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Nazis' Godless Creed Hits New Blow At Religion

(By NCWC News Service)

Outlining forcefully the pagan character of beliefs which National Socialism would foist upon the people of Germany, a group of striking documents have become available in the United States.

The newest of these papers is a fresh statement of the "Creed" of the Nazi party. Unusual importance is attached to this paper because it has reached this country only a short while after it was published in Germany. It is held here, therefore, to be among the latest statements of aims in this direction. The other documents which have just been made public here deal with Nazi plans to abolish established religions at some time in the future. The recital of the "Creed" gives a picture of present-day Nazi practice.

Nordland (Northland), organ of the Nazi "God-believers," prints the "Creed" "God-believers" in Germany do not belong to any church. They have been described as a "non-Christian denomination of practically pagan observance." The name was coined by the Nazis for use by party members in connection with a religious census. Nordland prints the "Creed" textually and follows it with the assertion that "we laugh in our calm belief in Germany over the rabid columns of our fallen enemies, a genuine 'heathen laugh.'" The organ professes indifference to the charge that National Socialists are godless, "racial-materialists" and "neopagans."

The "Creed" renounces belief in a "world beyond," and asserts that the service of the Fuehrer, the People and the Fatherland constitutes divine worship.

Independent of other Nazi documents which have been brought to public attention in recent days, the text of the "Creed" is held by observers to give support and added substance to these collateral papers.

On Oct. 22, The Christian Science Monitor published the text of a preliminary party memorandum which, it stated, gave the "details of a National Socialist church program." This document, containing 30 points, provided for the establishment of a National Reich Church, which, it said, "claims as all decisiveness the sole right and sole power over all churches within the German Reich's boundaries, declares them as National Reich Churches of Germany."

Three days later speaking in Columbus, O., Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, Jr. said the State Department was in possession of documents which show the "plan" for the reorganization of religion in the Reich. Not only will the Nazis exterminate all present organized religions, but in setting up a so-called National Church of the Reich will make even that church obey the State as one of its servants, Mr. Berle said. There was nothing to show that the documents Mr. Berle spoke of were from the same source as those printed in The Christian Science Monitor.

Speaking over a Columbia Broadcasting System network Oct. 26, William L. Shirer, former Berlin correspondent of C. B. S., gave details of what he called a 30-point program for the reorganization of religion in the event of a Hitler victory. The plan he declared, was drawn up by Alfred Rosenberg.

HITS AT CONFUSION BETWEEN INSTRUCTION, EDUCATION

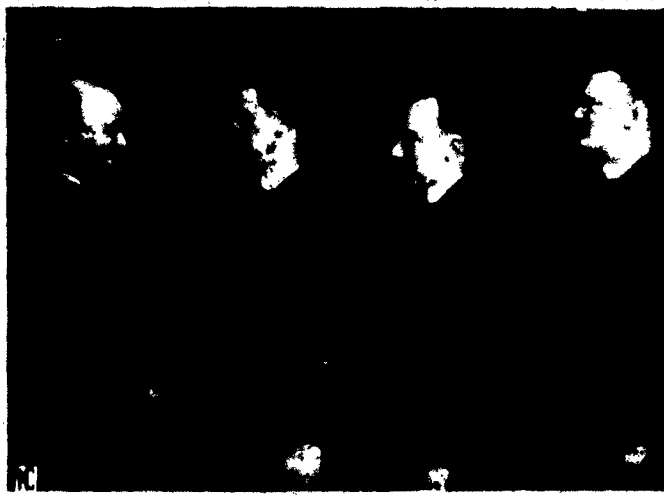
QUEBEC - The unfortunately universal confusion between instruction and education today was deplored by His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, O. M. I., Archbishop of Quebec, in his address at the eleventh session of the Canadian Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Everybody is busy instructing, the Cardinal said, but the art of developing men and women has depreciated.

"Do not think for a moment that I advocate a training without contact with life," His Eminence said, "but I refuse to admit that utilitarian methods should be the guiding principles of Church, family and State in the education of real Christians and worthy citizens."

A broken hand does work, but a broken heart does not.

THEY SAIL FOR DISTANT MISSIONS



In these farewell scenes of departing American missionaries, Rev. Cyril Jepson, S. M. (upper photo), takes leave of Bishop Michael J. Keyes, S. M., Very Rev. N. A. Weber, S. M., his former Provincial Superior, and Very Rev. D. C. O'Meara, S. M., rector of the Marist Scholasticate in Washington, as he leaves for the missions in Pago Pago, Samoa Islands. Lower photo Very Rev. Paul M. Regan, M. S., Provincial of the American Province of the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette, bids farewell to three new missionaries as they departed for their posts in Burma. Rev. Joseph Derocheau, Rev. Frederic Julien and Rev. John Doherty. (NCWC)

Clergy Feel Nazi Wrath

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ligion in the secondary schools, all assistant pastors, all priests who were officials of the diocesan chancery all prefects in the diocesan seminary, and catechists in the primary school.

In Celje, all members of the clergy were arrested with the exception of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Peter Jurak and the Rev. Jozef Kardinar, a pensioned professor of religion.

In Ptuj, all diocesan priests and members of religious Orders were arrested and driven in exile across the Croatian border.

All of Upper Carniola and Lower Styria, the document states, have been deprived of all priests. Father Lavtizar of Ratece, who is over 90 years old, was taken to a concentration camp. The document also tells of a Father Jomec who was more than 80 years old and seriously ill who died after two days in a concentration camp.

Priests in rural communities, the document states, also were arrested and subsequently sent into exile in the Ptuj district, with a population of 80,000 in 30 parishes administered by 37 members of the clergy. It is stated, only three priests remain in the District of Dravograd only one priest out of 18 remains.

Belfast Catholics Recite Prayers In Air Raid Shelters

BELFAST, Ireland - For several months the Catholics of Belfast have practiced the nightly custom of assembling in groups around little altars erected in and sometimes outside the public air-raid shelters and reciting there the Rosary and special prayers for peace.

Men and women recite their petitions for peace and protection as they kneel before these little shrines at which the image of Our Lady has the place of honor.

Head Scientific Groups

Brooklyn - Two members of the faculty of St. John's University here have been honored by election to executive posts in scientific organizations of which they are members. They are Dr. Edward J. Keegan and Dr. Charles W. Lacleade, both professors of biology.

Thou canst not be satisfied with any temporal goods, because thou wast not created for their enjoyment.

Priests As Fire-Guards Protested In England

LONDON (NC) - Priests have been required to register as fireguards under a new order which exempts only members of various fighting and defense services, and doctors.

The Catholic Times prints a heated protest under the heading "Fire fighting law takes priests from people in hour of need, are thousands to die without the Last Rites."

The paper says "the government's omission to exempt priests from the duty of fire fighting promises to give rise to a serious situation in which the obligations of the clergy as citizens will conflict with those they owe in the spiritual sphere to the holy in their care."

It is pointed out by the Catholic Times that a government department spokesman agreed there was cause for protest when it was pointed out that in a war which was professedly Christian the duty of saving souls ranked even higher than the saving of life and limb.

Cardinal Presides At Attorneys' Session

BUENOS AIRES - His Eminence Santiago Cardinal Copella, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, presided at the ceremony organized by the St. Alphonsus Liguori Corporation of Attorneys. At this annual ceremony the oath to practice their profession in a Christian manner is taken by graduates of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University.

Place Blame For Delinquency Rise

MEXICO CITY - The marked increase in the number of delinquent minors in the Federal District of recent years, is attributed by opponents of the present wording of Article 3 of the Mexican Constitution to the elimination of religious ideals from the schools, private as well as public, due to the socialist education required by law. The number of delinquents has increased from 1,033 in 1931 to 2,987 in 1940.

Article 3 of the Constitution was amended Dec. 13, 1934. Accurate statistics for the years 1932, 1933 and 1934 are not available; but even before the actual amendment of the law, there was an increase in juvenile delinquency noticeable in 1933 and 1934 after the introduction of co-education and sexual instruction in the schools.

Of the 1,033 delinquent minors before the Juvenile Court in the Federal District in 1931 a total of 893 were boys and 140 girls. Statistics for the years following the amendment are as follows: In 1933, 1,448 boys, 314 girls, total 1,762; 1936, 1,593 boys, 377 girls, total 1,970; 1937, 1,844 boys, 433 girls, total 2,277; 1938, 1,776 boys, 351 girls, total 2,127; 1939, 2,181 boys, 391 girls, total 2,572; 1940, 2,542 boys, 445 girls, total 2,987.

DEFENDS CADETS' RIGHT TO ATTEND MEXICO CEREMONY

MEXICO CITY (NC) - A two-page editorial in Hoy, leading secular weekly of Mexico, excoriates those who have attempted to create a national scandal out of the simple incident of 10 cadets and some Army officers in uniform and carrying the Mexican flag attending the Guadalupan ceremonies on October 12.

The editorial headed "The Business of Atheism," is intensely Mexican in character and is avowedly against the "rabid Jacobins" who seek to frustrate politically the will of the Mexican people.

During the ceremonies at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupa on Columbus Day, which is also the anniversary of the solemn coronation of the miraculous image of the Blessed Mother, the flags of all the American Republics were blessed. Present at the Mass were three cadets from the Government Military School six from the Military Administrative School and ten from the Military Medical School.

They went of their own volition, not at the order of the Government, and did not carry their school banners, but they were in uniform and the confederation of Mexican Workers, Lombardo Toledano's organization, says was a violation of Article 120 of the Constitution.

Manifesto Denounced

The C. T. M.'s Manifesto to the Mexican People is worded in such a manner that some Revolutionaries have called it "anti-patriotic and demagogical, and it has incurred the displeasure of prominent Senators and Deputies. The Senator from Yucatan, deems it most disagreeable, and repugnant even to the members of the C. T. M. Meanwhile the cadets and officers have been reprimanded by the Ministry of National Defense.

In civilized countries, Hoy remarks, "it does not attract attention when a soldier in uniform goes into a Catholic Church, an Arab mosque or a Jewish synagogue to practice his religion publicly," but in Mexico where we live divorced from the ideals and from truth it causes a scandal when a simple man dares to exhibit his beliefs in public."

Basically Catholic

Because we live in an atmosphere of lies, Hoy demands petition to recall the "most important of what ought to be self-evident truths." Herreria Gomez was the founder of our civilization, the missionaries who evangelized the New World could compete in abnegation and sanctity with the first apostles of Christianity; the best governments we have had in our country (not to say the only good ones) were under 90 per cent of the viceroys and Borjones Diaz are independent was initiated before an altar of Jesus Christ the greatest leaders of our liberty, Hidalgo, Morelos and Matamoros, were Catholic priests, the first standard of our country, the first standard of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the designer of the tricolor banner was Don Augustin de Iturbide, the Catholic religion is imbedded in the heart of the Nation and written institutions that deny this religion, shamelessly, contradict the authentic will of the people.

In the face of the general disorder, Hoy considers that the cadets and officers who attended the Guadalupan ceremonies in uniform have given proof that they are "valiant and would defend with honor the arms which the Nation has placed in their hands."

Liturgic Is Theme of School Press Meet

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pate, and Rev. Leonard Kelly, visiting the Catholic high schools in Auburn, Elmira and Geneva as well as Rochester Parochial High Schools. Of special interest to high school student journalists, will be contests in headlining, making posters in finding hidden book titles in the wordings of given stories and as a highlight of these features, a Quiz-Kids Program under the leadership of the Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell of Nazareth Academy. In this contest, participants will draw from all sections of New York State.

The Press Association Meeting program has been so arranged as to allow sufficient time for the Rochester Socialists to attend their yearly Parish Solidarity Union Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, which also is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6.