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Fascist Editor's Abuse of Pope Hit

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Expressing vigorous resentment of the "campaign of vilification" being waged against His Holiness Pope Pius XII and the Holy See by Roberto Farinacci, Editor of *Regime Fascista* and Minister of State in Italy, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, today branded these outpourings as a "hypocritical lying attack."

Monignor Ready says in his statement that "they have presumed to link the basest attacks on American citizens and even on the President of the United States with their assaults on the Holy Father." He declares the supposed basis for the attacks is a calumny "too gross to merit denial," and that it represents a "resort to the sordid and mercenary."

Monignor Ready asks: "Has it come to the point where a leading Italian Fascist and influential editor, seemingly with Government connivance, finds it expedient to ape the clumsy, unscrupulous propaganda methods of the Nazis?"

The text of Monignor Ready's statement follows:

"The Honorable Roberto Farinacci, Minister of State in Italy and former Secretary of the Fascist party, presently is engaged in a campaign of vilification against the Holy See and the Pope. Farinacci carries on his attacks in *Regime Fascista*, of which he is editor. These attacks have been so vicious and reckless that an American correspondent in Rome terms them an 'unbridled campaign of abuse.' Moreover, they have presumed to link the basest attacks on American citizens and even on the President of the United States with their assaults on the Holy Father. 'The September third issue of *Regime Fascista*, summing up its usual hysterical, lying attack, asserts: 'These criminals in politics, not in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.' When the Catholic reads this continual, violent and calumnious personal attacks on the saintly Pius XII in the controlled press of a country avowedly Catholic, he is first surprised, and then actively resentful."

"The whole world knows the strictly controlled character of the press in Italy. Such calumnies can be perpetrated continually only with the acquiescence or connivance of the Italian Government. A people en-

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joying freedom could answer such attacks in a free press. That is now not possible in Italy. "And what is the supposed basis of these attacks? They rest on the Christian compassion of Pius XII for the terrible sufferings and grievous trials of Jews throughout Europe. The Holy Father's concern and mercy for the afflicted are shared by all right-minded men when their fellowmen face persecution, distress and injustice. These sentiments are in the honored tradition of the Holy See. But such sentiments are considered traitorous by an official Fascist."

"Regime Fascista has the effrontery to charge that Jewish money from this country has put it bluntly bought the Holy Father's solicitude for the persecuted Jewish people. The calumny is too gross to merit denial. Unwilling to recognize a noble motive, an official Fascist naturally must resort to the sordid and mercenary. Pope Pius has received money from America of course. I can attest that very substantial sums have been contributed by my fellow Catholics in the United States for the relief administered by the Holy Father in favor of the persecuted and war sufferers of all races and countries. The dollars were contributed by our citizens of every condition, rich and poor, because they loved truth and mercy and hated iniquity, and because they recognized in Pius XII the character and spirit of the Vicar of Christ."

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"An American who loves Italy and the Italian people grieves ever such Fascist attacks against the Holy Father and the Church. Has it come to the point where a leading Italian Fascist and influential editor, seemingly with Government connivance, finds it expedient to ape the clumsy, unscrupulous propaganda methods of the Nazis? More particularly, are we witnessing the use of the 'technique of the Nazi' method of the German people who write that 'all propaganda has to adapt its spiritual level to the perception of the least intelligent of those towards whom it is intended to direct itself, and consequently a propaganda point even if it is not in accordance with the real facts?'"

"If a government of Italy has descended to low as to countenance such calumnies, regardless of its solemn agreement to respect the Holy See and the person of the Holy Father, then, indeed, may American admirers of Italy's history and people mourn."

IN DEFENSE OF POPE THE BOY SAT UP

GEN. CAMACHO DECLARED WINNER IN MEXICO BUT CONFUSION CONTINUES

MEXICO CITY—(N. C.)—Despite the fact that General Manuel Avila Camacho has been proclaimed winner of the election and President-elect of Mexico by the Chamber of Deputies, the country's political situation continues confused. Supporters of General Juan Andreu Almazan, who presently is in the United States, continue to claim that their candidate won.

A report of the electoral commission stated that Avila Camacho received 2,476,641 votes, Almazan 1,511,011, and Sanchez Tapia 9,340.

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Canada's K. of C. Wins Golf Match From Shriners

WINNIPEG, Man.—The Knights of Columbus this year won their annual golf match with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The trophy for the matches has been donated for the past six years by the Tribune, local daily newspaper. The Shriners won it last year.

More than 100 played in this year's tournament, going out in 40 foursomes made up of two Shriners and two Knights.

The principal speaker at the annual banquet following the tournament was Philip Phelan, Ontario State Deputy of the K. of C. and General Secretary of the K. of C. Canadian Army in Italy. The toastmaster was Frank McKinlay, Potentate of the Mystic Shrine.

MISSION BROTHERS FIND HISTORIC CHINA GRAVE

PEKING.—A discovery of considerable interest to historians that made with regard to the grave of Joao Correa, Portuguese artilleryman who was invited to Peking with several others of his countrymen only in the Ming Dynasty (1600) to serve as adviser in the construction of artillery, says Lumen Service.

Correa was killed when one of the cannons exploded accidentally and was buried by the Emperor outside the West City in what is now known as the Ching Lung Chiao Cemetery. An imposing monument was erected at some small distance from the grave, which was marked also with a stone slab inscribed with the obituary of the dead soldier. The slab was broken later and much of it submerged in the ground.

Investigations undertaken last fall by Brother Jules-Alfred of the Chua Mariats and Brother Joseph Van Den Brandt, C.M., of the Lazarist Press in Peking, led to the identification of the tombstones. All the major parts of the inscription were dug up. The coffin was completely decayed but the skeleton was partly preserved.

Arctic Missioner Made Coadjutor

ST. ALBERT, Alta.—The Rev. Joseph Trocellier, O.M.I., a missionary in the Arctic zone for 30 years, was consecrated here Sunday as Coadjutor Bishop of the Mackenzie.

The Most Rev. Gabriel Breynak, 75-year-old Vicar Apostolic, was the consecrator of his assistant, who will have the right of succession. Bishop Breynak is popularly known as the "Flying Bishop" of the Arctic.

Bishop Trocellier is a native of France, where he was born 32 years ago. He was a student for the priesthood when the First Great War broke out. Interrupting his studies, he served as a sergeant in the infantry and was taken prisoner. He was interned in Germany for several years. After the war he completed his studies in France and Italy and was ordained in 1920. He was immediately sent out to the Mackenzie district and since that time has been ministering to the Eskimos.

Paris Catholic Paper Published in Open Zone

LIMOGES, France.—(N. C.)—The Paris Catholic newspaper *La Croix* is being published openly in the unoccupied zone of France. A Mass of Thanksgiving as homage to Almighty God for the protection bestowed on the staff of the newspaper was celebrated by Father Merklen, its editor-in-chief. Father Merklen revealed that none of the members of the staff had been killed in the war. One was wounded, three are prisoners and two still are mobilized. Many of those present on their breasts the Military Cross of 1940.

French Priest Gave Blood To Save Life Of Wounded Nazi

LIMOGES, France.—The story of how a French priest, serving as a stretcher-bearer, gave his blood in a transfusion to save the life of a wounded German soldier is told by another priest, a refugee here from Limoges, well-known place of pilgrimage near Leon.

The wounded aviator was believed dying when he was brought to a sanatorium of the French Army. The priest's offer of his blood was accepted and the aviator recovered.

India Catholic Group Acts For Minorities

BANGALORE, India.—The All-India Catholic Congress meeting here, appointed a committee of representative Catholics to consult with leaders of non-Catholic communities for the purpose of arriving at an understanding as to the steps to be taken to safeguard the religious and political rights of minorities.

Jeusuits Direct State College in India

BOMBAY.—Rajkot College, owned by the State of Rajkot on the Kathiawar Peninsula, has been placed under the management of the Society of Jesus, beginning with this academic year. Thakur Sahab, ruler of the State, is a Hindu in religion.

The Rev. Charles Lee, S.J., of the Province of Madras, has been named principal.

Remarkable Recovery Converts Chinese Boy

WUZHANG, China.—(N. C.)—Lumen Service reports an incident from Kichow, Hunan, which has impressed missionaries, Christians and non-Christians.

A number of persons were wounded in an air raid and among the victims who were carried to the mission was a non-Christian boy of 12 named Wu. His case seemed so hopeless that the local doctors, both busy, paid scant attention to him. The boy continued in a coma for days but came to in a sudden fit of convulsions and violent coughing.

In the midst of his coughing a piece of shrapnel was ejected from his mouth and to the surprise by the bystanders the boy sat up and asked excitedly: "Where is he, where is he, where did the foreigners go?" Questions to the meaning of his words he explained that a foreigner dressed in Chinese garb had appeared to him, introduced himself as Father Lee and told him: "Don't be afraid, I will save you!" The foreigner then disappeared, he said, and the boy woke up to find himself coughing.

The local pastor was then called in, but the boy denied emphatically that this was the man he had seen. Some time later the boy was brought into another room and there he saw a large picture of Father Leonardo, a Franciscan missionary killed by bandits three years ago and whose grave is nearby. The boy immediately bent down to scow to this picture and crying that this was the man who had saved him.

As a result of this experience, the boy began to study Catholic doctrine and was later baptized along with his mother and some other relatives. He is now preparing to enter the seminary.

Bombing Destroys China Mission Convent, Rectory

UNION CITY, N. J.—Mission properties here have been badly damaged and convent and rectory house demolished by direct hits in renewed aerial raids in the Vicariate of Yunnan, China, according to information received at the Pastoral Fathers' Mission Bureau here. The Most Rev. Cuthbert M. O'Gara, C.P., is Vicar Apostolic of Yunnan.

The city of Chenki has been bombed and the mission severely damaged. Father Quentin, who is stationed there, is reported safe. Yunnan again has been bombed. The mission personnel is reported safe and there have been few casualties in the city.

Manifesto Vindicates King of Belgians

LYON, France.—A manifesto being circulated among Belgian refugees in France has as its object the vindication of King Leopold of charges of treating with the enemy. The King still is held a prisoner by the Germans.

The manifesto quotes from a pastoral letter of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Van Roy, Primate of Belgium; the King's message to President Roosevelt; a statement by General Michiels, head of the Belgian Army; and a statement by a former Cabinet member, a Senator and the head of the Brussels Court of Appeal, two of whom are prominent Catholics.

"Contrary to what has been said," the manifesto asserts, "the King has not treated with the enemy. He has not signed either a treaty or convention. He merely gave the order to cease fighting. A treaty or convention must be signed by a responsible Cabinet minister."

"The order of capitulation was given by the chief of the General Staff. The King has ordered the fulfillment of his military duty to the advantage he had of leaving the country. By acting thus, His Majesty has given magnificent proof of his personal valor."

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