have stated they have no contacts with Germany and that they intend none.

Guard Neutrality  
The writer further says "England is well aware that similar sort of success to her enemy exists in certain portions of Southern Ireland as it did during the four years of the first World War." The British authorities are well aware that the Irish Government are taking very effective measures to prevent any one from violating their neutrality. The Irish Government has established a coast watching service at a cost of half a million pounds annually.

"It is further stated on good authority that German submarines have been ferried in certain western Ireland cities during the course of the present conflict. This is simply ridiculous. Such a thing could not

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Bishops Open Drive For Catholic Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay.—A collective pastoral on the Catholic Press has just been issued by the Paraguayan Episcopate, thereby inaugurating a nation-wide campaign for a Catholic publishing company, which was decided on at a recent meeting of the hierarchy. The Bishops point out that there is no Catholic newspaper in the country and that the creation of a Catholic publishing company is an urgent necessity. The diocesan clergy, religious, Catholic Action members and the laity in general are urged to co-operate with the committee appointed to direct the crusade.

'Hello Girls' at Communion

NEW YORK.—Christian civilization in the United States is threatened by a "Fifth Column" composed of atheists, birth controllers and obscene writers and theatrical personalities, the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Editor of the Catholic World, said here Sunday at the second annual Communion Breakfast of local Catholic women telephone employees. More than 5,000 telephone operators and other employees attended the breakfast, after receiving Holy Communion at St. Patrick's

Bombs Closed Their School



This picture of some Catholic school children and their nun-teacher, at St. Ludger School, Utrecht shows the children who were taken in the earlier days. At the left is Bishop Arnold F. Diepen, O. S. B., Hergenbosch, organizer and defender of the Catholic school system in Holland which receives equal financial support from the State. Schools are closed in The Netherlands now, but the children are now wearing the happy faces depicted here. A Nazi blitzkrieg interrupted their studies. (N.S.C.W.C.)

Dr. Nixon Defends Catholic Cooperation In Inter-Faith Work

The following letter addressed by Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon to the Editor of the "Christian Century" in answer to an editorial in that publication assailing the part Catholics have taken in the Interfaith Good-Will Movement. Dr. Nixon has been a member of the local Interfaith Good-Will Committee from the beginning, and is able to speak from personal knowledge of the part Catholics have had in promoting the cause of goodwill among Rochesterians of every religious group.

Catholics Co-Operate In Rochester  
Editor, the Christian Century:  
Sir: Your recent editorial, "Squarish Protestantism," in referring to the interfaith movement makes these statements: "Catholicism has given it only the most grudging and patronizing recognition." The Catholic contact with this movement has been hardly more than a discreet gesture with the fingertips.

For the sake of the record may we suggest that these statements do not apply to the development of the movement in Rochester, N. Y. That movement owes more to the late Catholic Bishop of Rochester, John Francis O'Hern, than to any other person. Bishop O'Hern's initiative in inviting Jewish and Protestant leaders to his own home for purposes of fellowship and mutual counsel was the most creative factor in the organization of the interfaith committee shortly after his death. Of that committee the vicar general of the Catholic diocese has been the chairman from the beginning.

As a member of the interfaith committee I know that the Catholic clergy and laity have not been aloof in promoting the progress of mutual understanding and fellowship which the committee has tried to foster. For instance, parochial high schools have welcomed the interfaith programs as generously as the attendance of Catholics at the recent Interfaith Dinner of 700 citizens equalled that of Jews and Protestants combined.

JUSTIN WROE NIXON  
Rochester, N. Y.  
Published in The Christian Century, May 8, 1940.

Alyse Simpson's Nuns Do Not Exist

ZURICH.—Existence in Switzerland of a religious community known as the Congregation of the Mystic Rose, or of a convent bearing that name, can be categorically denied.

Fr. Gillis To Be Awarded Degree

ATKINSON, Kan.—To reduce theoretical text-book knowledge to practical consistency will be the object of the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., in his baccalaureate address to graduating seniors of St. Benedict's College, May 30.

Rochester Overcribes To Chest By \$14,000

Rochesterians want their 45 agencies carrying on charitable and character-building work to continue without the handicap of lessened finances; it was forcibly demonstrated when the Community Chest workers reported the grand total of \$1,173,668.20, or \$14,000 more than the quota set.

HOLIDAY  
All schools of the Diocese, Elementary and Secondary, will be closed Friday, May 31st, 1940.  
Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent

List Nurses' Graduation Plans, May 27

Religious Exercises and Commencement of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing will be held at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Flower City Park on Monday, May 27, at 4 P. M.

Predicts Complete Atheism For Germany

GENEVA.—Germany's policies in the field of church legislation are moving in toward complete atheism, says Nikolai Pawlowitch Lewitzki in his book, "Hitler and German Atheism," just off the press in Moscow. In recognition of the work done, Lewitzki was given the title of professor.

Veronica's Veil Fragment Is Restored To Spain

PARIS.—(NC) A precious relic which had disappeared from the Cathedral of Jaen, Spain, during the civil war, has been recovered in France and returned to Spain. It is a fragment of Veronica's Veil brought from Rome by Nicola de Dizezo and preserved at Jaen since 1376. The 1306 jewels that adorned the reliquary are missing.

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Rome Students Due Back In U.S.

Rector To Leave For Home in June

By MGR. ENRICO PUCCI  
VATICAN CITY.—(NC) Students at the North American College in Rome are returning to the United States at the beginning of June. This is in compliance with the United States Government's urging that Americans in European countries return.

The Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes, Titular Bishop of Geropolis and Rector of the North American College, is leaving for the United States about the middle of June.

The Rev. John Massey of Geneva, ordained in Rome at Dec. 8, 1930, and Joseph Ryan, who finished his second year of theology, this year, are expected to return home, it was learned here this week.

BOURBONNAIS, Ill.—Eight Americans remained in the American Colony at Louvain when they left the early part of this month. The Rev. Dr. Norbert Ginsburg, C.S.V., declares at the Victorian community here.

Dr. Ginsburg, one of the American clerics making studies at the University of Louvain when the war broke out in Europe, says the telegram received from the great was a bon voyage telegram sent to him by Father Harold Gonder and received at Genoa where Dr. Ginsburg embarked for the United States on the SS. "Manhattan." The telegram was dated May 3.

Priests And Seminarians Ordered Home From Europe

TOLEDO.—Three priests and four seminarians from the Diocese of Toledo who were pursuing studies in Europe this week were ordered to return to the United States by the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo, to return home.

Sister Aquinas, Nazareth Hall Educator, Dies

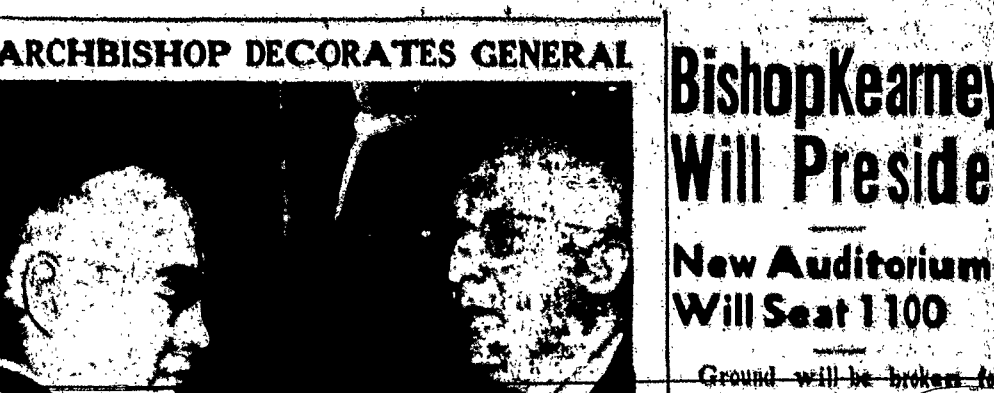
After an illness of more than two years' duration, Sister M. Aquinas passed to her eternal reward at Nazareth Convent, Buffalo, on Wednesday evening of this week.

Chinese Widow Effects Conversion of 50 Adults

NINGPO.—A Chinese widow of the name of Atchilo who, since the death of her husband, had been running a little shop at the port of Ningpo, has effected the conversion of 50 adults to her faith.

Ground For New Mercy High School Building To Be Broken Sunday

ARCHBISHOP DECORATES GENERAL



Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, presents the Legion of Merit to Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, U. S. A., commander of the 2nd Corps Area and of the First Army, at the Archbishop's residence. The medal is awarded annually by the Vatican to persons who have distinguished themselves by outstanding acts of heroism or gallantry.

May Queen To Be Crowned At Mercy High, Sunday

At a beautiful and impressive ceremony at 8:30 o'clock, Sunday, May 28, Nellie Mansau will be crowned Queen of the May on the campus of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Going To Press One Day Earlier

Because Memorial Day, May 30, comes on Thursday, the CATHOLIC COURIER will go to press one day earlier. All news for next week's issue must be in not later than Tuesday morning, May 28.

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Bishop Kearney Will Preside New Auditorium Will Seat 1100

Ground will be broken for the new addition to Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at the annual May Day celebration. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside over the ceremony which will be witnessed by the present and future members of the diocese, the students and alumnae of Mercy High School, and the countless friends of the Sisters of Mercy.

The new four-story building will be added to the school which is the present school building located Clover Road. It will include the equivalent of twelve high class rooms, an auditorium and gymnasium.

The auditorium is to have a seating capacity of 1,100. The building will be a masterpiece of modern architecture. The ground will be broken on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at the annual May Day celebration.

On the second floor of the school proper will be a library twice the size of the present one. There will be a new gymnasium and a new playground.

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