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WASHINGTON —(NC)— The Pope's Pregram for a Just and Durable Peace is the subject of three seemy contests sponsored by the Cathelic Action Program Service, it is announced by the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The Program Service, which consists of a subscription to the N. C. W. C. monthly magazine Cathelic Acties, and of monthly program suggestions and pertinent pamphlet material on subjects of Cathelic social Action Department, with the cooperation of other Departments of the N. C. W. C., to Catholic high schools, colleges, and Newman Clubs throughout the country. The general subject of the Service for the year 1941-42 is "Bulwarks of Democracy."

Democracy."

Students in the 275 educational institutions subscribing to the Service are religible for participation. Three prices of 226 each will be awarded for the best essay: (1) by a high student on "How the Catholic School Can Best Promote the Pope's Peace Program; (2) by a student of Catholic college on: "How the Catholic College Can Best Promote the Pope's Peace Program"; (3) by a member of a Newman Club on "How the Newman Club can Best Promote the Pope's Peace Program." The contest closes March "30.

According To The Doctor

Twenty minutes, maybe ten, but take the time. Forget business. Relax. Close our eyes.

If a nap is out of the queation be ause of circumstances, a short "c itnap" will serve a good purpose. Many find that an honest to goodness nap interferes with their sleep at night. Many find that when they fell askeep, just for a nay.

fall asleep just for a nap - they sleep for four or five hours. But nervous persons are likely to feel soothed and refreshed for hav-ing had a short afternoon shooze, preferably immediately after lunch

r noontime dinner, whichever it is. A brief nap gives a benefit all out of proportion to its duration. While it is hardly consonant with the bustling American tempo of life, it is all the more needed as an anti-dote for the hurry-hurry habits of

For children, the nap period is especially invaluable and often necessary. Babies and growing young-sters can be seriously harmed if they spend less than half of the 24 hours of the day in sleep. The day of reckoning will come in ad-olescence(maybe sooner, and the

olescence(maybe sooner, and the doctors will be blamed because they can't do anything about it.
Young people, collegians especially, frequently pride themselves on their supposed ability to go on and on and on with very little deep. Then they wonder why they rrack up when they get into the serious competition of sarning, or trying to earn, a living.

Move Headquarters To Escape Air Raids

NEW ORLEANS - The American Brothers of the Sacred Heart not only have moved from Gulu to an-other part of Africa as a protestation against air raids, but are now Brother 'I don't believe an sirplane could find us even if the pilot were given the best of directions." "Our new location, west of the Nile, is 60 miles from the post office and four mics from the Belgian Congo,"

Brother Constantits & formet member of the faculty of St. Aloy-sius College, New Orleans, posted his letter at Nyapea, Uganda, Brit-ish East Africa. It reached New Orleans three months later.

Prepare For National **Eucharistic Congress**

RIO DE JANEIRO.—In prepara-tion for the Fourth National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sao Paulo next September, several of the suffragan dioceses are hold-ing-congresses:

The most recent was that of the The most recent was that of the Diocese of Sorocaba. Three thousand men received Holy Communion at a Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Gaston Liberal Philips. Mass. See See Carlos of Pinhalta. Mass. Rev. Jose Gaspar de Affenses, Architectop of Sea Paulo, celebrated Science, Mass. In the open air on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Owen B. McGuire

How 'Democracy' Worked In A Many-Party System

HOW IT WORKS

on the sidelines. This insures his relections—and it makes them. Its "independence"—and irresponsibil. Ministers, have full control of the ity—for what may occur. But one machinery of the elections. It has of the Ministers Æsigns. Usually (in the Minister of the Interior) the reason is not really that he personally disagrees with what the which in those countries is not really that the limitation of the police force, which in those countries is not really that the limitation of the limitation the reason is not really that he personally disagrees with what the cabinet is doing, or because it is not for the common good; but because the following he depends on in the parliament, or the local bosses back in the constituencies that elected his followers, are not getting all they bargained for when he entered the government. His resignation does not necessarily mean the fall of the government. It creates what they call "a partial crisis." If his party has not a large following in the parliament, the Prime Minister may by a bargain with some other party, waiting for its share of the spoils, find another to take his place, and the "crisis" is over. But if several Ministers become disgruntled and resign the Prime Minister may not be able to replace them and keep a majority in the parliament. This creates a "total crisis." The whole Ministry resigns and the Prime Minister places the resignation in the hands of the King for President — it doesn't really, matter which).

Then begin, what may be called doesn't reall, matter which).

Then begins what may be called the vicious circle. The resignation

BEG PARDON!

the Editor: Sir, printers' errors in-may contribu-tion of last week will. I fear lead the reader to suspect that I am, like my chuntryman Pe-lagius, "an ignorint dolt whose brain has been clogged with Irish, stirabouts," I am made to, say that St. Ita's Ode is a specimen of pagan poetry! I did write that Dr. Sigerson divides his book into seven sections, that the second of these sections, deals with the "Early Ch istian, period," and that the first specimen given by Dr. Sigerson of that period is St. Ita's Ode.

In speaking of alliteration as a beautifying element (as the Dector claims) I wrote that attempts at beautifying can be overdone—for instance with the write that "beautifying poetry"
could be overdone with the lipstick. O. R. M.

I have said that the countries of Continental Europe have never it does or used to be in England, mean an appeal to the electorate, first the Prime Minister "consults" with the King. The King may, and usually did, advise the Prima Minister to form a new government and may exist and has in fact existed, better in monarchies than it has in seme republics. It exists beet, I believe, where there is most local freedom; where, namely, the small local units are allowed to manage their ewn affairs without interference by the national government. The more restricted such local freedom is, the more restricted is also personni freedom. The founders of this Republic saw that and provided accerdingly.

It would not be just to lump all the countries of Continental Europe in the same category in this respect. For this vicious many-party system there are various causes in various countries. I will try to explain this at another time. As a concrete example of the system let us take Spain as it was ment, then and then entired parliament, and when the "crisis cannot be solved with the actual parliament, then and then entire papears appear with hig headlines: "Crisis unsolved."

SHOWS VEGOUSNESS.

causes in various countries. I will try ta explain this at another time. As a concrete example of the system let us take Spain as it was under the monarchy. And what I say of Spain can metatis metamidis, be applied to France, Italy and Portugal during the same period.

The government, the Executive or Administration as we call it in this country—depends for its life on a majority in the Parliament. It —the government, which is also called the Ministry is composed of, let us say, twelve Ministers. Secretaries we would call them in the U.S. They represent almost as many parties in the parliament, although usually the party to which the Prime Minister belongs is represented by three or four. How these are brought together and temporarily kept together will, I think, appear more intelligible if we consider how a government falls and another has to be formed to take its place

HOW IT WORKS

If and when the "crisis cannot the solved with the actual parliament, then and then enly an appeal to the electorate becomes necessary. What happens then shows the viciousness of the system, and its hopelessness as a democracy where the will of the people would in the viciousness of the system, and its hopelessness as a democracy where the will of the people would office that would be held responsible, and there was no one party in office that would be held responsible. Hence also there is now no my party that can make it an appeal to the electorate. In this situation (of an insoluble "crisis") the King (or President) calls in a leader of some group and commissioned to take its place

The "leader" thus commissioned by the King (or President) may have been one of the Cabinet that If and when the "crisis cannot be solved with the actual parlia-

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have been one of the Cabinet that
Let us suppose such a govern fell, or he may be the "leader" of Let us suppose such a government in office and having a majority in the Parliament. One of the Ministers becomes dissatisfied with some public policy advocated by his colleagues. I might say here that the Ministers composing the government are not necessarily the "leader" of the various parties. The "leader" often appoints one of his henchmen, himself remaining on the sidelines. This insures his clued to the sidelines. This insures his Ministers, have full control of the

> present for more of them. The result was that the people of those countries lost faith in parliamen-tarianism. I have known whole constituencies in those countries constituencies in those countries where not 10 per cent of the electorate ever went to the polls; and if you asked them, when they grumbled about "those scoundrels who govern us," why they didn't use the ballot and turn the scoundrels who shows the ballot and turn the scoundrels. drels out, the reply which became a proverb was "Wirat's the use. The government always was." And even if they did go to the polls the government counted the vees; and even, again, if the scoundrels were turned out, another band of scoundiels took their place and the farce began again. This was the primal cause of the dictatorships, especially in the "Latin" countries.

LITTERGICAL DAY

Atchison, Kan. -The first Litur-Atchison, Kan.—The first Litur-gical Day for Kansas, growing out of the National Liturgical Weeks of the last two years, was held at St. Benedict's Abby, here. Under the patronage of the Meet Rev. Paul C. Schwite, Blahop of Leaven-worth; the clergy of the three Kan-ma dioceses met to discuss aspects of the liturgy touching period life.