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CHURCH UNITED IN GERMANY SAYS HITLER'S NEPHEW

A [illegible] of the United Church in Germany, still strongly united especially in southern Germany was given by Patrick Hitler, son of Hitler's half-brother, Alois, and an Irish mother, following his lecture in the Lenten Forum in Paris Church on Friday, April 18.

Born and reared in the Roman Catholic religion in England, Patrick Hitler spent six years in Germany where he had an opportunity to observe the growth of the Nazi party at close hand. Not even now, he says, does Hitler dare oppose the Church as openly as he has been able to do with the irreconcilable Protestant sects. Persecution is still undercover. "He plays with the church as a cat with a mouse — but we shall see in the end who is the mouse," said his young relative.

Attending Mass at Mulvin Cathedral in Germany, he noticed that a priest would preach for two or three weeks, and then be heard no more—silenced. And a Gestapo sits always in the churches, Catholic and Protestant, to listen for criticism of the party. He spoke also of the struggle of many young men to reconcile the Nazi ideology with that of the church. They are devout Catholics, receiving the Sacraments regularly, but they say that the Church should keep separate from politics, not realizing that the Church must of necessity be involved in the working of a plan that affects the life and morals of her members.

Vivid Spectacle

An audience of 1200 jammed the auditorium, many standing during the lecture while others listened to a broadcast in lecture rooms outside. They heard Mr. Hitler discuss his relationship with the German Fuehrer at some length, with the story of his visit to the homeland of his father in 1929. He gave a vivid description of the Party Congress in Nuremberg in that year, a spectacle that not even Max Reinhardt could have thought of—of crowds waiting for hours for the appearance of Hitler, of Swastika banners, and bands blaring, of a vast battery of searchlights making a cathedral in the sky; then lights out, while the bands played Deutschland uber Alles, a muffled roll of drums, and a slender needle of light playing on the Fuehrer.

He heard the oratory that has bedazzled Germany; the promise to weld Germany into an invincible block of steel, to tear up the Versailles treaty, to make Germany, German again, this in a passionate frenzy of words which 70,000 young Storm Troopers thrilled in a sort of ecstasy into [illegible].

Nazis' False Claims

Later years saw the Nazi machine claiming to have done more for Christians in a few years than the Christian Church had done in a thousand. The rise of the new pagan religion questioned the old belief in a Jewish Christ, with Hitler offering as the man to whom they owed devotion—a new risen Christ, with the Bible debunked as an "instrument of the Jewish capitalistic plan for the world."

Questioned in the discussion afterwards, Mr. Hitler declared that, though German morale is the worst in the world, the Nazi machine will continue to function until the very last minute, since any revolution could not arise from the powerless people—only from a dissatisfied military. The German belief in a clear complete victory is [illegible] and an attempt made on him has since led to refusal to receive German [illegible]. Patrick Hitler is in Germany in 1939 and asked for America with his mother. He has been much in demand as a speaker.

Attend Counsellors' Course In Elmira

CORNING.—Mrs. Robert Berna, chairman of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America of Court St. Joseph 153, Corning, and Mrs. Walter Steele, counselor, attended both session of the school for counsellors held Saturday night and Sunday morning at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira. Others who attended the dinner and the Saturday night meeting were: Miss Margaret Barrett, grand regent of the Corning Court, Mesdames Robert Fitzgerald, Walter Steele, William Miller, William Nelson and Miss Gloria Berger.

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