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Nazi Plan To Oust Christianity Bared Question Of 'Aid' Draws Comment

CINCINNATI — (N. C.) — Pope Pius XI's vigorous condemnation of Communism in his celebrated Encyclical of March 19, 1937, "was not given as a moral direction to governments regarding aid or refusal of aid to Russia in case of a war of defense," the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati has advised the faithful of his See.

2 Supplements Due Next Week

With the Nov. 6 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER will come an historic "Our Lady of Lourdes Supplement" and the comprehensive Annual Calendar and Review devoted to "Catholic Schools in Review." Watch for them.

Prompted by the "perplexity" of both priests and people "regarding the Russian situation," Archbishop McNicholas has employed a pastoral letter to interpret first, the words of Pope Pius XI regarding Nazism and the German people and, secondly, the words of the same Holy Father regarding Sovietism and the Russian people. He speaks, the Archbishop says, "after studying the words and the mind of Pope Pius XI."

Denial Of Lodgings To Large Families Hit

GENEVA (NC) — Is it coming to the point where parents will have to kill their children in order to find lodgings, the Most Rev. Mario Besson, Bishop of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg, bluntly asks in a statement published in the *Semaine Catholique* of Fribourg.

"From all sides," Bishop Besson says, "I receive complaints about the terrible havoc caused by the drop in the birthrate. Everywhere measures favoring large families are proposed. But, meanwhile an ignominious abuse continues. It is one to which I wish to draw the attention of the owners and managers of flats and to appeal to their consciences as men and Christians. Families having a normal number of children often find it difficult to secure rooms, especially in cities."

"We know of tragic instances where families, free of debt and paying their rent regularly have been put out of their dwelling and find it impossible to secure another, all because they do their duty and do not dedicate the fountainheads of life. Will it come to the point where these unfortunates will have to kill their children in order to find lodgings?"

CATHOLIC WHO'S WHO FOR 1942-43 PUBLISHED

DETROIT — The fifth biennial edition of the American Catholic Who's Who for the two years 1942-1943 has just come off the press. The new edition contains 5,000 biographical sketches of living American Catholics in varied spheres of cultural, civic and economic organizations and movements.

The edition includes the biographies and bibliographies of more than 700 Catholic authors. The volume is available from the publishers, Walter Romig & Co., 14 National Bank Bldg., Detroit.

Fr. Parsons Advises On 'Keys' Film

LOS ANGELES — The Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., professor of political science at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. has been named technical adviser to assist in the film production of the novel, "The Keys of the Kingdom," by Dr. A. J. Cronin. Father Parsons was at one time Editor of America.

Just the thing for the children's lunch boxes are some of Aunt Jennie's home-made cookies. Variety a dozen. Aunt Jennie's bake shoppe, 12 different kinds at 22c and 25c 516 Monroe Ave. Mon. 665—Adv.



CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo
Religion By Mail — Handling letters received in the newly formed St. Bernard's Seminary Course for non-Catholics are shown (center) the Rev. Dr. John A. Reddington, faculty moderator; William H. Shannon, 3rd Theology; (left) and Edward McAniff, 2nd Theology, (right).

30-Point 'Reform' Disclosed

WASHINGTON (NC) — Abolition of all existing religions and the substitution of an International Nazi Church if Hitler wins were predicted by President Roosevelt in his Navy Day address broadcast throughout the world. Speaking at the Navy League dinner in the Mayflower Hotel here, the Chief Executive said the United States Government has a document, among others made Germany, which is a detailed plan "to abolish all existing religions: Protestant, Catholic, Mohammedan, Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish." "The property of all churches," the President said "will be sold by the Reich. The crosses and all other symbols of religion are to be forbidden. The clergy are to forever be silenced under penalty of the concentration camp, where even now as many fanatics are being tortured because they loved God above Hitler."

"In the place of the churches of our civilization, there is to be set up an International Nazi Church — a church which will be served by orators sent out by the Nazi government. In the place of the Bible, the words of 'Mein Kampf' will be imposed and enforced as holy writ. And in place of the cross of Christ will be put two symbols, the swastika and the naked sword. The God of Blood and Iron will take the place of the God of Love and Mercy. Let us well ponder that statement which I have made tonight."

Highlights Details Of 30-Point Plan

NEW YORK (NC) — Details of a 30-point German plan for the "re-organization" of religion in the event of a Hitler victory were disclosed by William L. Shirer, former Berlin correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, in a CBS broadcast Saturday.

Mr. Shirer, who is author of the book "Berlin Diary," declared that the State Department was in possession of a Nazi document in which the proposals for "religious reform" are set forth. Mr. Shirer said his details of the proposals were received from a trustworthy source outside the State Department. The plan, he said, is the work of Alfred Rosenberg, "one of Hitler's earlier mentors and entrusted by Hitler with what the Nazis call the 'spiritual field' in Germany."

Some of the 30 points of the plan are:

The new National Church of the Reich, National Reichkirche, will take over all Protestant and Catholic churches in Germany.

It will be determined to annihilate Christianity as "foreign to German being and character," according to Rosenberg.

Pastors and priests will be replaced by National Reich "orators," who alone will have a right to speak in the churches.

Sunday as a day of worship will be abolished. The Nazi "services" to be limited to Saturday evenings only.

Printing and importation of the

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Publish Narberth Articles In China

NARBERTH, Pa. — A letter just received from the Rev. Alphonse J. Hotz, S.V.D., announces the publication of the Narberth Catholic Information Articles in *Fu Jen Life*, the official organ of the Catholic University of PEKING. Other publications in far lands which use the Narberth articles, include *The Voice*, Gold Coast, West Africa; *Light of the East*, Ceylon; and *Malaya Catholic Leader*, Singapore.

Teach 'Declaration' Truths Catholic Editors Advised

HUNTINGTON, Ind. — (N. C.) — Teach the self-evident truths of the American Declaration of Independence and you strike a strong blow for the cause in which you are working. Dr. Clarence F. Manton, Dean of Law at the University of Notre Dame, told Catholic editors and Publishers in an address at the second annual Mid-West Meeting of the Catholic Press Association of the United States here.

"You can't divorce religion from the Government of the United States," he declared.

Highlighting the program participated in by the representatives of 25 publications in Mid-Western United States and Canada, Dr. Manton declared that Catholics are apostles no matter what their calling. He said Catholicism reflects the "truth" of Americanism and that Catholic Editors are in a peculiarly good position to teach Americanism along with Catholicism.

Asserting that Americanism cannot be defined merely as democracy or as a way of life, Dr. Manton declared that "there never has been written by any theologian anything more thoroughly orthodox than the Declaration of Independence." The Declaration, he said, proclaims it an unchanging truth that all men are created equal and this he declared, "was only intended to mean that all men are equal in God's sight."

Declaring too that the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence are completely and thoroughly Catholic, Dr. Manton said: "You cannot know the self-evident truths of the Declaration of Independence without taking"

Hold Religion Classes In Public Schools

CINCINNATI — With the permission of the Cincinnati Public School Board, Catholic children have received religious instruction in a public school building here.

The Board has granted such permission for children of all denominations. The class of Catholic children was composed of 48 handicapped pupils and was taught by a representative of the religious instruction group of the Cincinnati Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

Religious instruction by representatives of various denominational groups in public schools was declared permissible by Ohio Attorney General Thomas J. Herbert last March after the IFCA unit requested permission to teach Catholic children in Delhi Township Central School. The Attorney General's ruling was sought by the Hamilton County Prosecutor.

GETS BEQUEST — Philadelphia — A bequest of \$5,000 is made to St. Joseph's Hospital here in the will of the late Mrs. Charles V. Reel of this city, to endow a free bed in memory of her father, William P. Sinnott.

BELGIAN ROYALTY DONATES FOR COUNTRYMEN'S RELIEF

LONDON (NC) — A prompt denial of the report that King Leopold has given 1,000,000 francs to German winter relief has been issued here by the Belgian Embassy. The report, which appeared in several papers, added that the Queen Mother had given 300,000 francs to the same fund.

The donations, the Belgian Embassy states, have been sent to the central Belgian organization which collects funds for helping the Belgian population.

ACTION PAMPHLET

Washington — "Designs for Social Action," a pamphlet by the Rev. John M. Hayes, of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Number 20 of the Social Action Series, has just been published by the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department.

Nun Condemns Effects of 'Comic' Books on Minds of the Young

CLEVELAND — A condemnation of the effects on the minds of the young of the so-called "comic" books which have developed into a \$15,000,000 business in three years is issued in an article by Sister Mary Clare S.N.D., noted educator, writer and lecturer in the current issue of the *Catholic Universe-Bulletin*, Cleveland Diocesan weekly.

"It does not take an experienced teacher long to recognize," Sister Clare says, "that these comics are being written by 'intellectual huck-

sters' who have ideas to sell and that they are often poisonous and fatal ideas which are wide open ways to social and moral and personal suicide."

A study of the philosophy of the comics shows that they are based on the theory that might makes right, or in other words that every man is free to do what he will without restraint from without, she adds. Sister Clare has just completed a survey over a period of several months of the comic book business and its effect upon children.