

Catholic Hour Message

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

and the best ammunition for this objective is prayer, said Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, of the University of America...

Woven 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 seventh in Messenger 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 WREAR 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 Messenger Sheen. "This war involves suffering only because it first involved sin. We are well armed as Peter was, 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, so transvaluate 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 indignantly that "America is recognizing that the hour is so evil that only being united by universal prayer and united other actions."

He warned that to meet reality "we must first be in an evil hour and that hour must be great watching and praying" to defeat evil and insure victory and peace.

200 Bootblacks, Newsboys At Altar Rail in Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—GOD.—The Rev. Mariano Garcia, O.S.A., and his missionary companions among bootblacks, newsboys and children who collect and sell newspapers, gathered with some 200 of these rural Holy Communion and got edified in the group was baptised. The Church of San Esteban is the center for this special mission.

After Mass the youths knelt 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 Kovno, Lithuania, His Excellency, Archbishop Skvirczka, preached a stinging sermon in the church at Ignite.

In this 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 those Lithuanian officials under the Nazi regime who would aid in deporting Lithuanians to Germany to serve as forced labor in the workshops of Nazi-dom.

These 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 Maritain Mark Twain Medal

WEBSTER GROVES, 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 Massfield, 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, 7,014,400.

NAZI GUN MODIFICATION UNDER EMERGENCY

VALENCIA CITY.—A NAZI German commission inspecting the quality and construction of arms manufactured in the Spanish zone...

The commission are not satisfied with the way—SAY WITH SOUNDS

Urges Compulsory Education

QUENEC.—Taking the lead in the... the Catholic Commission of the Council of Public Education...



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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 bickering," 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.