CHURCH GROUPS PROTEST DEPORTATION OF JEWS

NEW YORK — Representatives of the Catholic Church in Holland and the Netherlands Reformed Church have protested against Nazi proposals to deport all the Jews of that country to Eastern Europe, according to information received by the Netherlands Information Bureau here.

The protest, it was stated, came after a report was spread the Jews of Holland would be sent to forced labor. Deputy Reich Commissioner Schmid was quoted as having said in an address that "everyone hindering the execution of our task must, whatever his nationality, expect the same fate as the Jews."

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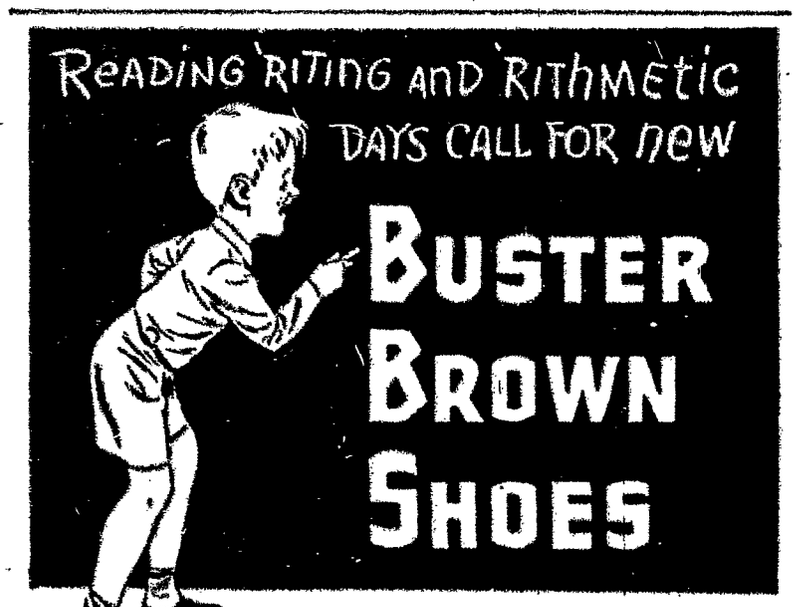

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Visitor Tells 'Sword Of Spirit' Aims

NEW YORK — An organization with more than 50,000 members achieved in little more than a year, and all actively dedicated to spreading Christian principles of morality, was described by Miss Barbara Ward, 28-year-old Englishwoman, in an interview at the Hotel Barclay here. Miss Ward, who is foreign editor of The Economist, one of Britain's leading weekly journals, has just arrived in this country.

Miss Ward was speaking of the Sword of the Spirit, sponsored by His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, in December, 1940, and already a potent force in English thought. Miss Ward is honorary secretary of the organization.

"We are striving to bring people to a realization of the importance of Christian principles in the conduct of their daily life, and especially in the achievement of the peace after the war," she said. "The principles for peace promulgated by the Holy Father, and addressed to persons of all faiths who believe in Christian principles, are the basis for the only lasting peace, and for the only improvement which can come to the world."

Training Group Leaders

The principal method of achieving the Sword of the Spirit's ends is to inculcate a realization of the importance of a Christian outlook in all the people, Miss Ward explained. To do this, she said, stress is being laid on training individuals who will become in effect group leaders leading their fellows toward active Christianity.

The Sword of the Spirit is cooperating closely with a Protestant organization called Religion and Life, and the two are linked by a coordinating committee. But in no sense, Miss Ward said, could the Sword of the Spirit be called a movement for the consolidation of the Christian churches.

"Union will come, in Almighty God's good time, but we are not primarily interested in that," she said.

Nor through any stretch of the imagination can the Sword of the Spirit be called a political party, the English writer declared. "We want our people to play an active part in life, as citizens, and to attempt to mold public opinion, but we have no political intents nor ambitions," she said.

Vice-president of the organization is Christopher Dawson, Catholic writer whom Miss Ward described as one of the most influential men in English letters. "He's the only one both the Left and the Right will listen to," she explained.

Considered one of London's best informed experts on foreign affairs, Miss Ward is convinced that no improvement in the state of the world can be achieved unless Christian principles, as put forth by the Pope, are used as the basis of the peace settlement. And she wants the new organization to take the lead in molding public opinion, and thereby official opinion, to this way of thinking.

Miss Ward reported that since the organization of the Sword 16 branches of the movement have been formed in cities throughout Great Britain and more are contemplated in the near future.

Miss Ward is to leave here shortly for a three-month tour of the United States "to try to find out all I can about the country, even though I realize it's a job for a lifetime."

Gets Navy Cross

Lieutenant Anthony J. Quigley, USNR, a pilot from the aircraft carrier "Lexington," who was awarded the Navy Cross. A graduate of Loyola University of Los Angeles and former basketball star, Lieutenant Quigley lived for a while among former cannibals on a Pacific island when his plane was crippled in the Battle of the Coral Sea. Official Navy photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Sees Little Progress In Catholic Film Use

LOS ANGELES.—The growth of Catholic literature and the expansion of the Catholic Press in the past twenty years are in sharp contrast to the use which American Catholics have made of the motion pictures and the radio as means of advancing the message of Christ, Daniel E. Doran, president of the Catholic Film and Radio Guild, said in opening the first national meeting of the organization here this week.

Mr. Doran paid tribute to the "Catholic Hour" produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, the "Ave Maria Hour," produced by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement; the "High-way to Heaven" program conducted by Father Felix, O.S.B., and the Defenders of the Faith, and to the Morning Offering program of the Jesuit Fathers as striking contributions in the radio field.

Regarding the films, Mr. Doran said that various attempts to launch Catholic film projects and resulted in poor products and financial loss.

Catholic Study Group In Switzerland Grows

GENEVA — The Catholic Studies Group of the University of Geneva, founded 30 years ago, intends to extend its activities to other Swiss university towns — except Fribourg which has its Catholic University — and to open a Catholic University Students Club at Geneva. This club, on the rue de Canolle, will be inaugurated next month. It is to serve as a center of Catholic culture and the series of courses, conducted in recent years under the auspices of the School of Catholic Action, will be given there.

Woman (learning to drive): But I don't know what to do."

Her husband. Just imagine that I'm driving.

Studying Music?

The roar of guns is a poor background for the cultivation of the gentler arts so we must turn our attention to the quiet confines of the Vicariate of Nyassa, if we are to pursue our musical education. The Negro love of song finds expression in the Catholic Church services in Africa, about which our correspondent furnishes the following details:

"During Mass," he writes, "the prayers and hymns vary from one day to another. But after Mass it is always the same. The 'Behold O Kind and Most Sweet Jesus' and prayers for the Pope are always followed by three very beautiful plain chant pieces. First of all the antiphone for peace 'Da pacem Domine,' thrice repeated: a beautiful 2nd mode melody. Then the lenten 'Attende Domine', which I think one of the most beautiful 5th mode pieces in the whole of plain chant and one which our natives never tire of singing. Finally the 'Parce Domine', thrice repeated: a simple piece of the first mode which makes a fitting conclusion."

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