

Evils of Totalitarian State Condemned In Seminar Declaration

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—The totalitarian State, denying the human person and oppressing him, making the State the very purpose of life, "betrays the common good and must suffer the condemnation of every civilized and Christian conscience."

The seminar called together by the National Catholic Welfare Conference brought into three weeks of conferences and study distinguished figures among the hierarchy (clergy and laity) of a dozen different countries in North, Central and South America. Sessions were held in this city at Notre Dame University, in Detroit, Buffalo, Brooklyn and New York City, and when they concluded their deliberations here on Saturday the members asserted that "we have found the beginning of the collaboration of all the Catholics in the New World for the making of a New World Order."

Not only did the members of the seminar strike out boldly against totalitarian States in their final statement, but they also said "even when not totalitarian any government that suppresses the individual or persecutes him in his essential rights deserves a complete condemnation."

Christian Democracy
Democracy, on the other hand, members of the seminar state, "is certainly opposed to totalitarianism and when it is directed by Christian principles constitutes a system under which Christian living can be best achieved."

The statement, which announces in the beginning that the members of the seminar "are in substantial agreement upon it while differing upon lesser details," declares that "the crisis of our civilization that culminates now in the war is, be-

fore everything, a tragedy of morality."

Social Reform Needed

The members warn sternly that "social reform is necessary immediately" and that "in conformity with the teachings of the Church and particularly with the Encyclicals on the Condition of Labor and the Reconstruction of the Social Order, the Christian concept of labor must be reestablished."

Declaring that "the fact is plain that upon the Americas rests the enormous burden of sharing the leadership of a good post-war world," the statement says "therefore upon the Catholics of the Americas rests a burden of immeasurable magnitude."

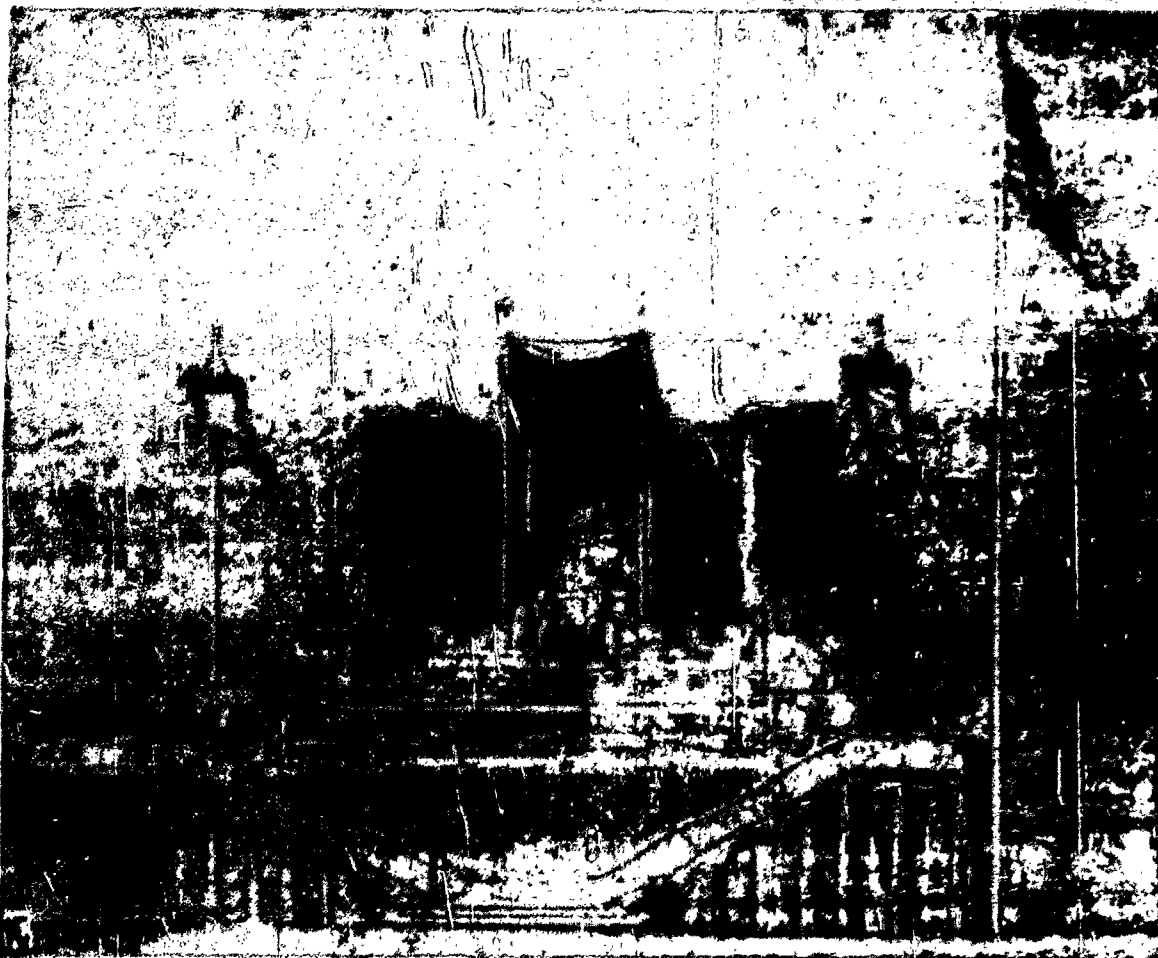
The members of the seminar state flatly that "international collaboration, whole and sincere, is imperative to conquer the crisis and to organize the post war world on a firm foundation." "The crisis cannot be resolved without a close and effective cooperation between governments and spiritual forces," they add.

"Political systems and philosophical systems that deny the equality of mankind and break its unity, the lust for domination and the persecution founded on racial or religious discrimination are inhuman, anti-Christian and barbarous," the statement declares.

Social Peace Is Goal

Noting that "not class struggle but social peace is our goal through the establishment of a system of self-governing industries and professions," the members of the seminar say "it is a fatal error to regard economic life as independent of the moral teachings of the Church."

YANKEE STADIUM WILL BE 'OUTDOOR CATHEDRAL'



This architect's sketch shows how the centerfield bleachers in the Yankee Stadium, New York, will be transformed into an open-air sanctuary for the Patriotic-Religious Service to be held there Sunday, September 27, under the auspices of the New York Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society. The platform supporting the altar will have seating space for a hundred dignitaries, will be 62 feet wide and 81 feet high. A 27-foot canopy will tower above the centerfield wall. Otto Eggert, prominent architect, designed the project. (N.C.W.C.)

Sodality of Our Lady To Speed War Work

ST. LOUIS—With the organizational program drawn up, millions of members of the Sodality of Our Lady will throw their weight behind the war effort, beginning next month, The Queen's Work, national Sodality secretariat, announces.

The announcement, which stresses that the defense of the Church "must be effected in a war-torn world by people whose faith is strong but whose hearts are often heavy," lists programs of war activities for all Sodality committees. It is the aim of the secretariat to furnish through its Parish Department such schedules, which are to be released quarterly, the first to cover October, November and December.

Eucharistic committees are urged to offer special prayers, hold special holy hours, and promote perpetual Mass or perpetual Communion for peace, and to cooperate in the collection of medals, rosaries, holy cards, etc., and funds for the Chaplain's Aid Association, New York City.

For Our Lady's committees, there are prayers to the Blessed Mother and Scapular Militia cooperation.

Suggestions for apostolic committees include cooperation with the National Catholic Community Service, the USO clubs and servicemen's room registries. Other work includes first aid courses, forma-

tion of blood donor groups, and participation in the government salvage programs. One feature for these groups is a program for the children of men in the services to halt the spread of delinquency.

The Catholic truth committees are asked to send pamphlets to chaplains for distribution, to contribute books to the NCCS and to write letters to those in the services.

Social life committees are advised to widen their activities in the entertainment of war workers and men from nearby camps.

Publicity committees have been given a schedule that purposes a bulletin board with pictures of men in the services, a news column about local servicemen, and the making of a flag showing the number of men from the parish who have gone into the armed forces.

And for the treasurers, there is the promotion of the sale of war bonds and stamps.

Of this schedule of suggestions, the The Queen's Work announcement said that "we have every reason to be sure that sodalists' efforts in war work... will be most effective."

All Schools Represented At Teachers' Institute

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., will be celebrant at the Mass opening the 35th Annual Teachers' Institute today (Friday, Sept. 18) and will preach the sermon. Diocesan schools will be closed while all elementary and secondary teachers will attend sessions. A full day's program has been arranged by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools, assisted by a high school committee.

Methods and practical teaching aids, music and the teaching of the catechism will occupy the primary

correlating and integrating the curriculum, speech and library work.

Speakers experienced in their particular field from schools in this area within and without the Catholic school system will address the audience.

The high school teachers will hear the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Associate Superintendent of Schools, talk on "Christian Social Principles" before they adjourn to sectional meetings in the fields of English, Science, Latin, Business, Social Studies, Mathematics,

BISHOP TO PRESIDE AT HOLY HOUR IN YANKEE STADIUM

NEW YORK—With His Excellency the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York presiding, impressively mammoth outdoor patriotic and religious services will be held at Yankee Stadium on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 27, at 4 P. M. It is expected 75,000 men and women will participate.

The day's elaborate program will be brought to a close with a Holy Hour conducted by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, a former priest of the Archdiocese of New York.

The entire program will be broadcast and will be also short-waved to South America in both Spanish and Portuguese.

Preceding the exercises will be a procession comprising 2,000 members of the nation's armed forces, World War veterans, altar boys, seminarians, priests and prelates.

Address of welcome will be given by the Rev. Msgr. Gaetano Arcese, chairman of the priests' committee of the Holy Name in New York.

A special altar to be erected in front of the great outdoor bleachers at the stadium, will be used for the religious portion of the program.

'Harvest' Call Heard By Pupils

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to school a time card signed by the employer each day or days he worked. Both boys and girls complying with these regulations may be ceused.

In Rochester a survey is being made of the number of children in Aquinas Institute and the elementary schools, who will be available for this work, so that the Agricultural Defense Committee may be guided in filling requests for help on the farms and in canning factories.

Pride is the most ridiculous asset.

at a general assembly at 3 o'clock when the Rev. John M. Duffy discusses new administration regulations and defense measures to be carried on during the coming year.

Although rationing will curtail attendance somewhat from farming areas in the diocese, every school will be represented. An invitation to the parish priests as well as sisters and lay teachers has

Full Impact of War On Schools Revealed

By Elmer Murphy

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—The re-opening of schools this month brings to the Catholic school system, as well as to tax-supported and other schools, the full impact of the war effort. The demand that the total strength of the nation be exerted to win the war will be answered by the use of all the resources of our American school systems to attain this necessary goal.

The all-out war program expected of the schools will involve numerous activities many of which will cause the abandonment of time-honored educational concepts and curricula.

This conclusion emerged from the National Institute on Education and the War, recently held in Washington, in which many Catholic educators participated.

One of the facts brought to the attention of the members of the Institute by high ranking officers of the Army and Navy is the need for trained technicians. The modern army requires that 63 out of every 100 soldiers be skilled in the use and care of mechanized equipment. The countless airplanes, tanks and vehicles, the communication and warning systems, and increasingly complex weapons must have skilled operators and repair men.

The Navy requirements, with each unit self-sustaining, are even more complicated.

Specific needs, according to military officials, include training in the essentials of electricity, radio, photography, metal shop work, automobile mechanics, drafting, blue-print reading and various other mechanical skills.

It is to meet this demand for trained men as speedily as possible that the nation's schools will shape their programs for the duration. All divisions of the Catholic school system, with its total of 2,800,000 students and 57,000 teachers, will face the problem with a will to win.

'Spiritually Alive'

At first glance, some may consider that Catholic schools with their scarcity of vocational courses are not in a position to provide trained mechanics. This lack of trade courses, however, is offset by the emphasis that has been placed on mathematics and physics, so necessary in the mastery of complicated machines. Besides, the complete education offered in Catholic schools is providing the armed services with young men who are not only mentally alert and physically fit but spiritually alive.

Catholic schools may be depended upon, therefore, to respond to this new challenge with the same

versity and college presidents, meeting in Baltimore last January, decided that acceleration of courses would help. Catholic institutions promptly put accelerated programs into effect. Without detriment to the institutions and the students, plans were promptly made for students to obtain degrees in less than the customary time. Measures adopted included extended summer sessions, 40-week school years, vacations pared to a minimum, and three semesters instead of two.

High schools, likewise, adopted acceleration programs, which included rapid promotion of qualified students by allowing such students to take additional subjects and to participate in additional activities.

Later, when pre-flight aeronautics courses were inaugurated in high schools, many Catholic secondary schools immediately adopted such courses. Elementary school pupils, too, have done their bit through organized salvage groups.

Schools Do Part

An important addition to the long list of war activities in which our schools have participated is the present "Schools at War" program, sponsored jointly by the War Savings Staff of the Treasury Department and the United States Office of Education. This program seeks to unify existing activities, whether War Savings, Civilian Defense, salvage, Red Cross, etc., and to bring about a realization that citizens in wartime should save and not spend, conserve and not waste, serve and not be idle.

More details of integrating the entire system of education for victory will be announced from time to time.

For example, War Department employes, under the direction of James J. Mitchell, Director of Civilian Personnel Division, Army Services of Supply, are at work preparing course outlines for high school science and shop courses to fit them to Army needs.

These outlines will show the length of the course and the hours per week desired, and cite reference material and various "visual aids"—slides, movies, etc. They will be printed and distributed to schools. Reference material will consist exclusively of Army manuals which are available at the