

Catholic Hour Message

Conquer Enemy Fanaticism By Faith Revival In God, Exhorts Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK—Characterizing the current war as a conflict of philosophies and not of nationalities, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of Catholic University, delivered in his "Catholic Hour" radio address Sunday night that "we are on the side of the Cross, Hitler is on the side of the sword."

Msgr. Sheen continued: "May a day come when, as he grabbed out his sword to us, we will be strong enough in virtue of the recovery of the Divine Absolute, to seize the naked blade with our bare hands, pull it away from him and lift the sword high in the air with the hilt facing against the night blue of heaven's sky, the glorious symbol of the Cross of Christ."

Titled "How Overcome This Evil" Msgr. Sheen's address was the tenth in a series of seven on the general theme "The Child in Christendom." From Station WJAF here the address was carried over a National Broadcasting Company network. The "Catholic Hour" program is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

OVERCOMING EVILS

The philosophies of life which are intrinsically evil are Nazism, Fascism, Communism and nationalism which identify themselves with duty. Msgr. Sheen asserted, but the answer to how these evils can be overcome "calls for a knowledge of the physical and psychological strength of the enemy."

"From a purely material point of view," Msgr. Sheen said, "our enemies are well armed, technically perfect. But their great strength

lies in a psychological factor: They believe in an absolute. They have a dogma, a creed, a faith, a religion, a pseudo-philosophy, which gives the people a loyalty around which they can rally. That pseudo-religion may be centered about a man, an emperor, a Caesar, or a corpse, but in the process it is the same. The ultimatum of another absolute than God."

It is this pseudo-religion, Msgr. Sheen said, which makes young American soldiers believe their death "is the condition of their god's victory, and why young men sacrifice not that when they die their spirits read: 'He died in peace with Hitler.'"

Msgr. Sheen contended the philosophy of our enemies cannot be overcome by hate, nor by force alone, but by "indifference to any absolute." He said "what we need above all things is the influence of a great idea."

Any doubt that there is an absolute in American democracy can be banished by a reading of the Declaration of Independence, which declares that the "Creator has endowed man with certain inalienable rights," Msgr. Sheen declared.

"God is the absolute in democracy," he said. "Either democracy will rest on this divine foundation or it will be held to rest. If we have our souls in God, we will save our democracy and a freedom—but not otherwise."

Assert Catholic Press Best Guide On Current Issues

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

The best guide for the Catholic laity on some of the most important issues in history raised by the current war is the Catholic press, two members of the Hierarchy point out in letters of comment on Catholic Press Month.

The Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, observed:

"Scarcely a day passes but our daily press touches upon these world-wide issues and presents views that are not always in accord with Christian principles. Never before were issues more actual and in need of right solution. These issues are the substance of God and His Providence—the right to freedom of thought, speech and religion."

"The State is the protector of man's inherent rights. Man is not created for the State; the State was made for man. Our Catholic people expect clear thinking upon all these questions and are ready to follow not only the dictates of right reason but also the teachings of the Church. The Press, rightly constituted, is the voice of public opinion; the Catholic Press brings to our table the pronouncements

of our Holy Father and the Church, the glories of the Catholic Church in all parts of the world, the persecution and defense of the Church, the righteousness of the Church's cause and the price many pay for the preservation of the Faith."

In a letter to priests and laity of his Diocese, the Most Rev. Walter A. Fahey, Bishop of Syracuse, stated:

"We can become so absorbed in material things that we are put out of touch with the spiritual. The Catholic Press seeks to overcome this tendency and to develop in us a spiritual viewpoint. It tries to strengthen us in our right convictions against the insidious arguments of the day. Our education as Catholics is never completed. There is always much to learn and much to revive. Our Catholic publications provide an important means to accomplish this objective."

Priest Couldn't Help Ranking First in His Class At Law School

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The winter graduation of the Jones Law School here turned into a one-man show.

The Rev. A. W. Terminiello, director of St. Theresa's Apostolate, came out first in the class and ranked first in every subject. At a matter of plain fact, Father Terminiello was the entire class—every other student in the class was plucked off by Uncle Sam for war service before graduation.

Father Terminiello attended the school at night for the last four years.

Open Action Study Clubs For Priests

QUITO.—Catholic Action Study Clubs for Priests have been resumed in this city. Parish priests and the Ecclesiastical advisers of the various branches of Catholic Action attend the sessions regularly.

False pride is the result of wrong teaching. Moral pride is the influence of a good mother.

MARK CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS FOR THE NAVY



Grouped around a Catholic member of the faculty, Chaplain J. F. Robinson, U. S. N., are three priests who have just completed their indoctrination course at the Naval Chaplain School, Norfolk, Va. Left to right, front row: Chaplains William J. Mauer, Dubuque; Charles E. Braggard, Salt Lake City; Father Robinson; James J. Carberry, Newark; George M. Kuyper, Greater Grand Fork; Chaplains Bruce J. Shaver, Pullman; Arthur L. Dwyer, St. Louis; John F. Conroy, St. Louis; Thomas J. Wilson, San Francisco; James J. Quigley, Norfolk; David E. Hester, John F. Bostrom, Maryland; Father. Rear row: Chaplains Donald S. Babin, Miami; Sydney; John J. Daly, Maryland; William C. Latta, Cleveland. U. S. Navy photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Told He's Dying, Boy, 6, Asks For Pennies To Buy War Bonds Instead Of Toys

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The doctors are convinced that six-year-old Dickie Laswell, first grade pupil of St. Alaymus School, here, is dying—the slow death of dreaded lymphatic leukemia.

Dickie knows this and has determined that if death must come it will be in the service of his country at war. Dickie's spirit is the same that goes into the making of the nation's heroes.

The boy is in St. Joseph's Hospital and has been ill since October. His friends, when he first fell ill, began bringing him toys to while away the tedious hours of idleness. But this didn't last long. Dickie saw to that. He asked, instead of toys, flowers and other presents, that his friends bring him pennies so that he could convert them into war stamps and bonds.

The stack of pennies has been mounting daily and Dickie observes: "Maybe I'll have enough to buy a bond before long." The disease with which Dickie is afflicted destroys the red cells of the blood and is in the advanced stage. His doctors have started a new treatment of giving muscular injections of bone marrow in a "last ditch" effort.

Retreat Master

Opelousas, La.—The Rev. Samuel H. May, S.J., retreat master at St. Charles College, Grand Cyprien, and one of the most widely known prelates in this State, has left for active duty as a chaplain in the Navy.

HOLLAND DOCTORS REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH NAZIS

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Nazi policies, which demand that physicians diminish the chances of life of the weak and mentally afflicted and, in some cases, even kill, have led Netherlands doctors to refuse to collaborate with the Germans by becoming members of the Dutch Nazi Physicians' Chamber, according to news received by the Netherlands Information Bureau here.

The bureau stated it had been informed that the underground press of Holland had carried an article containing the Dutch doctor's viewpoint, and stating the Nazi chamber demands "very in general not only with professional ethics but also with Christianity. On the question of sterilization the physicians, according to the article, pointed out: 'The demands of Nazism that Dutch doctors collaborate in measures to secure racial purity—for example by sterilizing fellow citizens against their will—must be refused by Netherlands physicians on human, on scientific and on religious grounds because the demand originates in a creed, which in its deification of race, blood and soil is purely pagan.'"

COUNT CIANO, ITALY'S NEW ENVOY, RECEIVED BY POPE

VATICAN CITY.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII received Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italy's new Ambassador to the Holy See, for the formal presentation of his credentials on March 1. The customary addresses exchanged on this occasion were not made public.

Summer Classes Scheduled

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—With courses designed to aid in the prosecution of the war as well as toward solution of the post-war problems, Catholic University of America will open its summer school here on June 28. It has been announced by Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, summer school director. The six-week course will conclude on August 7 and the twelve-week course on September 18.

C. L. Bernard Cites Spiritual Values

WASHINGTON.—Collaboration of the various agencies which make up the United States Organization, has resulted in the selection of spiritual values as the objective of spiritual values. The fact "makes clear that in a more secular organization," George J. Bernard, of New York, 1942 graduate, stated here. He spoke at the training institute for National Catholic Community Service Club directors, which is being held at the Catholic University of America. Papers written in the NCCS are one of the operating agencies of the U.S.O., Mr. Bernard said.

"I have never been able to see that it would be possible to solve the economic problem by an arrangement, even if studied by the most able people, would be a merely secular undertaking. It might have the same recreational programs, but with the spirit of the whole thing being out. We'd be just another group of men and fair people."

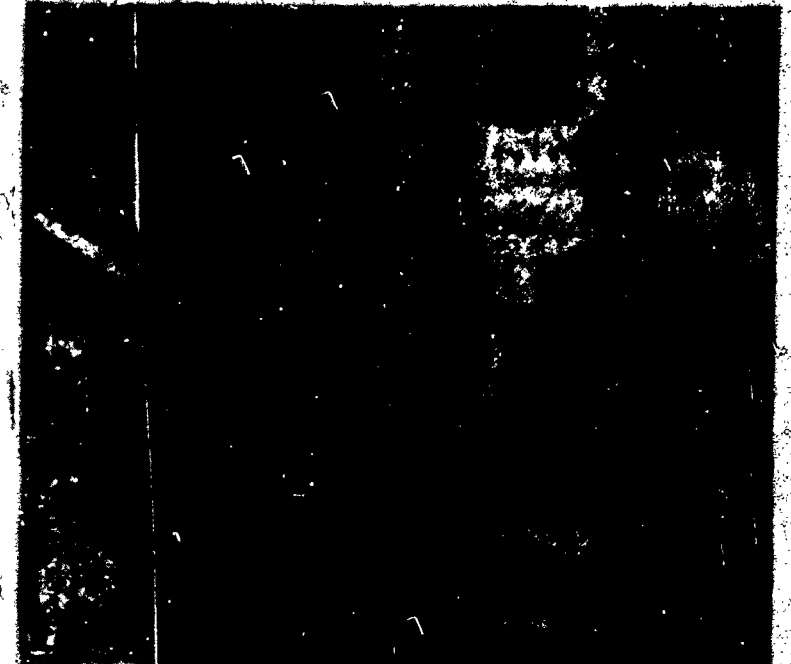
Mr. Bernard, who is now a graduate of the New York City, of New Jersey, said the U.S.O. has demonstrated "in the matter that it is feasible to maintain, promote and develop 'the common part of our efforts.'"

"Our common destiny comes before us with the promotion of the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship among the American people," he said. He told his class that they must keep always in mind their work in part of the war effort, that they "are a civilian auxiliary to the Army and Navy."

Mr. Bernard was introduced to the class directors by the Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Reedy, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. James J. Moore, Acting Executive Director of the NCCS, was also present. Others at the speakers table included the Very Rev. Msgr. Moore, and J. Carroll, Secretary of the NCCS Governing Committee. John F. Hickey, of New York, U.S.O. treasurer, and William D. Bostrom, U.S.O. comptroller.

For patience is necessary for you that doing the will of God, you may receive the promise. Heb. X, 36

PRESIDENT GREET'S NEW BISHOP



President Ella Laetol, of the Republic of Haiti witnesses the Most Rev. Louis Delmon, O.M.I., formerly of Lowell, Mass., following his installation as Bishop of Les Cayes. The first American Bishop to occupy a Haitian See, the ceremonies of installation were held recently in the Cathedral of the Assumption, at Les Cayes. (N.C.W.C.)