

'Poison' News Hit By Pontiff

Lying Literature Likened To Bombs

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Vigorous condemnation of false propaganda that spreads calumny and discord among peoples and nations was issued by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a discourse at his weekly audience.

The Holy Father fervently exclaimed: "Would to God that history showed us not provoked by a lie cleverly diffused."

Likening such vicious propaganda to "poison pen" letters that stir up discord in individual families, the Sovereign Pontiff said a certain propaganda is prepared for itself the scope of destroying in the great families of peoples, fraternal relations between the children of the same Heavenly Father.

Stressing the weighty responsibility of publicists Pope Pius said an unjust impression created through inadvertence, "may be sufficient, especially in periods of acute tension, to cause serious repercussions. Therefore His Holiness said the just publicist, having given circulation to an error, even inadvertently, will feel his serious obligation to reestablish truth.

It has been said," the Holy Father pointed out "that the tongue kills more men than the sword in the same manner, lying literature can become just as deadly as armored cars and bombing planes."

Pope Pius began his discourse by pointing out the dangers of evil literature. He said the Church has never ceased to raise its voice against bad reading and reminded that the Pope has created an index of prohibited books.

Along with writings propagating wickedness and bad customs," His Holiness continued, "we cannot fail to mention other writings that spread falsehood, provoking hatred. Falsehood is abominable in the eyes of God and is detested by every just man. It is much more detestable when it spreads calumny and the seed of discord among brethren.

Anonymous letters written with rancor and detraction ruin the happiness of domestic life and the union of the family. Thus a certain press appears to have prepared for itself the scope of destroying in the great family of peoples, fraternal relations between the children of the same Heavenly Father.

Bishop To Close Retreat For Public High School Girls

A Retreat for young girls attending Public High Schools will be given at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince Street, Rochester, opening on the evening of Friday, August 23 at 7:30, and closing early on the morning of Monday, August 26 when His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney will offer Mass. for the Retreatants and deliver the closing address.

Report Vatican, Reich Plan New Concordat Declared Incorrect

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The secular press report that the Vatican is carrying on negotiations with Germany looking to a new Concordat between the Holy See and the Reich, are declared here to be absolutely incorrect.

4 American Prelates Honored By Franco

MADRID (NC)—Radio It is verified here that four Catholic prelates are among the eight Americans honored by General Francisco Franco with the decoration, Grand Cross of Isabella the Catholic.

Archbishop Hanna Marks 80th Birthday

(Archbishop Hanna as a member of Roberto and was a member of the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary before his elevation to the Episcopacy in San Francisco.)

Labors 52 Years Without Any Vacation

TURIN, Italy. — (NC) — Sister Catherine Pastore, of the Holy Sisters, who conducted St. John's Hospital here, has labored as a nurse for 52 years without a vacation.

90-Foot Monument To Christ To Rise In Washington

WASHINGTON. — (NC) — The monument to Christ, the Light of the World, to be erected on Massachusetts Avenue, one of the most prominent thoroughfares in the National Capital, will be a 90-foot white stone facade of monumental proportions and dignified classic design, with a richly sculptured



Happy Girls Campers—At Canandaigua Lake, Camp Madonna conducted by the Catholic Women's Club furnishes the many and varied activities for young girls pictured

A pause at the Blessed Mother's shrine, boating, swimming, archery, craftwork, relaxation go towards completing the day's supervised program at the camp, dedicated to the Madonna.

Youth Of England Observes National Day Of Prayer

LONDON. — (NC) — Youth of the nation observed a national day of prayer Saturday on the suggestion of religious leaders.

Nation To Pray For Peace, Sept. 8

HYDE PARK, N. Y. — (N. C.) — President Roosevelt this week designated Sunday, September 8, as a day on which the people of the United States are asked to join in prayer.

Witnesses Get Jail Terms In Canada

MONTREAL. — (NC) — Declaring that all pamphlets and documents published by the Witnesses of Jehovah are of a seditious nature, Judge J. C. Langlois sentenced W. A. Mellett, 65, of Lachine, to one month in jail.

China Refuses To Cremate Victims Of Air Raids

CHUNGKING. — A proposal that victims of aerial bombardments be cremated "in the interest of hygiene" was turned down by the Chungking Government as "incompatible with the high policy of the Chinese people."

Form Own Parish For Michigan U. Students

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — (NC) — Catholic students attending the University of Michigan and numbering 1500, have become the first student religious group in Ann Arbor to be established as a distinct parish with its own pastor.

Abortion Rate In U. S. Deplored By Priest

SAN ANTONIO. — (NC) — Abortion in America was condemned by the Rev. Edward Dowling, S.J., of St. Louis, an Associate Editor of the Queen's Work, in a lecture at the Summer School of Catholic Action here.

6 A. F. of L. Unions Add Anti-Red Bans

NEW YORK. — It was disclosed here that six labor unions of the American Federation of Labor in this city, republishing a membership of 20,000, have written clauses into their constitutions excluding Communists, Nazis, Fascists and their sympathizers from membership.

Push Fight To Exempt Clergy

Senate Draft Bill Debate Reveals Opposition Exist To Exemption Of Seminarians and Religious

WASHINGTON. — (N. C.) — A determined fight to win exemption for priests and ministers of religion, seminarians and members of religious orders from whatever compulsory military service legislation Congress may enact, was indicated as the Senate began debate on the Burke-Wadsworth Bill.

Leading Democratic opposition to the bill is now shown by Sen. Charles McNary, of Oregon, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, viewed an implacable opposition to the exemption of seminarians and members of religious orders.

Noonday Masses Set Aug. 15

Noonday Masses scheduled for the Holy Day, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 15 in Rochester are as follows:

Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart—12:15. St. Patrick's—12:20. St. Mary's—11:45, 12:15 and 12:30. St. Joseph's—12:10 and 12:40. St. Bridget's—12:15. Our Lady of Perpetual Help—12:15. Holy Apostles—12:12. St. Augustine's—12:10.

Name First American Priest For Bible Work

HA. WITHELSON, N. Y. — (NC) — A notable communication just received from Rome announces the election of the Rev. James J. O'Connell, O. P., of Church Hill, as Chairman of the National Biblical Commission, the first American ever to be chosen for this important post.

Bohemia's New Envoy To Holy See Arrives

VATICAN CITY. — (NC) — General Camillo Quasthoff, Bohemia's new ambassador to the Holy See, was introduced in Rome.

Catholic Gifts A Broad Only 7 Pct. In 21 Years

WASHINGTON. — (NC) — Heretofore, Catholic countries made through contributions in the United States totaled more than one and one-fourth billion dollars in the 21-year period from 1919 to 1939, according to a report prepared by the Division of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Special Privileges For Communicants In War Areas Listed

GENEVA. — (NC) — According to a special petition of the German hierarchy, the Holy Father has granted special privileges for communicants in war areas.