

Catholic Hour Message

Evil Philosophies Must Be Destroyed To Insure World Peace, Asserts Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK—Evil philosophies which have sprung from Nazism, Fascism and Communism must be wiped out if World War II is to be brought to a successful conclusion...

his objective is prayer, the Rev. Father J. Sheen of Catholic University of America, asserted here Sunday night in his "Catholic Hour" radio address.

Worshippers against a general background of Our Lord's journey with Peter, James and John to the Garden of Gethsemane and His betrayal by Judas, the address, titled "Evil Has Its Hour" was the eleventh in Monsignor Sheen's series of 17 on the general theme "The Crisis in Christendom." The "Catholic Hour," produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, originates at Station WJVA here and is carried on the network of the National Broadcasting Company.

"Man is at war with his brother on the battlefields of the world, because man has first warred with God on the battlefield of the soul," said Monsignor Sheen. "This war involves suffering only because it first involved sin. We are well armed in Peter's war, and if all we had to defeat were the Nazis and Japs, our task would be easy and victory certain. But suppose we are fighting a devil? Suppose we are defending ourselves against philosophies of life which, as the Holy Father said of Nazism, Fascism and Communism, are intrinsically evil?"

Is Sword Enough?

"Then let us ask ourselves: Will the sword be enough? If we think of war only as a physical combat as Peter did, we need to be aroused as he was by the Saviour, who reminded him of two other arms: 'Watch and Pray.' Watch! Be vigilant on the outside. Pray! Pray that you may be armed on the inside with the armor of God."

Monsignor Sheen reminded that the Saviour in the Garden taunted "Peter's false confidence in the sword alone" when He asked: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" It is this plea, Monsignor Sheen said, which forms the keystone of the Catholic Hour broadcasts.

"We ask all Americans," he said, "whether they be Jews, Protestants or Catholics, to set aside a Holy Hour a day that victory may be ours, and that through our victory we may have peace."

For Which We Stand

Monsignor Sheen continued: "How blind are those that say: 'What good will prayer do? That is what Peter thought as he slept alongside his armaments. One might just as well ask: What good will courage do? What good will faith in righteousness do? What good will belief in the Four Freedoms do? Do we realize that what our totalitarian enemies are out to destroy is not what we have, but the principles for which we stand—a belief in the human freedom and the value of a man against the power of the State?"

"The soldiers who came into the Garden that night did not want Peter, James or John. They were let go. Caesar wanted only Christ. Our enemies, who are more numerous than we believe, seek to destroy the last vestiges of Christian civilization, so that they might, in the language of Nietzsche, as invaluable values that evil from now on might be regarded as good and good be regarded as evil."

Recalling President Roosevelt's recent address in which he quoted the Sermon on the Mount and General MacArthur's communique in the full flush of battle in which he stated "A merciful Providence

has granted us a great victory," Monsignor Sheen said reflections are that "America is recognizing that the hour is an evil that only by living according to God's law and love can we overcome it."

He warned that we must realize "the fact that we live in an evil hour and that hour must be spent watching and praying" to defeat evil and insure victory and peace.

200 Bootblacks, Newsboys At Altar Rail in Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—(UPI)—The Rev. Bernardo Ochoa, O.M.I., saw his missionary activities among newsboys, bootblacks and orphan boys called and well welcomed, according to a message which 200 of them dressed Holy Communion and one adult in the group was baptized. The Church of San Hipolito is the center for this special mission.

After Mass the youths breakfasted together. They were well scrubbed for the occasion and wore clean shirts and new overalls.

Lithuanian Prelate Hits Nazi Cooperation

LONDON.—The London "Times" carries the information that the Metropolitan of Kaunas, Lithuania, His Excellency, Archbishop Svirskis, preached a stinging sermon in the church at Igites.

In his talk, he threatened excommunication to all those Catholics who would stain their hands with the blood of innocent Jews and Polish descendants. This course of excommunication embraces also "... lower officials under the Nazi regime who would aid in deporting Lithuanians to Germany to serve as forced labor in the workshops of Nazi-Germans."

Those individuals, who would plunder and piller the homes, farms, and possessions of the persons so forced into labor, are liable to excommunication. Therefore, the Metropolitan stated, any Catholic guilty of one of the foregoing crimes would be excommunicated by the Church.

Award Maritime Mark Twain Medal

WEBSTER GROVE, Mo.—Jacques Maritain, internationally famous Catholic author and philosopher, has been awarded the Mark Twain Gold Medal for 1943 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to modern thought. It has been announced by Cyril Clemens, president of the International Mark Twain Society, here.

Previous recipients of the award have been President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rudyard Kipling, Hilaire Belloc, John Masefield, James M. Barrie and Alfred Noyes.

Australia is slightly smaller than continental United States, Catholics number approximately 1,500,000—or roughly one-fifth of the total population, 7,016,622.

Ten Commandments Held Complete Guide For Adolescent Behaviour

NEW YORK.—The Ten Commandments as a complete guide to behaviour, for adolescents was emphasized at the National Conference of Social Work by Miss Dorothea F. Sullivan, director of group work at the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C.

Addressing one of the group meetings at the Hotel Pennsylvania on the needs of adolescent girls under wartime strains, Miss Sullivan said admonitions to youth should be reduced to a few important precepts.

"A concentration on something simple like the Ten Commandments would provide guidance for all the really important decisions in an adolescent's life and save a good deal of unnecessary hickering," she said.

Sanford Bates, New York Parole Commissioner, told another conference group that prisoners, parolees and probationers are giving their blood and working in essential industries in the war effort. He suggested they might require their crimes on the field of battle.

NAZI CIVIL MOBILIZATION ORDER EXEMPTS CLERGY

VATICAN CITY.—A recent German mobilization law exempting clergy from military service, was announced in the European Press, contains an exemption of priests and certain other categories.

Urges Compulsory Education

QUEBEC.—The Quebec Commission of Public Instruction of the Council of Public Instruction of Quebec has urged compulsory education in the Province and has recommended that the Government should plan for the necessary legislation to be introduced at the present legislative session.

The Commission, which is composed of the Bishop of the Province and representatives of various educational organizations, has also recommended that the Government should plan for the necessary legislation to be introduced at the present legislative session.

Advertisement for Old Ranger Premium Beer featuring a man holding a glass and a woman. Text includes 'OLD RANGER PREMIUM BEER', 'A Milder Flavor by the Discovery of MORTHELL'S BEER and K.B.K. CREAM ALE', and 'Served in the pure soft cooling waters of Old Ranger Springs'.

Advertisement for East Side Savings Bank Mortgage Loans. Text includes 'MODERNIZE your Mortgage Loan ...and save money', 'This Bank is Open Monday Nights from 6:00 to 8 p. m.', and 'EAST SIDE Savings BANK CORNER MAIK & CLINTON In the Heart of the Shopping District'.