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...a special Divine mandate to each Christian, even as did call on many occasions when called upon the fact of His presence to attend to His duty.

The Catholic Church with its apostolic origin received a Divine mandate from Christ: "Go forth and teach all nations." The Catholics of Latin-America are asking themselves: "Whose authority do you come from?" Only the Catholic Church, the successors of the apostles, can answer that question. "Because Jesus Christ has said."

Mr. Stalin has dissolved the Third International, the world-wide organization of Communism, and has apparently abandoned the Soviet ambition of establishing a dictatorship of the proletariat and revolutionizing the world. Of course Karl Browder and his American Communist Party now feel that Uncle Sam has no longer any reason to be suspicious of them.

However, we do remember that the Communist Party of the United States, meeting in New York City in national convention in June, 1939, adopted a platform declaring:

"Combat the imperialistic policies of the President . . . Oppose all war loans and credits . . . Not a cent, not a gun, not a man for war preparations and the imperialistic war. Resist the militarization and armament programs of the Administration and Congress."

The sudden conversion of the American Communists to the support of the war against Hitler dates from the morning that Hitler attacked Russia.

The strongest indication that the dissolution of the Third International is only a piece of window-dressing on the part of Mr. Stalin is the fact that the American Communist Party has refused to close shop. Karl Browder and his cohorts have always taken their signals from Moscow even when they disavowed all connection with the Kremlin. Even now the policy of the American Communist Party offers no guarantee that it will continue to support the American war against Japan if, after Hitler's defeat, Russia should remain neutral in the Far East.

'Superman' of Germany Declared Creature of False Philosophers

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The recent Vatican Radio broadcast quoting the Most Rev. Johannes B. Dietz, Bishop of Fulda, as saying the Nazi conception of man constitutes a

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"Heroism, the catchword of our times, may still transfigure such an existence," Bishop Dietz said, "but who could fall to see that this heroism cannot dispel the nihilism of such views; that such heroism is not only without hope, promise or consolation, but in the final analysis also without honor. What a chasm exists between such views and the profession of Christian hope: 'I believe in the resurrection of the body and in life everlasting.'"

The Vatican City broadcast citing Bishop Dietz's condemnation of the Nazi concept of man was reported in this country at the time United States Government monitors recorded a Spanish-language broadcast on this subject from the Vatican. The text of the German Bishop's sermon has now become available, and a resume thereof is presented in this Vatican City dispatch.

The Bishop of Fulda made two dominant characteristics in the type of man heralded in modern Germany: "The fantastic over-estimation of man and materialistic abandonment of God." He contrasts this with "the clarity and beauty of the Christian type of man who, under the sign of a Superman, Personal and Eternal God, through his Redemption by Jesus Christ, and as the creature and child of God, is called to a life of order, law, freedom in God and for God, and to eternal life through personal immortality."

Christian Type to Prevail

Bishop Dietz concluded his sermon with the profound prediction that "the type of man heralded today will disappear just as it came; and when the books that preach and exalt it have long since returned to pulp, the Sacred Books will still tell of the Christian type of man."

After this brief summary of Bishop Dietz' sermon, the Vatican Radio quoted at length from the text of the sermon, first taking up the German Philosopher's analysis of the "philosophers who were originators of the anti-Christian type of today." In Nietzsche, the "champion of the superman," the Bishop finds "the trend towards the heroic superhuman, absolute vigor without pity for any weakness, the will for power and autocracy, the thirst for a life of adventure, the primacy of instinct and impulse over reason and moral virtue, and above all hatred for everything that is Christian which he, like too many others today, failed completely to appreciate!"

According to Heidegger, the Bishop continued, "man is thrown into existence out of nothingness—he (Heidegger) does not bother to ask by whom—and is floating in continuous danger over the abyss of nothingness; because fear is the fundamental situation of life, man must master it until he heroically confronts death which returns him

Priest Makes Reply To Dr. Tolley's Skit On Catholic Church

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What did the "Loyalists" think of religion? They hated religion. Therefore, they outraged, murdered bishops and priests and burned massive church buildings. And the staggering scores of these acts of violence are duly recorded for posterity and will remain a hideous monument to those about whom Dr. Tolley said nothing, while condemning the "forces with which the Catholic Church was associated in Spain."

We could go on at length and give the political and social and religious history of Spain of at least the last century and a half, and especially from 1851 to 1936. But space does not permit. A real knowledge of the revolt would require this knowledge. That knowledge is not common in the United States even among those who make bold to voice opinions on these problems.

The lack of this historical information is the cause of the muddled explanations given by the large number of writers who have sprung up almost overnight as self-appointed authorities on Spain. They seem unable to see the woods for the trees. They have seen the events, the commotions that agitated Spain, but they fail to perceive the nature of the forces which have produced these events, which created this violent commotion.

Such is, in brief, an account of the two parties. An abundance of communistic propaganda has appeared, although it cannot always be discerned as such. Communism knows the Catholic Church stands as no little obstacle to the hastening of the purposes of Communism as well as those of Nazism and Fascism. Therefore, it will use any trick to weaken the position of the Church and to draw down upon her discredit among democratic peoples.

To make the Church appear as an ally of Fascism, would be a logical maneuver. And too many, without a thought of discovering the source of their information, are accepting malicious propaganda without reservation. I fear that Dr. Tolley has been a victim of some of this misrepresentation that would endeavor to make anarchy look like Democracy and the defense of constitutional government seem like a Fascist revolt.

Dean of Fordham Law School Now N. Y. Counsel

NEW YORK—Ignatius Martin Wilkinson, who for the last 20 years has been dean of Fordham University School of Law, today was sworn in as Corporation Counsel for the city. He was appointed to the position June 8 by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia to succeed Thomas D. Thatcher, recently named to the bench of the Court of Appeals.

Dies on Jubilee Day

New York—On the twenty-fifth anniversary of her appointment as Superior, Mother Mary Alphonsus, 81, Superior of Mt. St. Michael's Orphanage at Greenridge, S. I., and of the convents of the Order of the Presentation in Staten Island, died at the orphanage.

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