Catholic Hour Message

Moral Order Must Be Based On Divine Justice To Insure Lasting Peace—Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK (NC)—Lasting peace will be insured as long as the moral order is based on Divine Justice in the hearts of men and of nations, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of Catholic University of America, declared here Sunday night in his radio address on the "Catholic Hour."

Monsignor Sheen asserted that "when one gets down to rock bottom" there are only two reasons for keeping treaties, one because of force and the other because of moral obligation. He said the theory "of force seems right when we can apply the force, but in itself force never makes right." Regarding moral obligation, Monsignor Sheen said,

"Are we blind? Can we not see that if law is divorced from morality and religion, the treaties cease to be obligatory and begin to be mere arrangements, binding only as long as they are advantageous? Hence international justice or the right in Divine Justice and treaties are hypothetical, not categorical; convenient tools, not honorable obligations, while law becomes an attorney's cloak woven from the flimsy fabric of legalistic phraseology artfully placed on the shoulders of arbitrary power."

This Should Be Done

Answering the question, "What should be done?" Monsignor Sheen continued:

"First, the new League of Nations, or whatever it is called, should not be open to everyone, but should have membership in it conditioned upon the acceptance of certain basic moral principles of Justice. It should be more like a club than a street car; that is, it should have certain standards of admission. The subscription rate of the last league was too low. Because anyone could walk in, anyone could walk out. Hence a nation or a State that will not accept a common ethos or set of moral principles, as superior to the sovereignty of any nation and existing before any nation began, and binding even when its application goes against itself, should not be permitted to sit in that august body any more than a foreigner may sit in the councils of the United States.

"Hence if a big nation makes a condition that it will not enter the League unless it can smother up half a dozen small nations—then let that power, whether it be Japan, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Russia or the United States, be quarantined until it recovers its ethical health. No court of justice can survive if the thief agrees to its decision only on condition that he can keep his loot."

Monsignor Sheen said recent public pronouncements of both President Roosevelt, who called for prayer to God "for His blessing and for the establishment of a justice and permanent peace among all nations," and of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who declared England's "education must return to religion and morality or perish," revealed there is hope for the restoration of a moral order based on Justice.

In looking the war, the young men of America, he said, are marrying "under the hard way, and the making of a new America and will have direction under what they come back.

"We will have no direction when this war is over, not from a foreign enemy, but an invasion of great mass twice-born Americans," Monsignor Sheen continued "and unless we get down on our knees and transform our hearts by prayer and they have by sacrifice, we will not even understand the language that they speak. Their values will be different, their outlook on life will be different. They will be the new America."

REV. THOMAS J. HIGGINS, S.J., of Saint Charles, Pa., radio speaker representing the Diocese of Harrisburg, P. L. was killed in an explosion in the Aleutians.

Cites 'Only Hope' For Any Nation's Survival

DUBLIN — (NC) —A nation, to survive the "present world disaster," must adopt the "true, sane and Christian doctrine" of cooperation, the Most Rev. Michael Browne, Bishop of the United Dioceses in Calremorris.

"Workers and employers should unite in the defense of their common interests and every man who serves of Galway and Kilmacduagh, asserted in an address before a group of industrial executives the welfare of his country should use all his influence to promote that spirit and mentality of cooperation," Bishop Browne declared.

He reminded that it was the duty of workers to render honest labor for their wages and the duty of employers to pay a just wage and provide proper working conditions. Bishop Browne also asserted that the State should not impose too heavy taxes upon an industry, but should encourage industries to develop all the resources of the nation.

Oratory Winner

Jamaica, N. Y.—Marjorie Hulse, a senior at Mary Louis Academy, which is conducted by the Sisters Oratorical Contest sponsored by her in the high school division of the city-wide Thomas Jefferson of St. Joseph here, was the win- the Hearst newspapers.

WRITE TO THOSE IN SERVICE

HOME REPAIR SHOP BRANCHES FOR CANADIAN SERVICEMEN

LONDON, Ont. — Through the cooperation of the schools of the Diocese of London, many Canadian boys have been enlisted. After being inspired and trained by the Oratorian fathers, they pass on to [illegible] in military centers where [illegible] are needed.

The Junior Council, Knights of Columbus, enlisting more than 1,- [illegible] and other councils are inaugurating similar drives to enlist 100 soldiers. These appeals have been sponsored through this district military chaplains.

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Mt. Carmel Parish's 817 In Service Leads Diocese

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of the Old Man Who has died for his friends."

Choral Program

Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament brought the services, which began with a solemn military mass celebrated by the Bishop with assistance of the Rev. Joseph A. Dantinne and the Rev. John F. Cassidy, C.S.C.

Other priests of the diocese participating were the Rev. Leo [illegible], Rev. Edmund [illegible], Rev. Joseph [illegible], Rev. Joseph G. Dantinne, three last named acting as deacon and subdeacon of the mass; Rev. Charles [illegible], Rev. Joseph [illegible], the Rev. Clarence [illegible], the Rev. James O'Donnell and the Rev. Peter Jandebeur.

A color guard of [illegible] army was there, the flags being carried by [illegible] who also [illegible] the three knights of St. John in full uniform, with [illegible] and [illegible] assisted by Father Ash. The children's choir [illegible] Father Dantinne, Christopher La- Delle and Robert Tobin.

Also in charge [illegible] Father [illegible] of the [illegible] parish, [illegible] Father Ash, the Rev. Thomas [illegible], Rev. Joseph [illegible], Rev. Peter [illegible], Rev. Joseph [illegible], Rev. Joseph [illegible], Rev. Joseph