Catholic Hour

Pure Politics, Right Religion Need In Crisis—Fr. Gillis

NEW YORK — "The greatest boon to the human race, at any time and especially in the present crisis, would be the cooperation of pure politics and right religion" the Rev James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Editor of **The Catholic World**, declared in his "Catholic Hour" address Sunday night

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company each Sunday evening and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men. Sunday night's address on "Politics in Religion? Religion in Politics was the sixth in a series of seven addresses by Father Gillis on "What Is Wrong and How To Set It Right."

"The maddest and wildest of all psychological blunders is to imagine that religion is something unnatural imposed upon man by priestcraft and that therefore it must be kept out of the more important affairs of men," Father Gillis said "Nonsense! If some atheistic tyrant were bold enough and strong enough to kill all priests and lay all temples of religion flat to the ground with not a stone upon a stone religion would sprout anew from the earth, as the grass and the grains and the flowers grow again on a battlefield that has been made a desert by shot and shell and poison gas

Essential Element

"Religion comes down from above but it also comes out of the soil out of the blood and bone of man out of his heart and mind and soul To take religion out of human life would have the same effect as taking the elements of the atmosphere out of the atmosphere

Stating that "what ails the world is the elimination of religion from politics" Father Gillis added "It is not too much to say that the present sad condition of the world has come to pass because of the separation of politics

"Politicians of the baser type especially since the French Revolution have insisted that God be kept out of all affairs of State," he said "Let us settle our problems," they say "making laws and direct our government without reference to God.

"Those who say such things are not aware of the implication of what they say If you leave out God you leave out justice and right and truth It cannot be repeated too often though the more we repeat it the less some people seem to understand God is Justice, God is Right and Truth. If you leave God out of politics out of government, out of treaties and covenants and all political pacts, you leave out Truth and Righteousness and Mercy you have remaining only expediency selfish interest, international rivalries

"If you leave out God you leave out all chance for lasting peace There is no hope for peace in the midst of natural antipathies unless you turn to the supernatural. The Ultimate Absolute Supernatural is God

"These may seem to be and they are profound metaphysical statements and perhaps for that reason politicians have not grasped them But politicians worthy to be called statesmen have not ignored them"

Christian Art Group To Send President Largest Christmas Card

LOS ANGELES. — The largest Christmas card in the world, a seven-by-nine-foot painting in oil and gold leaf done after Gentile Fabriano's "Adoration of the Kings," will be sent to President Roosevelt by the American Society for Christian Art.

Signatures of more than 100,000 Southern Californians will be attached to the card, according to Professor Paul Rinaudo de Ville, President of the Society. Professor de Ville, long prominent in Catholic activities, has been entrusted with the task of outlining a system of visual education for the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Painted by Miriam Farrington, the card was one of the principal works exhibited at an institute held at the national headquarters of the Catholic Film and Radio Guild after a preview earlier at Marymount College and Convent.

He that feareth the Lord shall tremble at nothing, and shall not be afraid: for He is his hope

Mexican Church

MEXICO CITY — The inhabitants of the town of San Bartolo Naucalpan have protested to the authorities that the church of San Lorenzo Totlinga is threatened with destruction due to the development of sand-pits in its immediate vicinity The church is regarded as a jewel of colonial architecture

U. S. Fighting 'A Just War,' Says Catholic College President

NEW BEDFORD Mass — Very Rev John J Dillon O.P President of Providence College said at an alumni meeting "here that the U S is fighting a just war

"Japan has unjustly violated our territory he said "She has attacked the U S Not the Army of the Navy or any group or groups of citizens has been attacked but our whole country has been attacked

"We must help all who are aiding us and must do our utmost to destroy our enemies" Father Dillon continued "Any friend or ally of Japan is an enemy of ours American honor and American independence is at stake

"I hope there are no conscientious objectors among you" the Providence College President concluded "who would shirk your duty believing this war to be unjust For this is indeed a just war"