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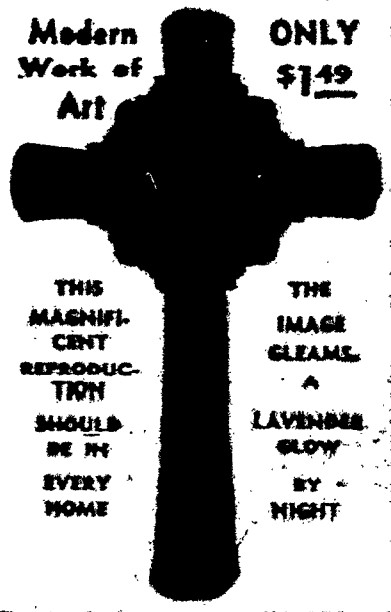
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Brochure Explains Coming Aquinas Culture Series

"Victory Through Mind Power" is the slogan appearing on a striking brochure announcing the 1942-1943 Christian Culture Lectures at Aquinas Institute, released this week.

Commendation of the first year of lectures open to the public and high approval of the series announced for this year which opens with Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen's "Crisis in Christendom" on Saturday evening, Oct. 10 are prominently displayed in the brochure.

Approval of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney is contained in the following note to the Rev. Hugh Halfey, C.S.B., Director:

"The Christian Culture Lecture Series last season was such an outstanding contribution to our program of Christian Education, that I had hardly dare to hope for an equally impressive program this year. Your new list of names, however, offers us a still more attractive educational and cultural treat.

"I commend the course most heartily and trust that the series will have the support which the fine program so well deserves."

Meaning of Slogan

The slogan of the series "Victory Through Mind Power" is amplified in meaning in a statement in the brochure by Father Halfey.

The statement in part:

"Hitler has raised the question as to whether the human person has any right against the state. Does one particular "bloodstream" give a right to world dominance? Does brutality befit a man more than gentleness? Desperate enemies hold clearly the Nazi view. They apply it with the most rigorous logic.

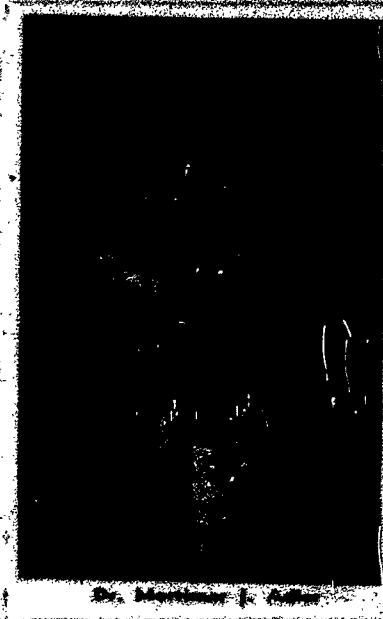
"Against the Nazi view of a human person we thrust the Christian view. A battle of minds results. This battle of minds now rages behind the battle of arms that engages us.

"Victory must be gained in both.

"However, most of us hold the Christian view half instinctively. We do not clearly grasp it. We do not know how we got it. Few of us can even competently state it. It survives with a remarkable tenacity as a residuum that we will not give up.

"Until we can think out our own position, until we can state it clearly, we cannot really answer the challenge of the Nazi mind. We can beat Hitler into silence with our blows. With the help of God we shall. If we do not win the battle of minds as well, we are still left with our own half-comprehended view. World problems of breath-taking magnitude will present themselves. The vistas of post-war chaos terrified.

"It can happen that pagan culture will encounter little resistance in these days. The lecture-forum series herewith displayed attempts to counter in some measure the designs of godless minds. It hopes to contribute to the victory of minds."


Dr. Mortimer J. Adler

Second lecture in the series will be Dr. Mortimer J. Adler on Sunday, Oct. 25 with the topic "Geopolitics: The Science Behind This War." Other distinguished lecturers announced in the brochure are: Margaret Anglin, Louis K. Anspacher, Helen Iswolsky, Prince Hubertus Zu Loewenstein, F. J. Sheen, Maisie Ward, Prof. Yves Simon, Prof. Jerome G. Kerwin, Dr. Anton C. Pegis and Franz Werfel.

The whole series is obtainable for the sum of $5.00 including Federal Tax. Brochures may be obtained from subscriptions sent to the Rev. Hugh Halfey, C.S.B., Aquinas Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

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A Light Under A Bushel

Not long ago a non-Catholic feature writer from one of New York City's newspapers was assigned to an article on "Charity Over the World." Having just a general impression that the Catholic Church was active in this work, he stopped in at the offices of The Field Afar, a magazine published by the Maryknoll Fathers, to see what he might discover.

His discoveries impelled him to remark: "What a magnificent organization your Church is! Why don't Catholics tell us these things?"

Because Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, approaches, this might be the time to tell non-Catholics a bit about the work of the Church. Statistics are many times only cold figures, these, however, should help to convince every Catholic of the worthiness of mission work and the great part their charity plays. We select the following samples of what was done during one year in mission areas only:

"In 3,410 hospitals and dispensaries, over 35,000,000 medical treatments were administered.

In 1,846 orphanages, 109,021 homeless children were cared for.

"In 409 homes for the aged, 15,000 poor old people were given shelter.

"In 121 leper colonies, 13,265 afflicted creatures were given a home and spiritual care.

"In 24,742 schools (elementary, high, college, industrial and normal), 2,822,858 students were provided with free education."

The conduct of these various charitable and educational efforts are in the hands of priests and Sisters. Here we might note that Americans on the missions have increased 17%, so that there are 345 priests and 1,846 Sisters laboring in the Home Mission front.

Help to sustain this work, of which you as a Catholic are so justly proud, with your offering in the Special Mission Sunday Collection, Oct. 18.

On Guard, America!

The following statement by an English clergyman unfortunately fits America too aptly. England awaited the Blitz and then began to take stock of real values. America, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. England waited until it was too late. Will America be guilty of the same apathy? Read and act!

"We have been a pleasure-seeking people, dishonoring God's day: now the seashores are barred. We have preferred motoring to church-going; now there is a shortage of autos. We have ignored the ringing of church bells calling us to worship; now they can ring only to warn of invasion. We have left our churches half empty when they should have been filled; now they are in ruins. We would not listen to the way of peace, now we must listen to the way of war. We have neglected to give thanks for our food, now it is unobtainable. We refused to give our services to God; now they are conscripted for our country. We would not spend our nights 'watching unto prayer', now we spend them in anxious air raid precautions. We would not give to the Lord's work; now we must give in higher taxes and prices for war work."

When Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, has come and gone, let there be no regrets among us because we did not give what we were able, when we could.

Wins Navy Award For Interracial Justice

NEW YORK.—Frank A. Hall, Director of the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Edward Le Bolle, President of the Catholic Interracial Council of Kansas City, Kans., were announced here as the first recipients of the James J. Navy Award for Interracial Justice.

The award is a medal which the interracial Review states will be conferred annually on the two Catholic laymen — white and colored — who have made the most outstanding contribution during the year to the cause of interracial justice.

The award honors the memory of a tax Collector of Internal Revenue here, who was one of the founders and first president of the Catholic Interracial Council. The award will be presented by James J. Navy, Jr., treasurer of the Council.

BELGIAN MISSIONARY BECOMES CHINESE CITIZEN

CHUNGKING.—The Rev. Gustave Morel, native of Belgium who became a missioner in China and subsequently adopted Chinese citizenship, has arrived in the United States.

Father Morel arrived here following a journey by plane and boat to Bombay, by train to Calcutta and by plane to Chungking.

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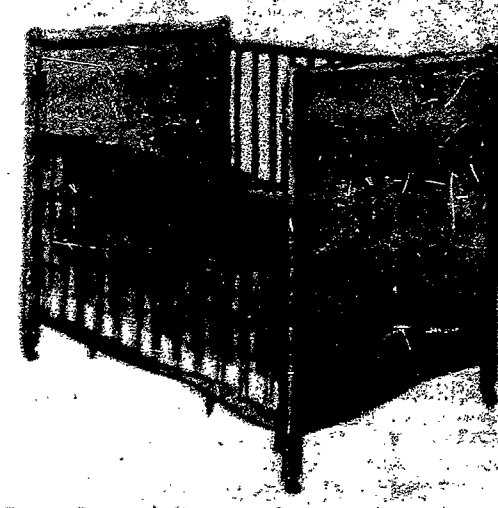
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