

REPORT SAYS NAZIS CALL POPE 'ENGLISH PARSON'

NEW YORK. The Nazi controlled press in Holland according to reports received here by the Netherlands Information Bureau, has descended to name call-

ing and refer to His Holiness Pope Pius XII as "The English Parson." The Nazi papers accuse the Pope of "betting heavily on the anti-racial-bolshevik horse," the reports stated.

A life that is unworthy of its friendships is sure to find that there is a dearth of friendship in life.

**Savant Rewarded**  
NEW ORLEANS.—Prof. Jose G. Menesterlo, Director of the American Relations at Loyola University of the South, has been awarded membership in the Dominican Athenaeum, learned Society of Domingo society, for his constant attitude of good will toward the South American countries.

Catholic Labor College

Ideals of Reconstruction Discussed by Father Vogt

Rochester, Catholic Labor College held its fourth session on Friday evening at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. The Rev. George C. Vogt, M.A., diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, continued his discussion of the Christian concept of human society. The first part of the session was devoted to a discussion of Reconstruction by Dom Virgil Michel.

The English Bishops confirm Father Michel's thesis in their statements on family life. "Family life is attacked when living conditions are bad. Family life is attacked when the total wages of the family are insufficient to support the family in comfort and to have a margin for saving. Family life is attacked when the parents cannot support as large a family as they would like to have. Family life is attacked when the parents are unable to afford for any of their children an education suitable to the child's gifts. The seriousness of these evils is seen when it is remembered that any attack on the family is an attack on society at its very foundation."

In the chapter under discussion, Father Michel defines the basis of social solidarity. He states: "In order to understand the true basis of social solidarity we must have a proper conception of the nature of human society. A true society is an organic fellowship in which the actions of any single member affect in some way the well-being of the whole and in which, therefore, the well-being of the whole suffers as soon as single members suffer. Human society is a moral union of individuals cooperating or striving together towards a common end. The family is the basic unit of human society."

Father Michel maintains that the "prone motive" is the cause of many social ills. "In a Christian society," he says, "economic activity would aim primarily at the satisfaction of all the basic needs of all the members of society and not primarily at the private maximum profit of select individuals." The English Bishops have this to say: "The enormous inequality in the distribution of wealth in this country and the consequent control of the lives of the masses by a comparatively few rich people is against social justice."

The welfare of the family should be the primary concern of society. The regeneration of human society in terms of Christian ideals will be possible only if the right spirit is made in the family as the basic social unit of the following of mankind."

In concluding his discussion, Father Vogt again recommended that workers encourage the growth of consumer cooperatives and parish credit unions. He also stated that one of the best means of obtaining economic security is to return to the land. He announced that the topic for next week's discussion is the Christian concept of Human Ownership.

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LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY NOTED

For Lithuanians, Feb. 16, 1942, presented a completely different picture from that viewed on Feb. 16, 1918, when Lithuania declared its independence at Vilnius (Vilna); only twenty-five years ago—but an astonishing dissimilarity. Then—freedom, liberty, progress, happiness; now, slavery, sorrow, destruction, dispersion. The quiet peace of the beautiful country with its wayside shrines, so typical of Lithuania, is no more. All of this has passed; not forgotten, but engraved deeply upon the hearts and minds of all the Lithuanians. The spirit of freedom, once tasted, has dormant because of oppression, but still flickering because of the hope residing in the bosoms of these subjugated peoples.

holic gift. This symbolic gift expresses the wish of its senders to the Old Country for the same freedom and order that they themselves enjoy in their new beloved country of liberty.

This silver anniversary recalls to mind the wretched destruction inflicted upon Lithuania, first by Russian armies, then even more, by the Nazi soldiers. Today that land is a sad picture of devastation. Many of its inhabitants reside there no longer. Numbers of them have been deported to Siberia and it is estimated that the number of exiled Lithuanians is at least 60,000. Next, we find the Nazis combing this nation for workers who are forced to labor in Germany or its occupied territory to supply for them the necessities of war. Why, even today, the name Lithuania is not used. It is included in the large province known as Ostland, embracing besides Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and White Russia.

A part in this anniversary celebration will be had by the Catholic Lithuanians in Rochester this coming Sunday, Feb. 21. All the societies of St. George's parish will gather together in the parish hall to form a procession to march into Church behind the flag of America and Lithuania. This commemorative service will revolve around the Sacrifice of the Mass which will be offered at 10:30. At this opportunity, a fund will be realized to assist in alleviating the sufferings and miseries forced upon the Lithuanians. What other nationalities have done to help their own underprivileged, the Lithuanians here, as well as throughout the nation, will do their part generously and with charity.

This is the scene confronting all Lithuanians, whether in the United States or Canada, England or Brazil on this occasion of the 24th anniversary of the Independence of Lithuania. Celebrations of varying descriptions in all Lithuanian colonies throughout the world are taking place this entire week commemorating that event.

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The anniversary? Yes, but one causing much sorrow. Yet above all these troubles and misfortunes, we, the Lithuanians by birth or descent, hope to see once more the Independence of Lithuania as guaranteed by the Atlantic Charter. In order that there may be another meaning added to the bell sent to Lithuania by the Lithuanians of the United States about twenty years ago and which now is hanging in the tower of the War Museum at Kansas. This bell, a copy of the American Liberty Bell, was presented to the Lithuanian Republic as a sym-

4 Norwegian Priests Imprisoned By Nazis

LONDON.—Two Norwegian Catholic priests were arrested recently and with another, already in custody, were sent to a concentration camp in Germany by Nazi authorities. It was reported in the Swedish newspaper, Dagens Nyheter, according to KAP, Polish Catholic Press Agency. In December, the report continued, another Norwegian priest was taken in custody and confined in a concentration camp near Tromsø.

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