

World Acceptance Of Law Of Nations Is Essential To Peace, Bishops Declare

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Sincere, honest, earnest acceptance by all the nations, large and small, of the Law of Nations is "the prime necessity for a righteous peace," the Bishops' Committee on the Pope's Peace Points declared in a statement issued here Jan. 3. The Law of Nations, it was pointed out, is "nothing more than right and wrong in international relations."

Text of Bishops' Statement On Peace

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"In his peace message of Christmas Eve our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, elaborating in the midst of this terrible world catastrophe on what he had written in his first Encyclical Letter, captures the attention of honest minds in all the world. Daily as this calamity becomes more and more widespread and intense, it is clearer and clearer that the prime necessity for a righteous peace is the sincere, honest, earnest acceptance by all the nations, large and small, of the Law of Nations. This Law is basically nothing more than right and wrong in international relations. There is a wealth of precious thought on the Law of the Nations or, as it was called in other days, *ius gentium*, which should be studied now, diligently and profoundly, by all who want to make the victory of our country in this war the beginning of sound world prosperity a price well worth our sufferings and sacrifices.

"The Law of the Nations does not impose on any nation the surrender of legitimate sovereignty or the abandonment of its cultural resources. It envisions all nations living under the Law of the All-Just God and prizes righteousness above material aggrandizement, without however overlooking the temporal happiness of peoples. When hate and passion and pride are cast aside, human reason easily discovers the fundamental provisions of the Law of the Nations. With happily opportune reference to large details our Holy Father calls to the leaders of men everywhere to make this Law the basis of their peace structure.

"Let it not be said that all this is mere idealism, something to be hoped for and yet something very impractical in this world of ugly, cruel international realities. Truth is the greatest reality, and to lose heart in the power of truth is to confess that all our noblest aspirations, world peace in righteousness, are futile, and human reason itself capable of nothing finer than doubt and hopelessness. Let it never be said that which is the desire and a dent hope of all good men is beyond realization. There was a time when the Law of Nations was in force in the Christian West and, although na-

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Charged with the obligation of making better and more widely known the peace principles set forth in the pronouncements of the Holy Father, the Bishops' Committee is composed of the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago; the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Bishop of Omaha, and the Most Rev. Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo. The Bishops' Committee on the Pope's Peace Points was appointed by the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which was authorized to take this action at the Annual Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops held in this city in November.

America's War Aims
The Law of Nations, the statement of the Bishops' Committee emphasizes, does not impose on any nation the surrender of its legitimate sovereignty or the abandonment of its cultural resources, but envisions all nations living under the Law of the All-Just God and prizes righteousness above material aggrandizement, without however overlooking the temporal happiness of peoples. The statement adds with regard to America's war aims: "The things which the Pope points out as requisites for the peace which our victory will establish, we place in our war aims and make the very prime reason for our hardships and sacrifices, disappointments and triumphs."

The Bishops' Committee made known that a Preface is being prepared to a Manual which it will issue in the near future presenting a concise interpretation of the Papal peace program. This Preface will be a general statement which will comprehend the main points of all the Papal pronouncements and give a clear-cut definition of the Committee's undertaking, serving as an interpretation for all its efforts.

Family Communion Sunday
There is only One Being Who can be trusted without limit because He alone is Infinite Truth, and incapable.

Msgr. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, Elevated To Domestic Prelate

FORT WAYNE (N. C.)—The Very Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, United States Army Chief of Chaplains, has been elevated by Pope Pius XII to the rank of Domestic Prelate, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, according to word received here by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne.

Ordained June 8, 1908 after completing his theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., Monsignor Arnold was named a Papal Chamberlain on June 8, 1939.

MILWAUKEE—The labors and achievements of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold as Chief of Chaplains, United States Army, are extolled in the current issue of *The Living Church*, an Episcopalian church publication, which places him on its 1941 Roll of Honor.

Chaplain Arnold is one of two non-Episcopalians placed on the honor list. The citation reads as follows:

"Brig. Gen. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army. Under his leadership and through the cooperation of General Marshall and the War Department the corps of chaplains has become more definitely spiritual than in the past, suitable chaplains are being built at every army post, and the religious life of men in service is receiving more adequate ministrations than ever before. Although himself a Roman Catholic priest, Chaplain Arnold is the 'Bishop' of all of the army chaplains—Anglican, Roman, Protestant and Jewish—and is equally a father in God to them all."

Family Communion Sunday
"Undivided Service"
Passaic, N. J.—Offering its "undivided service to the Government of the United States of America in this emergency," the Slovak Catholic Sokol, through *Katolícky Selsk*, its official organ, declares that "we are all Americans and regardless of party ties we stand united and strong and invincible, since we have a common and just American cause to serve and support."

New Ordinary



Rev. Dr. William F. O'Connor

Ex-Chaplain, World War Hero, Is Named Bishop of Superior

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—A former World War chaplain who received the French Croix de Guerre for bravery in action, the Rev. Dr. William Patrick O'Connor, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas' Church, Milwaukee, has been named by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to be Bishop of the Diocese of Superior, Wis. It is announced in word received from the Holy See by His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

In the last war, Bishop-elect O'Connor served first at Camp Douglas, Wis., and at Camp McArthur, Tex., before going overseas with the 32d Division. He saw action in the Alsace Sector, May 18 to July 21, 1918; the Aisne-Marne Offensive, July 29 to August 7, 1918; the Oise-Aisne Offensive, August 26 to September 6, 1918, and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, September 6 to November 6, 1918. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for bravery, April 13, 1919, and cited in Divisional Orders.

Bishop-elect O'Connor, who succeeds the late Bishop Theodore H. Reverman, was born in Milwaukee on October 18, 1886.

Root of World Ills Found In Reason's Perversion, Avers Walter Lippmann

PHILADELPHIA—The discontent and the social and economic ills of the world today are rooted in a rejection of the view of a man as a being whose reason guides his desires and substitution of the view that "desire is sovereign and reason is the instrument for serving and satisfying desire."

This belief was expressed by Walter Lippmann, noted author and newspaper columnist, in the annual Association address before members of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Dec. 29. The Association held its seventeenth annual meeting here, Dec. 29 and 30, under the patronage of His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, and of the Catholic universities, colleges and seminaries of the Philadelphia area. General theme of the meeting was "Philosophy and Order."

Representing Nazareth College of Rochester, Department of Philosophy, was the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Lutz of the faculty.

Mr. Lippmann spoke on "Man's Image of Man," at the general evening session, Dec. 29, at which the presidential address, on "Man, the Image of God," was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, President of the Association for the past year.

Stating that "modern man, as he is turned out by our secular schools and as he is shaped by the prevailing popular culture, is a being whose desires are limited not by his reason which represents the universal order of things but only by the difficulty of getting more and more satisfaction," Mr. Lippmann said that a realization of this fact is necessary to an understanding of "the discontent which is shaking the world."

The noted writer pointed out that the great failure of the modern world is a failure due to the wrong conception of man's nature. Man is the creature of his desires. Desire is sovereign and reason is the instrument for serving and satisfying desire.

"The social problem," he stated, "at bottom is not that of satisfying men's objective needs; modern technology is able to do that. The social problem of the modern world arises not out of the objective difficulty of providing an adequate material existence but out of men's subjective expectations, which because they are unlimited and insatiable, cause violence, inequality, hatred and frustration. Core of Unhappiness

"There can never be contentment and peace of mind for modern men because their desires are irrational and, therefore, always expanding and forever unsatisfied," Mr. Lippmann continued. "Their insatiable desires are an unending torture like that which the gods inflicted on Sisyphus, in which they hunger though they eat, thirst though they drink, feel they are naked though they are clothed, long for love and cannot consummate it, seek and never find, achieve and always fail.

"This is the bitter core of the unhappiness of the modern man. He is an unhappy man and therefore, a dangerous man, because he could not ever be satisfied. His true nature, which is to find peace in the rational measure of things, has been deformed by desire that knows no limit and can find no rest.

"At bottom the personal life of a man will be a disordered life," Mr. Lippmann declared, "if he has no rational command over his desires."

Citing the disorder that results from the modern secular way of life, the speaker said the dissolution of Western society ends in an organized barbarism as demonstrated in lands where it is totally advanced.

Ordered Discipline
"The outcome proves," he stated, "that above all the other necessities of human nature, above the satisfaction of any other need, above hunger, love, pleasure, fame—even life itself—what a man most needs is the conviction that he is contained within the discipline of an ordered existence. Man can bear anything except a sense of his own utter demoralization.

"As long as he has the support of a discipline, which is rational and transcends his immediate promptings, he will endure discomfort, pain and danger. That is why men with faith can face martyrdom while men without it feel

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Stricken When They Are Not Invited to Dinner

Firmness Needed
Monsignor Sheen's address gave the complement needed by Mr. Lippmann's speech. Monsignor Sheen pointed out that the "philosophia perennis" gives the security and discipline which alone enable man to set limit and measure to his desires. In a conflict, he said, the modern relativistic philosophy which knows no absolute, must always fail because it has no firmness.

The totalitarian philosophy is a solution—although the wrong one—to the weakness of relativism, the distinguished prelate-erator declared. Man has failed to be the image of god and therefore he fails. A pseudo religion has then taken the place of philosophy in the totalitarian state. The strength and firmness of a disciplined people faces the weakness and instability of a relativistic democratic state.

"We must now choose between the discipline of Valhalla and that of the Cross," declared Monsignor Sheen. "We shall get discipline from one or the other. The choice is ours."

At the Association's business meeting, Dec. 30, the Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Schabert, Dean of St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn., was elected President; the Rev. Dr. Leo R. Ward, C.S.C., of Notre Dame University, Vice-President, and the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Hart, of the Catholic University, Secretary-Treasurer.

Family Communion Sunday

K. of C. Bowlers Map Anti-Profanity Drive

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A pledge of support to the President in the country's present crisis has been sent to President Roosevelt by Timothy P. Galvin, Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, on behalf of the Fourth Degree.

Mr. Galvin's letter, published in the Knights of Columbus News, states that the Fourth Degree "is especially dedicated to the virtue of patriotism and its membership stands ready to make any sacrifice that may be called for in defense of our common country so that human liberty and American ideals may not be banished from the earth."

Family Communion Sunday

HEADS CHINA MISSION
Maryknoll, N. Y.—Sister Marie Marcelline Grondin, of Westbrook, Me., who has been a missionary in South China for the past six years, was recently appointed Superior of a new house at Lao Fon Hoan where with another Maryknoll Sister she will direct the work of a group of native Sisters known as the Sister Catechists of Our Lady.

3 NATIONAL BROADCASTS ON HOLY NAME SOCIETY PLANNED FOR JANUARY 11

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—Three national broadcasts on the Holy Name Society will be heard in connection with the transferred Feast of the Holy Name on Jan. 11, national headquarters of the Holy Name Society here announced today.

On the morning of Jan. 11, every Holy Name Society in the Archdiocese of Chicago will hold a Communion Breakfast. The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will speak at one of these breakfasts and the address will be carried over networks of the National Broadcasting Company and the Mutual Broadcasting System from 10:30 to 11:30 P. M. Central Standard Time.

In the afternoon, the Very Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., National Director of the Holy Name Society, will speak in the "Church of the Air" period of the Columbia Broadcasting System from 1:00 to 1:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.