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LISBON — (N. C.) — When others make use of war, "yes, abuse war," to attain ends hostile to Christ and the Church, it is the duty of every Catholic Bishop to defend Christ and His holy Church.

The Most Rev. Franz Bornwasser, Bishop of Trier, and in a sermon protesting against Gestapo expulsion of religious preached in his Cathedral on Aug. 31. The text of that sermon has reached here.

His people, Bishop Bornwasser said, have probably been expecting such a sermon for a long time, but a Bishop first with great patience must try every means of negotiation, sometimes painful, with a view to amicable settlement before informing his people in a public address.

He was already a Bishop when the Vatican-German Concordat was signed in 1933 and therefore did not have to take the required oath to "swear off all harm that might threaten the German State." But, the Bishop of Trier said, he felt bound by it and that as what I am doing today.

"For some years, he continued, we German Bishops in our sermons and in our individual or joint pastoral letters, have not ceased to direct attention to the frightful harm that was being done to the German people, the German national community and to the German Reich by the brutal, unrelenting fight against Christ Our Lord against the holy Church of Christ against our faithful compatriots in Christ and the Church and even against the ecclesiastical institutions solemnly guaranteed by the Government.

Complaints for I acknowledge. In the majority of cases, he added, the responsible authorities no longer bother to acknowledge receipt of these complaints. The fight against revealed Christianity which the Bishop said, has increased in intensity since 1933 is favored or at least tolerated by the responsible authorities.

In August, 1940 the people of Trier learned that "the tempest" had struck convents and religious institutions in neighboring Lorraine, and by Nov. 21 of that year the Bishop of Metz six of the eight Cathedral canons and 270 priests had been driven out of that French province and allowed to carry with them only 100 marks and less than 100 pounds of luggage. "With a stroke of the pen," Bishop Bornwasser said, "all monasteries for men were suppressed and nuns were deprived of their bread and their labor. I must refrain from enumerating here the extremely tragic details which are deplorable for the good name of Germany."

The same things happened in Luxembourg, he added, and then asked: "But have German troops expelled from occupied France the women of ill fame who are corrupting the souls and the bodies of many men and youths, and thus causing unspeakable grief to their families? If so I have not heard of it."

**Hurricane in Size**  
When Bishop Bornwasser visited Metz the Capital of Lorraine and once a part of the Diocese of Trier last December, he found that conditions there were worse than had been reported, but when an old friend from Germany told me that, according to what he had heard, things would soon be as bad for the Church in Germany, I was incredulous and said in time of war "I consider such a thing impossible. How mistaken I was!"

The tempest that struck Luxembourg and Lorraine and Alsace as well, has become a hurricane in Germany. And I am not speaking of a small sector here in the west, because I am reliably informed that elsewhere in Germany, particularly in the Ostmark (Austria) and the Warthegau (annexed Poland) conditions are even worse.

In the Ecclesiastical Province of Cologne, of which the Diocese of Trier is a part, Bishop Bornwasser said 47 abbey, motherhouses and monasteries have been suppressed "placed under protection as the Gestapo says" or expropriated; and from 25 churches and chapels "Christ in the Blessed Sacrament has been expelled."


The reason for the expulsions, when given is that the religious are hostile to the German State.

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The people of Trier know better than that, Bishop Bornwasser declared, these same priests and religious are the brothers and sisters of the men who have died on the battlefields of Russia or are lying maimed in hospitals, and the Bishop added, "you who have driven them out have done great harm to the German people and to Germany." When one considers that these exiled and ejected religious are close blood relations to tens of thousands of other German, Bishop Bornwasser believes that the full extent and effect of these acts which "destroy respect for the law" may be comprehended.

In the midst of "the most horrible and hardest war that Germany has ever known," Bishop Bornwasser warned, such lawless and unjustifiable aggression against defenseless and unarmed men and unprotected women are "laying the axe to the root of the State."

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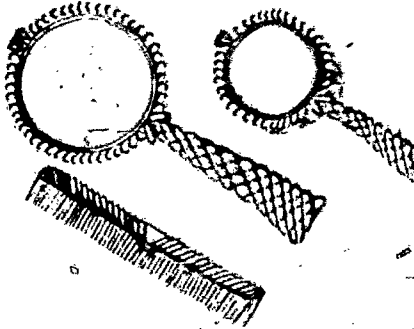


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