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Dutch Pastoral Reaffirms Nazism; Communism Ban

MONTEVIDEO—(N. C.)—There has arrived here a copy of the text of the Pastoral Letter of the Hierarchy of Holland in which is reaffirmed the prohibition against Catholics giving their support to either National Socialism or Communism on pain of being denied the Last Sacraments at time of death.

Reasserting the firm stand of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Netherlands, the Pastoral says:

"In this Pastoral we refer to the welfare of souls; we, the Archbishop and Bishops of Holland feel obliged by duty to call attention particularly to the fact that our previous dispositions with respect to anti-Catholic doctrines remain fully and totally in force. We expounded these principles in Advent and on Passion Sunday, last year. We must, therefore, continue refusing the Holy Sacraments in case of death without repentance, and also ecclesiastical funerals, in the case of:

"1. Catholics who openly demonstrate their support of Socialism or Communism in matters of morals or religion;

"2. Catholics who openly are followers of the principles of Liberalism, or even of the so-called Democratic Liberalism in matters of ethics or religion;

"3. Catholics who are known to be members of a Socialist or Communist organisation, or of organisations of similar ideologies;

"4. Catholics who, although they may not be notoriously members of Socialist or Communist organizations, regularly read papers and attend meetings of such ideologies;

"5. Catholics who are known to be actual supporters of the National Socialist movement.

"In view of the different conditions that now confront us, we must add the following to the above:

"1. What we decreed with respect to Socialism must be applied to all its forms, such as they are described and refuted in the Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno.

"2. With reference to the National Socialist movement, we must emphasize with greater insistency what we said previously, because since that time everyone has been able to comprehend with increasing clarity that this movement not only threatens the Church in the free exercise of her essential mission, but also constitutes a grave danger for those belonging to this movement, in everything that pertains to the fulfillment of their duties as Christians.

"In general, we must therefore affirm that simply belonging to the Party, with full support of conscience, is a thing that cannot be permitted. We hope that this Pastoral may move hearts and induce those to whom it refers to abandon their equivocal path, reconciling themselves with God and His Church.

"This, our Pastoral, is to be read in all the churches of our Dioceses, and in all churches under the charge of a rector, at all the regular Masses and in the usual manner."

Famed 'Christian Culture' Lecture Series Listed By Assumption College

WINDSOR, ONT. — Rev. Father J. Stanley Murphy, C.S.B., M.A., Registrar at Assumption College, the founder, and director of the "CHRISTIAN CULTURE SERIES" for the past seven years, announced plans for the eighth series today. A record of seventeen extraordinary lectures, including the CHRISTIAN CULTURE AWARD address to be given in February by whoever follows Msgr. Under as the second recipient of the Award, is announced for the 1941-42 series.

Fifteen lectures, including the Address of Acceptance by the second recipient of the "Christian Culture Award," will be given in a public theatre, within two blocks of the exit of the International Detroit-Windsor Tunnel Exit. American patrons can economically leave their cars in Detroit and, in eight minutes, for an eight cent token, be seated in the Reserved Seat section of the theatre.

The lectures are approximately two weeks apart. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton Sheen for the eighth successive time will open the series on Sunday evening, October 5, at 8:15 p. m. in the Capitol Theatre.

David Goldstein will lecture on the "Cause and Cure of Anti-Semitism" at the Vanity Theatre on October 19, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. On the following Sunday dates at the same theatre, the following lecturers will be heard: Carveth Wells, the explorer on November 2, on "Through Russia To Turkey"; Archduke Felix of Austria, brother of Otto on November 16; Alfred Noyes of England on November 30; and Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to the U. S. A. on December 14.

Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, for the fourth time, will speak on the series on January 11. George Bouchard, Asst.-Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Canada, will speak on January 25.

The outstanding lay-exponent of Christian ideals who will receive the 1942 "CHRISTIAN CULTURE AWARD," will be announced in January and the presentation of the AWARD made about February 1. Mme. Susanne Silvercruys, world-famous sculptress, playwright, and sister of Baron Silvercruys, the Belgian ambassador at Ottawa, will speak on February 8; Carlos Davila, former ambassador to U. S. A. and former President of Chile, will discuss the Nazi penetration of South America and the significance of a Hitler victory on February 22. Prof. E. J. Pratt of Victoria College, Toronto, Canada's leading narrative poet, will give a lecture-recital from his recent masterpiece which has gone through several editions: "BREBEUFF AND HIS BRETHREN", Dr. Rudolph Allers, formerly of Vienna, one of the greatest living Psychologists, will discuss "Freud and other Great Myth-Makers" on March 22. Miss Haru Matsui, a Japanese intellectual, who is opposed to Japanese aggression will tell about her own people on April 12; Father Ferrell, O.P., one of the leading Thomists in America, at present is co-author with Dr. Adler of a volume on Democracy, will lecture on April 26.

BOOKS NEEDED FOR PRIESTS INTERNED IN JAMAICA

NEW YORK — The 29 Holy Ghost missionaries and seven Mill Hill missionaries, priests from Axis countries now interned in Jamaica, are reported as in good health but badly in need of Catholic literature. These missionaries labored in British Colonies in West Africa previous to the war. An appeal to fellow missionaries of Maryknoll to supply them with books brought them a small shipment, an acknowledgment of which has been received at the national headquarters of the American Society at Ossining, N. Y.

"Thank you very very much for your books. You cannot realise how grateful we feel since they are the first we have received in eight months. We dare to hope that more literature in English, French or Spanish will be sent us by kindly disposed individuals who will not forget us here in our exile.

"The writer, and the person to whom book or magazine shipments may be addressed, is the Rev. Lawrence Oberabacher, Internment Camp, Jamaica, B. W. I."

COLOMBIA FIRE VICTIMS AIDED BY HOLY FATHER

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA—His Excellency the Most Rev. Carlo Serena, Papal Nuncio to Colombia, has sent to the Prefect Apostolic of El Choco the sum of 300 pesos as a donation from His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the victims of the fire that destroyed the town of Tado.

The many demands made upon the Holy Father's purse by the war victims, the Nuncio explained in a note, prevented the sum from being larger. The gift, he said, is primarily an expression of his sympathy for the tragedy that has befallen these good children of the Church.

Army Chaplain Assigned

SOMEWHERE, O. — The Rev. Francis A. Mable, of Immaculate Conception Church here, commissioned as a chaplain in the United States Army, has been assigned to serve with the 40th Light Bombardment Group at Bowman Field, Ky.

Peasants Give Crops, 321 Head Of Cattle To Colombia Church

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA—Donmatias, the town in the Department of Antioquia where the Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated with great solemnity each year, is to have a beautiful new church.

The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Eladio Barrera, has organised an "altar of St. Isidore" to which donations for the new edifice are brought. The gifts from the peasants are usually the fruits of the soil, to be disposed of for the benefit of the parish church. The gifts to date have varied from a check for $350 to 321 head of full-grown cattle.

French Captives' Religious Zeal Surprises Germans

Japanese or more current languages. Many young officers are continuing their studies of law and sciences, and the seminarians are not wasting time either. There is a theater with magnificent scenery, all made by fellow-prisoners, a 40-piece orchestra: football, handball, basketball, bowling.

97 Masses Daily

"The spiritual side of camp life is very important. Of course there are still a set of unbelievers, but there is also a noticeable revival among the lukewarm. A hut has been converted into a chapel and the 97 priests say Mass daily on its portable altars and the main altar, built by comrades clever at carpentry. There are Masses from 5:45 to 9 A. M. On Sundays a dialogue Mass at seven is followed by three High Masses. The chapel accommodates 1,500. Vespers at 4 and compline at 8, and daily at 8, evening prayers and Benediction. The chapel may be crammed full but everyone kneels at Benediction.

"During a ten-month period, there were no less than 80,000 Communions, several baptisms, First Communions, conversions and two abjurations. In addition to the very many who attend church services daily, life in this particular camp resembles life in a monastery because of the number of prisoners who follow lecture courses on liturgy, theology, scripture, canon law and other spiritual subjects. The ceremonies during Holy Week and on Easter, Pentecost and Corpus Christi took place in a striking splendor. The decoration of the chapel increases daily — statues, pictures and engravings — and on Holy Thursday the repository was decorated with artificial flowers—25,000 petals. A small organ and a big bell for the chapel tower were bought in Vienna. It sounds the Angelus three times a day, whereas the towers of the neighboring villages remain silent

"At Easter a musical Mass with orchestra and choral composed by the chapel master of the Bayonne Cathedral, who was present, attracted people from the surrounding villages."

CHINA PRIEST CONDUCTS 'SICK ROOM APOSTOLATE' FOR CATHOLIC SEAMEN

LONDON. - (NC) - "That Padre does more good sick, than three healthy men."

This simple tribute, paid by an American Catholic Marine to the Rev. G. Gardner in Chefoo, China, is at the same time a summary of a priest's apostolate among men of the sea which has been conducted entirely from a sick room.

The story of Father Gardner's spiritual work for naval men within the confines of his sick room has been sent to the headquarters of the Apostleship of the Sea by the Most Rev Louis Durand, Vicar Apostolic of Chefoo

Chefoo is a vacation center for the American Navy A complement of 1,200 officers and men spend the summer months there There are about 200 Catholics in the group An effort was made to secure a chaplain in Chefoo for them, but such a plan was difficult because of the scarcity of English-speaking priests

However God answered Bishop Durand's prayers In far-away Kiangsi, Father Gardner had fallen ill and was sent to Chefoo to recuperate Bishop Durand asked Father Gardner to meet some of the Catholic sailors in his sick room and preach a little sermon every Sunday Thus began the "Sick Room Apostolate"

From such small beginnings great works developed. About 100 sailors came to Sunday Mass, two of them acting as servers Many received Communion, which meant fasting from 3 to 11 A M for those on duty and even then but for the cup of coffee which the Chefoo Catholics provided the communicants would have had to remain fasting until dinner-time. About 10 converts were baptized and confirmed.

All sorts of difficult cases were settled. The sick-room became the rendezvous of Catholics and those wishing to be Catholics, of the curious and the sinner From 1 P M to 9 P M on "long liberty" evenings the room was never empty. Eight hours non-stop is a long time, even for a healthy man and the navymen's wives also became "Padre-conscious" and occupied the morning.

When the flotilla left, expensive cameras, phonograph radios and letters of appreciations were presented to the priest.

Mexico President Acclaimed For Stand On Education

MEXICO CITY - (NC) The promise made by President Manuel Avila Camacho, in an interview given a reporter for La Prensa, that the education problem will be settled before the end of the year, and that "freedom of conscience and respect for the family creed" will be guaranteed in the amendments to be made, has caused a favorable reaction. The majority of the Mexican press applauds the President's statement.

The National Union of Parents has sent to the President a copy of the resolution adopted at its convention last May, which reads:

"The law recognizes the right of parents, and imposes it upon them as a duty, to afford their children a physical, intellectual and moral education, whether this be done by themselves or by persons whom they deem worthy to substitute for them in this commission of trust. Therefore:

"1. The State should cooperate with parents in fulfilling this function. It should secure for them, and should maintain, schools conforming to their wishes. It should make the education of children obligatory. It should punish negligent or unworthy parents, and it should assume responsibility for the education of children who are without parents or guardians. It has the right to prevent the teaching in private schools of doctrines contrary to morals or subversive of the public order.

"2. Religious confessions have the right to establish and maintain schools, and also to propagate their respective doctrines within these.

"3. The law should determine what professional training is required of teachers and the capability of those who seek to follow this profession."

The Confederation of Independent Parties has asked the President that in amending Article 3 and the Education Law the program of education "adhere to the national reality and assure respect and guaranties in the field of education."

MISSOURI BORN BISHOP TOURS INVADED CHINA

NEW YORK—Unhindered by the general disorganization of travel facilities due to the war in South China, Missouri-born Bishop Adolph J. Paschang of Maryknoll, Vicar Apostolic of Kongmoon, Kwangtung Province, has just completed a three-month tour of the territory in invaded China which is under his jurisdiction. During that time he covered an area of nearly 40,000 square miles, roughly half the size of Indiana, in order to visit the priests and Sisters of his 18 mission stations.

"I found the trip quite enjoyable" the Bishop reported "Some of the places had bad days during the recent invasion, but everything is fairly serene. Most of the Fathers are in good shape, and all are carrying on their work very much as if the country were at peace. In some places splendid progress is being made."

Hierarchy Of Holland Again Scores Nazis

LONDON. — The Hierarchy of Holland has denounced the Nazis in a new pastoral letter which has been read throughout the country. It is learned in London. The message warns against Nazi claims that Germany is fighting to preserve the Christianity of Europe. It also protests in very plain language measures taken by the Nazis in Holland against Catholic trade associations. Catholic trade unions are now under German control with a pro-Nazi Hollander at their head, the Bishops reveal.

The Nazi Press and radio has answered the Bishops with bitter invective accusing them of treachery and threatening reprisals.

Tells Of Pope's Work To End Peru Conflict

LONDON—Osservatore Romano reveals that the Holy Father took personal steps to end the recent conflict between Peru and Ecuador. Radio Vatican announced in a broadcast received here. His Holiness made personal representations to the presidents of the two countries, to other South American States and to the United States so that a friendly settlement might be reached, the article says.

BRITISH ARMY OFFICIALS ORDER WORSHIP FACILITIES

LONDON Affirming their "profound conviction of the value of religious inspiration as a source of spiritual and moral strength in the present conflict," the British Army authorities have ordered full facilities for public and private worship for all ranks of the British Army

Sunday duties, the authorities state, should be so arranged that all ranks and all denominations should have an opportunity on Sundays of attending public services or to carry out their devotions privately in the churches or quiet rooms in camps and stations.

Canadian Women Give 20,000 Rosaries

OTTAWA. — The Catholic Women's League of Canada is donating 20,000 rosaries for distribution among the Catholic troops on service overseas. The C. W. L. of Canada has also forwarded $500 to the Catholic Women's League in England for their war work, the donation being gratefully acknowledged by Lady Winefride Elwes, president of League in England.