

NATIONAL NEWS

JUSTICE TO LABOR NAZI MENACE

JUSTICE TO LABOR IN DEFENSE ASKED BY FATHER CROMIN

NEW YORK—(NC)—A strong condemnation of what he termed an "anti-labor" attitude on the part of the people of the United States since the beginning of the defense program was issued Sunday night by the Rev. John F. Cromin, S.S., professor of economics at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

The second of a series of three "Catholic Hour" addresses on "Freedom Defended" produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, the "Catholic Hour" originates each Sunday evening on Station WJLA here, and is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

Speaking on "Justice to the Labor Problem," Father Cromin discussed "Justice to the Laborer" and said that his next talk would be devoted to "Justice by Labor." Many persons at present he said do not wish to hear any talk of justice towards the laborer. The laborer is that labor has been greedy and unpatriotic in this time of crisis. They say that it has thought only of its rights and not of its duties. They are not aware that beneath the banner of right lies the truly covered hand of greed (condemned All Strikes).

As a result they are disgusted with labor in general and unions in particular. They would favor drastic measures of control and even of reprisal. The nation today is to some extent a dangerous extent anti-labor.

While admitting that "labor was not a way right," Father Cromin declared that in the present situation labor has our great national interest. "Last Spring," he said, "we did not take the trouble to ask whether labor was right or wrong in a particular dispute. We condemned all strikes without inquiring into their causes. Even where there was no real want and exploitation, we demanded that the work be done at any cost without ever taking effective steps to remove the sources of resentment."

In industries where workers had little more freedom than is possessed by subjects in the nations of Europe we blindly condemned labor's effort to cast off its chains. Here is grim humor and bitter injustice, denying our own workers their freedom that we might help fight the battles of liberty. How different is our attitude from that of Pope Leo XIII!

Denying the comparison between the wages of trainees and those of the soldiers of industry, Father Cromin pointed out that the military man does not have to buy food, clothing and housing out of his \$30 a month. He has no family dependent upon him. And he is being somewhat underpaid then his sacrifice benefits the nation as a whole.

But the industrial worker knows that what is saved on his wages often tends to swell the already bursting profits of industry. Many would be only too glad to work under conditions which guarantee a little more pay and above the cost of meals, clothing and rent. We value too highly the real sacrifices of our soldier boys to allow their parents to be treated as they are treated for greed and exploitation. We cannot forget the immortal words written by a great Pope 50 years ago: "There is a divide of nature more important and more ancient than any bargain between man and man that the remuneration must be enough to support the wage-earner in reasonable and frugal comfort."

Right to Organize
As for strikes to obtain union recognition, Father Cromin declared that the only injustice here is that they should ever be necessary. The right of labor to organize is guaranteed by sound ethics and by law. It is shameful that men should be forced as a result of legal devices to strike for what is legitimate. The last of our organizing workers for such stoppages of defense orders we should condemn the injustices which found them to desperate tactics.

It is a sad fact that practically every ruling of the Defense Mediation Board, composed of representatives of capital labor and the public, has been favorable to the aims of labor. The verdict of the informed and impartial group is the highest tribute to the patriotism of our workers.

It behooves Father Cromin to advise us to stand up and speak out for our own citizens. Those who dismiss these questions impatiently without inquiring into the all-important question of right and wrong do not act much differently from the aggressor nations of Europe and Asia. Those who beneath the cloak of patriotism seek to stir up public resentment against our workers the more easily to oppress them are aiding our people more effectively than any group of spies or fifth columnists. Love of America today must mean love of justice in our factories and our homes.

61 Blind Men Make Week-End Retreat

BROOKLYN—Sixty-one blind men principally from the Diocese of Brooklyn have made a week-end retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. It is said to be the first such retreat ever held in the metropolitan area.

Members of the Bishop Molloy Retreat League picked up the blind men at their homes and offices in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens and then acted as their guides during the exercises. The retreat was given by the Rev. Cosmas Shaughnessy, C.P., both of the Immaculate Conception Monastery, Jamaica.

You have your own little world—a world which you create for yourself. Why not control it and reign in it as king?

DEDICATE PRISON CHAPEL BUILT BY CONVICTS



The new \$250,000 Chapel of St. Dismas, the Good Thief, built inside the walls of Clinton prison, Danmore, New York, by 200 convicts who volunteered for the work, initiated by the Rev. Ambrose R. Hyland, Catholic chaplain, built from private funds. The building was dedicated August 26th by Bishop Francis J. Monaghan of Ogdensburg. (N.C.W.C.)

Nazism Is Chief Menace, Justice Murphy Tells K. C.

ATLANTIC CITY—A warning to the Knights of Columbus delegates in convention here that "members of all faiths should not be deceived by the propaganda of Nazi leaders that they were in a crusade to save Christian and western civilization" was sounded by Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the United States Supreme Court at an address "Nazism, Revolution and Religious Freedom."

He declared that there is little to choose between Communism of Soviet Russia and the Nazism of Germany. "We want neither in this country," he said.

Justice Murphy added, however, that Nazism is by far the greater menace to free nations and free institutions. "It is at present the real menace," he said.

"At a time like the present," Justice Murphy said, "it is of crucial importance that we keep our minds on the main issue and not allow ourselves to be diverted or confused with respect to our real interests and the fundamentals of our policy. Knowing what we do therefore of the methods and aims of the Nazi government, its utter disregard for the rights and aspirations of other nations, and above all the vast striking power of its military organization, we must not allow ourselves to be confused and misled by its latest maneuver the attack on Russia."

"In ordinary circumstances we could afford to be indifferent to such a conflict. For men and women who cherish freedom of religion and the other fundamentals of democracy, there is little to choose from between the Communism of Soviet Russia and the Nazism of Germany. We want neither in this country. But we know that Nazism with its superior competence and perverted intelligence its extraordinary energy and missionary zeal its profound belief in racial superiority and destiny its fanatical intolerance and above all its tremendous military power and skill is by far the greater menace to free nations and free institutions. It is at present the real menace."

K. C. Pledge Defense Support

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Edward W. Fahey, St. Paul Supreme Physician, the resolution endorsing the defense program and urging prayers for peace in accordance with the request of His Holiness Pope Pius XII said:

"Whereas the members of our order who are citizens of the United States view with alarm the increasing menace of war that threatens to engulf our nation moved by a patriotic desire to support every undertaking that may tend to insure the security of our beloved country, we endorse and commend the defense program of the Government of the United States and giving full heed to the sentiments expressed in the messages of our beloved Pontiff, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, we urge our members to continue their prayers to Almighty God to the end that this nation may be spared the devastating horrors of war and its inevitably destructive consequences."

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER SETON MADE BY NEGROES

WASHINGTON—The first pilgrimage made by colored people to the tomb of Mother Seton at Emmitsburg, Md., took place Sunday. The group, numbering about 200, was conducted by Rev. Francis P. Wagner of St. Augustine's Church. The pilgrimage was particularly appropriate because from the very commencement of her "Community in 1810 Mother Seton made the care and instruction of the Emmitsburg colored one of her first concerns.

Plan Religion For Public Schools

INDIANAPOLIS—An international committee of clergymen is planning a religious education program for children attending Indiana public schools, according to Dr. Clement T. Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The committee hopes to have books chosen in time for the program to start next January.

of elemental human wants. We reject it for its desertion of religious and its suppression of religious bodies. We reject and oppose the Communism of Soviet Russia for its opportunism in resorting to the aggression which in others it has so stringently condemned. We know from the records of our courts of law that its agents have sought with premeditation to undermine our democratic form of government.

"On this point there can be no doubt. We stand against Communism as a thing that is completely out of accord with our freely chosen way of life. But we should not permit this to blind us to our own interest and to the major fact that the great and immediate threat to our position and standing as a great nation, commanding the respect of the world and dealing with other nations on terms of peace and equality, is Nazi Germany with its inordinate ambitions its hated philosophy and its superb military organization."

In case of fire
With a fire raging in the neighborhood which threatens to take your house or with a dangerous animal loose in the streets, you aren't too concerned about the religion or politics of those who join in the effort to put it down. In present circumstances any nation resisting the might and aggression of Nazi Germany is, whether intentionally or not, advancing our interest as well as its own.

In launching the attack on Russia the Nazi leaders proudly proclaimed that they were fighting the battle of Western Christian civilization against the Godlessness of Soviet Russia. In doing this it was doubtless their hope to divide and confuse opinion in this country, especially among the people of the Catholic faith, who are notoriously abhorrent of the tenets and practices of Communism. But a glance at the record will remove any doubt about the hypocrisy of this claim.

Justice Murphy cited instances of Nazi persecution of Catholics and those of other faiths and asked his listeners to remember the statement made by Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi policy maker in 1936 in which he said that "the Catholic Church in its present form must disappear from the life of our people."

Nazi treatment of Catholics is pictured by the Justice as one of "stealthily and demoralizing persecution."

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A blessing from the Holy Father was contained in a message from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, which said: "The Holy Father, comforted by the knowledge that the Knights of Columbus are once again prepared in the present emergency to play an important role in providing for the religious and social welfare of the valiant young men of America, on the occasion of the fifty-ninth convention of the order begs Almighty God to grant to the officers and members guidance and assistance and imparts to all as evidence of his deep interest, a special Apostolic Blessing."

Among resolutions adopted at the meeting was one which said: "Whereas current editions of publications enjoying nation-wide circulation continue to purvey improper, immoral, indecent, obscene, salacious and blasphemous writings, be it resolved that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus condemn such indecent literature and cooperate with other agencies in an endeavor to have it suppressed."

Monahan thinks an "established precedent" is someone who lives in the White House

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