

Attacks On Catholic President Scored By Swiss Daily Paper

GENEVA, Switzerland — That attacks made upon the Catholic President of the Swiss Confederation in non-Catholic German-language papers, published in the German-speaking section of Switzerland, are of Nazi origin, is implied in an editorial in *Le Journal de Geneve*, one of the most influential of Swiss dailies.

Norway Bishops Quit; Pledge To Continue Spiritual Duties

The bishops of the Norwegian State Church (Lutheran), all seven of whom have resigned their positions in protest against oppressive measures of the Nazi Quisling Government, have emphasized that they will continue "insofar as it is possible for a non-official" to perform their spiritual duties. "News of Norway," issued by the Royal Norwegian Government's press representative in Washington, states:

In their letters of resignation, "News of Norway" says, the bishops stated that "the spiritual duties which were given to me by ordination at the Lord's altar are still mine with God and with right. To be a preacher of the Gospel, the congregation's minister, and spiritual adviser of our pastors is and will continue to be my duty. I shall continue to look after these duties insofar as it is possible for a non-official."

Two specific actions of the Quisling Government against which the bishops protested and which led to their resignation were, "News of Norway" says, "attempts made by Nazi-directed police to block a church service at the Troldheim Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 1, and the Quisling edict of early February requiring all children between the ages of 10 and 12 years to enroll in the Nazi ungdomslager, Norwegian version of Germany's Hitlerjugend."

Another release of "News of Norway" quotes from a letter from the bishops of the Swedish Church (Lutheran) expressing sympathy for the oppression being suffered by "our Norwegian brother-people," and stating: "With force and with faith in God the Norwegian Church is fighting for the right of the Christian conscience and for the inviolability of spiritual freedom."

Bishop Gawlina Visits War Front

LONDON.—Bishop Gawlina, Ordinary to the Polish Forces in Great Britain, is in Russia visiting the new Polish armies which are being trained and fitted there. It is announced here by the Polish Government news service.

It is expected that the Bishop will be away from England for some months.

In Russia he will settle details concerning spiritual ministrations to the Polish troops.

With him is his chaplain, Father Chrostowski, O.P.

CATHOLICS IN UNOCCUPIED FRANCE PRAY FOR VICTIMS

VICHY. — Catholics in cities, towns and villages in the unoccupied section of France are adopting war-stricken localities in occupied France to remember in their prayers. Even in the occupied section, dioceses are adopting prison camps.

His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, announced more than a month ago that his Archdiocese had chosen the camps of the eleventh region, all along the Rhine, where more than 110,000 Frenchmen are prisoners. His Eminence asked that every parish hold a day of prayer for the spiritual needs of the prisoners, recommending Sunday in Lent with a special sermon on this subject. The faithful are asked to offer Holy Communion for the intention of the prisoners," he said.

OFFICIALS LAUD NUNS — The educational work of nuns in this section was praised by High dignitaries of the State in the course of the annual College Day, which took place at St. Thomas' College.

The editorial deplors "polemics of this type," and points out that Swiss history confirms that "religious conflicts constituted a real danger to the country."

The present, it adds, would be "ill-chosen for a revival of them since dissension among ourselves would certainly not serve the national interests." The editorial concludes: "We know who wants to make a breach in our national unanimity."

In a radio address to the Swiss people, President Etter did not minimize the dangers that confront Switzerland and the greater dangers that threaten.

His words found a responsive chord in the hearts of most Swiss; nevertheless, the German-language press found fault because President Etter, in his speech, placed Switzerland "under the protection of Almighty God," and recommended personal prayers for the intercession of Blessed Nicholas of Flue whom he termed "the father of the Fatherland."

Protestant Clergyman Hails Co-op Movement At Catholic Institution

By CHARLES BETICO ANTIGONISH, N. S. (N.C.) — Things cannot go on after the war the way they have done in the past; there must be a changeover where men can have the decency

of life, where production for profit will give way to production for human service and need.

This declaration was made at a cooperative store managers' conference held at St. Francis Xavier University by the Rev. J. D. Nelson MacDonald, president of the Nova Scotia Cooperative Educational Council.

Mr. MacDonald, a Protestant minister, has long been one of the keenest exponents of, and workers for, the Antigonish cooperative movement sponsored by St. Francis Xavier University. It was at this Catholic institution that the cooperative movement had its beginning.

"The sacredness of human personality will be emphasized in the new world order that must come after the war," Mr. MacDonald told the conference. Cooperatives, he said, were not only helping the economic condition of members but also were building character and a new society through their cooperation of effort and purpose.

A. S. McIntyre, speaking on the credit unions which were founded by the cooperative movement launched at St. Francis Xavier University and lend money to members to meet their needs at bare cost, said there were now 201 of these credit unions, or cooperative banks, in Nova Scotia with 35,000 members and a capital of more than \$1,000,000.

Loans totalling \$4,761,825 had been made by the credit unions to members to date, and of this amount only \$900 had to be classed as bad debts.

The Rev. Dr. M. M. Coady, head of the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, compared the old system of doing business with the cooperative system.

The old way was based on the profit motive, but the cooperative method was on pay for services rendered. In the cooperative system had been discovered "a technique for making a living without taking one cent of toll from other

human beings," Father Coady stated. "The cooperative system of doing business is absolutely just, scientific and fair. To those who believe in it cooperation offers security."

Orders First Communion Rite Deferred In France Till Age of 12 Years

LYON. — His Eminence Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyon and Primate of Gaul, has announced that there will be no First Communion ceremonies in his Archdiocese this year. His Eminence has raised the age of First Communicants from seven to twelve years, and has instructed pastors to require three years' regular attendance at catechism. He is of the opinion, however, that Confirmation be administered at the end of the second year of catechetical instruction.

This step has been taken by Cardinal Gerlier, after consultation with parish priests, to counteract the lack of proper religious instruction in France, and in the hope of producing Catholics who will not be "Christian by tradition," but actually by conviction and "impregnated with the truth of the Gospel in personal, family and civic life."

In the Diocese of Strasbourg, First Communion has been deferred to the age of fourteen.

HOLY FATHER HOLDS FIRST AUDIENCE SINCE ILLNESS

VATICAN CITY. — Fully recovered from a light cold, His Holiness Pope Pius XII this morning held a general audience at which almost 3,000 persons were received. The Holy Father was acclaimed



The map above shows not only the territory in which the war is being waged so bitterly but also the ecclesiastical divisions located in this part of the world. The situation grows more ominous daily. Anxiety for our missionary priests and sisters is continually increasing. However, despite the added hardships they will remain loyal by their little flocks of Christians to succor them in their time of strife and suffering.

Within this territory are located many American missionaries some native Rochesterians, other visitors in our city within recent years. It is stated at the diocesan office, So-

ciety for the Propagation of the Faith.

When the island of Mindanao (1) was cut in two by Japanese forces, it was necessary to appoint a new Superior of the Jesuit priests in the southern islands of the Philippines group. The choice fell to the Rev. Joseph Lucas, S.J. Father Lucas visited in Rochester in 1936 and impressed everyone with the story he related of Christian advances in the Pacific Isle.

Monsignor G. Martens of the Schell Fathers and Prefect Apostolic of Makassar (2) has been a long-time friend of the office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The New Guinea Group (3-5-10) prominent in the daily news recently is the scene of labor for Sister Theophane, sister of Rufus Maier of Clinton Avenue, and Sister Francesa, SSp.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bott of Portland Avenue.

Capital City of Kieia (15) in the North Solomon Islands, frequently called the Gems of the Pacific, is the episcopal see of the Most Rev. Thomas J. Wade, S.M. Bishop Wade is a native of Providence, R. I. and on his recent trip to America favored us with a visit. When it was suggested to him to vacate his See for reasons of greater safety, the Bishop refused to abandon his priests and people for his own welfare.

"We solicit of all our readers a daily crusade of prayer for the missionaries stationed in the war theatres of the world. By your prayers put them into the safe keeping of the Blessed Virgin Mary; by your intercession make the Little Flower of Jesus their special protectress," is the appeal, this week, to all dioceses of the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Nuns Volunteer

Ottawa — Eager to do their bit in the Canadian war effort 30 nuns, members of the Sisters of Wisdom, have offered themselves as blood donors to the voluntary blood donor service.

by those present as he passed to and from the audience chamber in the gestatorial chair. At the conclusion of a discourse which he pronounced to the many newly-married couples present a large number of those nearest the Holy Father pressed forward to kiss his hand.

Reach Hawaii



To assist Bishop James J. Sweehey, of Honolulu, in his spiritual work as Vicar Delegate of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Pacific, these two San Francisco priests have arrived in Hawaii. Upper photo, Rev. Charles S. Genger, O.S.A., St. Edward's Church, San Francisco, and lower photo, Rev. Dr. Edwin J. Kennedy, Assistant Chaplain of the Archdiocese of San Francisco (N.C.W.C.)

27 Years Toting Buckets Ends For Nuns Now Supplied Running Water In Hospital

FORT SMITH, N. W. T. — There is great rejoicing these days at the Grey Nuns Hospital in the Mackenzie vicariate of the Canadian Northwest.

After 27 years of carrying heavy water buckets from the well to the hospital to supply all the needs of that busy community the Sisters are now enjoying the luxury of running water.

When the Most Rev. Gabriel Brynnat, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Mackenzie, built the Fort Smith

Hospital in 1914 his limited budget could not include an appropriation for a water system. However, as the result of an article by the Rev. William A. Leising, O.M.I., describing the handicaps under which the Sisters were working, generous friends supplied the necessary funds.

When the Grey Nuns arrived in Mackenzie over a quarter of a century ago they found their greatest problem was to convince the natives that their treatment for ill-

nesses was superior to that of the medicine man. How successful they have been may be judged by the fact that today there are five hospitals in this district, some of which are complete with obstetrical clinics, laboratories and X-ray departments. However, when epidemic sweeps over the distant and remote settlements the dogged provides the ambulance service or else the Sisters "mush" 25 and sometimes 100 miles to treat a patient.