

# Church Ever Opposes Regimes Violating Rights of Conscience, Avers Cardinal

## Belgian Prelate Terms Invasion 'A Crime'

BERNE—(NC)—While the Catholic Church can adjust itself to any form of government that permits it to carry on its great work, the Catholic Church cannot, and will not adapt itself to a regime that violates the rights of conscience.

This was the forthright and fearless declaration of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Van Rooy, Archbishop of Malines in an address to a Joint Congress held at Wavre, Notre Dame. The text of the Cardinal's remarks has just become available here.

"War is a crime, just as the unjustified invasion of a country is a crime," His Eminence told the Catholic youth meeting.

"The form of government matters little, it is said the Church adapts herself to all regimes. What must be thought of this assertion that is heard and printed endlessly? Simply this: Let us make a distinction, the Church adapts herself to all regimes on condition that these regimes safeguard liberty and do not violate conscience. Distinctions To Be Made.

"If a regime violates the rights of conscience, no the Church does not adapt herself. Among tolerable forms of government there are great distinctions to be made. In itself it is a matter of indifference for the Church whether she exists under a monarchy or a republic, under a democratic or an autarchic regime. If these regimes safeguard and maintain the liberties of the Church—that is to say, if they allow her to work with all her power and with all the means which she possesses by natural right for the good of souls, then she adapts herself.

"Otherwise no she does not adapt herself. Consider for example the time of the Mohammedan invasion that harassed the Church of North Africa, or under Henry VIII and Elizabeth of England or the Protestant crisis in the Germanic countries, or here at home, the French Revolution (supposing this regime had lasted to complete its work. Again, consider the attitude of the Church against atheistic Communism.

"Does she adapt herself to the regime actually incumbent in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg where seminarians are imprisoned and religious are driven from their houses? No. The Church, like the human organism, can live under many climates, can adapt herself to various conditions of life, but she could not live in a climate and under conditions that would stifle her and cause her to die of suffocation. Moreover, the Church has experience of regimes that are more or less tolerable. North America, for example, recognizes a complete separation of Church and State. But with this separation the Church enjoys everywhere the most absolute liberty.

**Two Autarchies**  
"Italy and Portugal are two autarchies. But what a difference in the conditions under which the Church exists in one and in the other! With Germany we step many degrees downward and reach the lowest possible depths. Recall the Encyclical *Mit Brennender Sorge*; since then the situation has not improved.

"In Belgium and in Holland the Church used to enjoy a regime of liberty.

"The Church, then wishes the regime that is most favorable for her divine mission; she labors to obtain it, and she has her children labor to obtain it. It is therefore illicit for Catholics to collaborate in introducing an oppressive regime; it is obligatory for all Catholics to collaborate in preventing this regime; it is forbidden to collaborate with those who favor its introduction among us."  
**Signs Are Hopeful**

Noting that collaborationism is urged upon Belgium, Cardinal Van Rooy said:

"Five centuries ago France was invaded by the English. Everyone was resigned, everyone was collaborationist: Paris, the Sorbonne, the Court, the Episcopate—all supported the English; but a little girl arose, inspired by God, and in the face of all fought collaboration: 'We must drive these people from France.' It was she who was right.

"We have, at this time, neither Joan of Arc nor Jeremias, and undoubtedly we can do without them. The course of events and all sorts of positive signs are sufficient facts and indications. Reason, good

## 'CHINA THROUGH CATHOLIC EYES'



"China Through Catholic Eyes" is the copy of the illustrated book which commands the interest of Dr. Hu Shih, Ambassador of the Republic of China, in this picture taken at the Chinese Embassy in Washington. Rev. Charles L. Mees (right), a naturalized citizen of China, presented the volume to Dr. Hu Shih on behalf of the Catholic Truth Society of Hong Kong (N.C.W.C.)

## Mme. Chiang Kai Shek Lauds Missioners

WASHINGTON (NC) High tribute to Catholic missionaries is paid by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Generalissimo of China in the preface of a new book published by the Catholic Truth Society of Hong Kong, "China Through Catholic Eyes."

Madame Chiang Kai-shek writes in the preface that "no account of China's resistance is complete unless it records the worthy part Catholic missionaries have played whether at the front, in the rear in Free China, or in Japanese occupied areas. They have not accepted the facile passivity in inaction," she says. "On the contrary they have hurled themselves unflinchingly and with consecrated zeal into the task of alleviating pain and misery, both physical and spiritual."

"Large numbers of Catholic missionaries, too at the risk of their own lives, have protected refugees and preserved the honor of the hordes of terrified and helpless women who ran into their compounds during hostilities, the Generalissimo's wife writes.

"China Through Catholic Eyes" is being distributed in the United States by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade through its headquarters in Cincinnati.

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## Communist Party Ban Still Stands, Canadians Told

MONTREAL—(N. C.)—"I do not think that because of our admiration for and eagerness to help the U.S.S.R. we should be too ready to whitewash activities of the Communist Party in Canada," Inspector C. W. Harvison, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, told a gathering here.

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### Plan Radio Drama

GRAND, COTEAU La. In observance of the 60th anniversary of the apparitions of St. John Berchmans to Mary Wilson, a novice in the convent of the Religious of the Sacred Heart here, a radio drama telling of her cure will be broadcast November 16 over Station WWL of Loyola University of the South.

# Says Pope Desires No Jubilee Pilgrimages

By Magr. Enrico Pucci

VATICAN CITY—It is the desire of His Holiness Pope Pius XII that the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopal consecration, which occurs on May 13 next, be primarily of a religious character, it is stated in an article in *Osservatore Romano*.

Because of the difficult times through which the world is passing, *Osservatore* says, the Holy Father has expressed the wish that no pilgrimages or other external manifestations be arranged, but rather that there should be a union of all hearts in prayer.

It is greatly to be desired, the article says, that the entire Catholic world join in an hour of pious observance when the Sovereign Pontiff on the anniversary date, celebrates Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica before a congregation of the Roman people. At the same time it is urged that the Faithful everywhere assemble in their cathedrals and parish churches to pray for the Common Father. At that time, the article announces, the Blessing of the Holy Father will be broadcast by radio.

To coordinate arrangements for observance of the jubilee in Rome a committee has been named, with the Cardinal Dean, His Eminence Genaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte, as Honorary President, and His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Selvaggio

and Vice General of His Holiness, as Chairman. Throughout the countries of the world national committees are being set up to cooperate. His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Leiringer, Archbishop of Palermo has been named President of the Italian National Committee.

## Pope's Motu Proprio Opens Vocation Work

VATICAN CITY (NC) The Pontifical Work of Priests' Vocations has been launched in the Sacred Congregation of Sacraments and Universities through a Motu Proprio just issued by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

It is the purpose of this new Pontifical Work to intensify in the faithful the desire to support priestly vocations, and to diffuse knowledge of the dignity and necessity of the Catholic priesthood.

## AUSTRALIA OFFICIAL LAUDS WORK OF RELIGIOUS WOMEN

BRISBANE Australia Words of high praise for the work of various religious communities of women in Queensland were given by E. M. Hanlon, Minister for Health and Home Affairs as four Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians an Australian Community, were appointed by the State Government to take charge of a new settlement on Fantome Island near Townsville.

Mr. Hanlon said the Sisters were in no small measure responsible for the fact that in a penal colony but years ago by the Government to house 150 female prisoners the average number of female prisoners today is only four or five.

## Only One Oblate House Or Parish In Britain Free From Bomb Damage

ROME (NCWC-Eds) The Motherhouse of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate has received word that only one of the houses and institutions entrusted to that community's care in England and Scotland, that at Rockeferry has escaped damage in air raids. In many parishes the Oblates have seen their parishioners dispersed, but they do not cease their ministry.

One Oblate Father is reported to have officiated at 60 funeral services in one day. All of the Oblates, it was stated have remained at their posts.

### Open Defense Program

New Rochelle, N. Y. A defense program featuring the need of a defense of religion as the foundation of democracy is being inaugurated at the College of New Rochelle by a newly formed Defense Council.

ists urging members of the Communist Party to enlist or urging them to help recruiting.

## Urges Catholic Women To Action Against 'Disrupting' Paganism

ST. PAUL, Minn. (NC) The need of Catholic Action against paganism is that not only causes war but is disrupting human society in all of its activities and under all circumstances," was stressed by the Most Rev. John Gregory Murray, Archbishop of St. Paul, in his address at the annual fall luncheon meeting of the St. Paul Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The luncheon meeting, attended by more than 300 women, followed the two-day twenty-first annual convention of the Minnesota Council of Catholic Women.

Urging the women to participate in Catholic Red Cross work, Archbishop Murray referred to the Red Cross as "the international Good Samaritan."

"We are all concerned right now whether we will be at war," he said. "It does not lie with us to be over-anxious as to the decision but it does lie with us to pray that Almighty God will nullify evil if

it is for the ultimate advantage of mankind. The ultimate objective is always peace."

"In serious times when the welfare of the nation and of all human society is at stake," he continued, "it is quite important for us to understand that our part is to pray that God may give to those exercising authority the wisdom and grace to realize their responsibility to Him alone."

The banquet which closed the Minnesota Council convention on the preceding day was made a testimonial dinner in honor of Archbishop Murray's tenth anniversary as Archbishop of St. Paul. The Archbishop read a telegram from His Holiness Pope Pius XII thanking the delegates for their support, and in a brief address pleaded for unity "that is divine in character, at a time when nations of the world have need of united power more than ever before."