

20,000 Workers Hear Pontiff Defend Role In Peace Cause

VATICAN CITY—Addressing one of the largest audiences ever held in the history of the Vatican, His Holiness Pope Pius XII on Sunday, June 15, told 20,000 workers that "the whole complex structure of society is in need of adjustment"; that the problems of labor merit special attention, but that the solution does not lie in the field of revolution.

Holding up to his listeners "the divine model of the Christian worker—Christ the Carpenter," the Holy Father warned that "the social revolution claims to raise the working class to power," but is in reality "an empty word, and a mere show incapable of realization in fact." He said it yokes and binds the working class "to the force of State Capitalism," and "like the other social systems and orders which it claims to fight, it classifies, regulates and presses all into a fearful war instrument which demands not only the blood and health but also the goods and property of the people."

"Salvation and justice," Pope Pius said, "are not to be found in revolution but in an evolution through concord." Asserting that "Violence has ever achieved only destruction not construction," the Holy Father emphasized that "it is only progressive and prudent evolution full of courage and in conformity with nature, enlightened and guided by the Christian laws of justice and equity, that can lead to the fulfillment of the honorable desires and needs of the worker."

Scored Anti-Religious Propaganda—Pope Pius spoke out against "propaganda of an anti-religious inspiration" which, he asserted, is circulating among the people and especially among the working classes. This propaganda, he said, would have the people believe the Pope wished the war and supplies money for its continuance; that the Pope does nothing for peace.

Asserting that "never, perhaps, was there launched a calumny more absurd than this," the Holy Father listed some of the notorious efforts put forward by himself and his predecessors to head off this war, and his own efforts to mitigate the sufferings of this war after it started.

"When the truth of the facts and our works will have been revealed," His Holiness declared, "they will be confounded who maliciously try to throw on the Papacy the responsibility for all the blood that has flowed in the buffets on land, in the air, in the sea and in the ruins of cities."

Friend of Labor—The Holy Father spoke from a specially-erected platform in the Vatican's famed Belvedere courtyard, to which the ceremonies had been hurriedly transferred.

Bespaking the devotion which Italian workers have for the Common Father of Christendom, this pilgrimage—though intended to be chiefly local in character—was an indication of the universal esteem in which the Papacy is held, and an expression of appreciation for the Papal enunciation of Christian social doctrine and Papacy's uncompromising defense of the inalienable rights of labor.

His Holiness called upon the workers to "renew your life of faith and strengthen it by daily prayer." "Let prayer begin, sanctify and close your working day," he said.

The Holy Father emphasized the serious obligation of the older workers not to give scandal in any way to the youths who may be working in their midst.

The Pope prayed that "even in the daily life of the factory, may the young workers enjoy the help of persons drawn from the ranks of the clergy, of the religious Sisterhoods, and of Catholic Action, who, in agreement with the management, will devote themselves with all their physical and moral energy to their interests."

May Delay Selection of Westminster Archbishop—LONDON—The appointment of Cardinal Hinsley's successor as Archbishop of Westminster may be delayed somewhat, it is felt here, by the death, announced by Vatican Radio, of Most Reverend Sanctus, Archbishop of the Consistorial Congregation.

Most Reverend was responsible for the gathering of information which requires consideration before appointments to vacant sees.

Defy Of Nazi Attacks On Christianity Wins Dutch Bishops' Praise

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Asserting that the Nazi occupation authorities have attempted to impose on the people of Holland "a conception of life in flagrant opposition to Christianity," the Catholic Bishops of The Netherlands have publicly expressed their happiness in the staunch resistance their people have shown to this encroachment.

The Dutch Bishops make their declaration in a Joint Pastoral Letter which was read in all the churches of Holland on May 12, the text of which has just been received here.

The Bishops declare "our people will never become National Socialists if we remain faithful to the Faith of our fathers."

The Bishops point out that the measures taken by the Nazis to put Netherlanders in forced labor in Germany present a problem for the conscience. The assertion of the Nazis that the people of Holland must work to assure the victory of Germany "creates for us a conflict of conscience," the Bishops say.

Call for Frater Crusade—Branding as a mere "slogan" the cry of the Nazis that all Christians have a duty to combat Communism, the Bishops assert that Christianity is the only power capable of combating Communism, and yet it is actively attacked by National Socialism.

The Bishops called for a crusade of prayer in May, invoking the intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Beloved Faithful," the pastoral of the Dutch Bishops begins, "the trials weighing upon our country are becoming ever more severe. For three years every effort has been made to impose on our people a conception of life in flagrant opposition to Christianity. In all domains National Socialism seeks to extend its influence; in all public life it attempts to take a high hand.

"Although National Socialism has succeeded in occupying important positions by force, the spiritual resistance of the great majority of our people remains, thank God, intact. This is a great consolation to us and gives confidence for the future. Despite all repression and promises of material advantages our people will never become National Socialist if we remain faithful to the Faith of our fathers. Remain loyal to the Faith."

"Crying Injustice"—The Bishops then express sympathy and concern in the trials and consequent moral dangers in "a new measure; all men capable of working and not absolutely indispensable to the life of the country are going to be deported."

"Here," the Bishops assert, "is a question of deportation in proportions the world has not known since the advent of the Christian era." "To find a parallel," they say, "it is necessary to go back to the times of the Babylonian captivity, when God's people were led into exile and the Prophet Jeremiah cried out; 'Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard on high of lamentation, of mourning, and weeping, of Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted for them, because they are not.'"

"This deportation is not only a calamity, it is also a crying injustice against all human and divine laws."

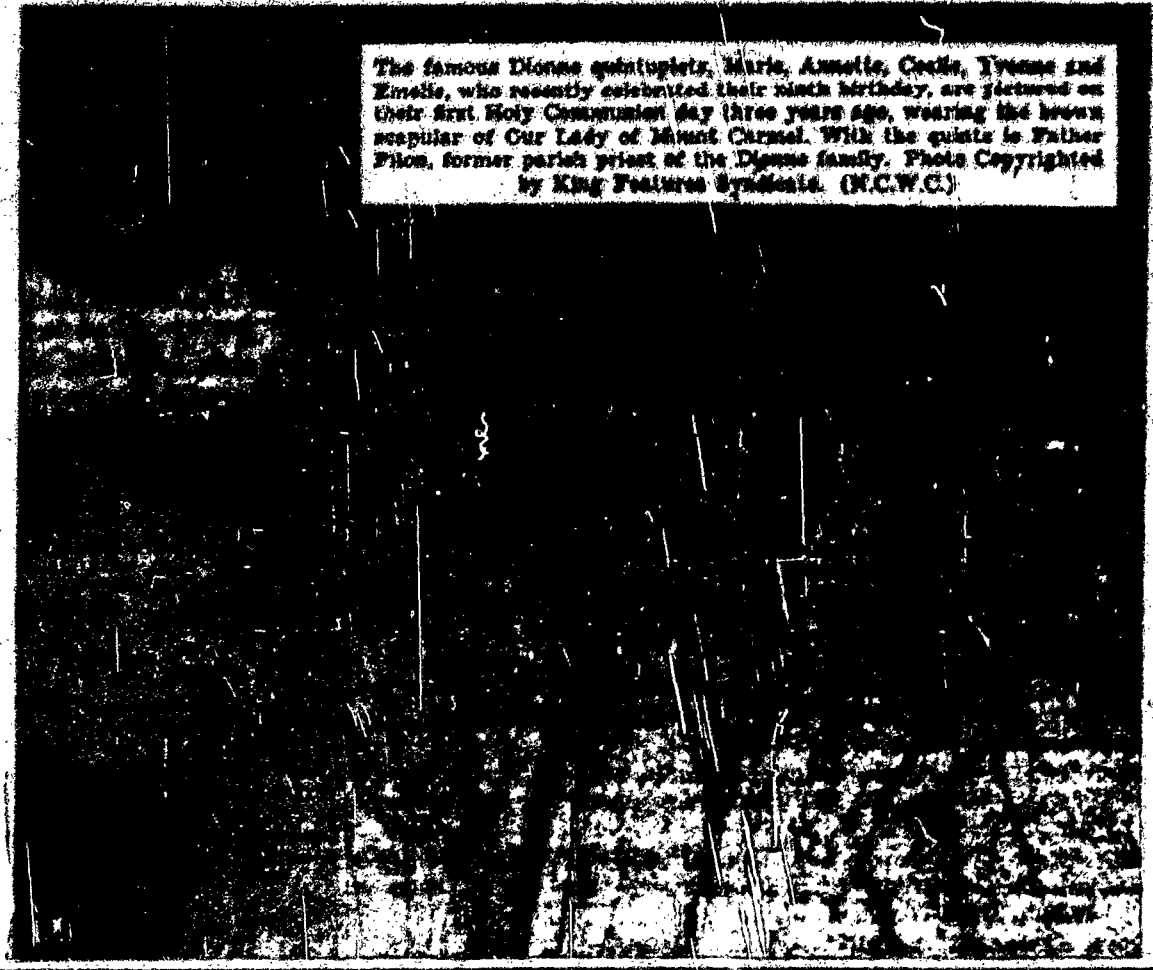
The Bishops insist that it is their duty to defend justice and to call injustice by its name.

"Today, Dearest Beloved," the Bishops say, "not only has our Fatherland been seized by violence, but a great part of its population has been forcibly taken away to work for the enemy. First it was alleged that the Dutch ought to go to work abroad because there was neither work nor bread for them here. But now, it is clearly stated that they must work to assure victory for Germany. That creates for us a conflict of conscience.

Duty To Own Country—"The Fourth Commandment imposes an obligation of love of country and sacrifice for it when it is endangered. But not only are we forbidden to work for our country, but we are obliged, under the threat of the heaviest punishment, to aid our enemy, and in this is the injustice."

We cannot know what the year will bring forth. But if we go on with the "forward" look and the "upward" look we may live in hope and confidence.

THE QUINTS WEAR THEIR SCAPULARS



The famous Dione quintuplets, Marie, Amelie, Cecile, Yvonne and Emelie, who recently celebrated their ninth birthday, are pictured on their first Holy Communion day (three years ago), wearing the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. With the quint is Father Pilon, former parish priest of the Dione family. Photo Copyrighted by King Features Syndicate, (N.C.W.C.)

Score Hardships Of French Forced Labor

VATICAN CITY (NC-Radio)—Hardships and sufferings caused by the forced departure of Frenchmen to labor in Germany are vigorously deplored in two striking documents issued by members of the Hierarchy in France, the texts of which have just been received here.

In a collective Pastoral Letter dated March 7, the Bishops of Beauvais, Verdun, Saint-Die and Nancy declared themselves to be profoundly saddened by the forced departure of young men, including fathers of families, to labor in Germany. While there was occasion for rejoicing earlier, because of concessions obtained by the Government, the Bishops said, they were now immersed in sorrow by the price paid, namely, the great proportion of youth being mobilized for labor service in Germany.

Noting certain abuses, the Bishops point out that the departing workers are not criminals and that they must be allowed to bid farewell to their families. The Bishops state that workers are not now allowed to take leave of their families, and that their departures assume the character of mass deportations.

Following a plenary council of the Archbishops of France held at Paris, April 7 and 8—the first such meeting held in three years—Their Eminences Achille Cardinal Liénart, Archbishop of Lille; Emmanuel Celestine Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, and Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, issued a collective letter.

The letter expressed the sympathy of the French Hierarchy in the war sufferings of their people, especially those caused by the labor departure of so many men and youths. The letter also protests the abuses connected with the departures of these workmen, their living conditions, and the failure of the efforts of French Bishops to obtain permission for chaplains to accompany the men to Germany.

The letter further encourages the practice of universal charity toward suffering Frenchmen at home and toward those abroad, as a uniting bond preparing the way for the early resurrection of France.

Work your work before the time, and He will give you your reward in His time.—Ecclesi. 11, 34.

Word of Prisoners In Russia Still Held From Vatican

LONDON—After many vain attempts to get information from the Soviet government concerning prisoners of war held in Russia, the Vatican Information Bureau, through Vatican Radio, has several times lately told the world of its failure, declaring at the same time that efforts are still being made to get news of the prisoners and to establish contact with them.

The German Radio is, as was to be expected, making propaganda use of Russia's attitude, asserting that Soviet Russia "is the only power which, in open opposition to all existing international agreements, and in flagrant violation of the most elementary laws of humanity, does not supply any news about the fate of prisoners of war in her country."

The British overseas dominions and the United States have been praised by Vatican Radio for the facilities which they have afforded to Apostolic Delegates in the matter of visiting prisoners of war.

U. S. Priest Named Chaplain To American Airmen At Chungking

CHUNGKING, China—An American priest, the Rev. James Gillogly, M.M., of Scranton, Pa., has just been inducted at Kunming into the United States Army Air Force as a first lieutenant. He will serve as official chaplain to American fliers here.

Father Gillogly was formerly stationed at the Maryknoll mission in Wuchow, South China. He met many Catholic fliers in this vicinity and served as unofficial chaplain.

NUN FOR SIXTY YEARS

Quebec—Mother Margaret Lindsay, of St. Agathe, recently observed the sixtieth anniversary of her profession as a member of the Ursuline Order here.

Tokyo Says Philippines Will Be Japanese-Speaking Nation In Ten Years

NEW YORK—The Philippine Islands will be "a Japanese-speaking nation in ten years' time," the Tokyo Radio declared in an English-language broadcast beamed to North America and recorded by Government monitors here.

The speaker quoted Yoshio Uchiyama, director of the Education Department in the Japanese Military Administration in the Philippines, in describing "the tireless efforts" of his department to introduce the study of Japanese among the Filipinos.

The method, it was stated, has been to require the study of Japanese in all schools and to establish special Japanese courses for adults, especially "administrative officials and policemen." Instructors have been dispatched throughout the islands to organize language schools, the broadcast said, adding that one hour and 40 minutes a week in grammar schools and 40 minutes a day in "middle schools" is devoted to the study of the Japanese language.

Boston College Men

Boston—The latest issue of the Boston College Alumni News revealed that a total of 2,700 student and alumni of the Jesuit institution are serving in the various branches of the U. S. armed forces. The total of the student body and alumni is 10,000, the paper revealed in pointing out that one out of every four Boston College men is in the service.

Takes A Gamble

Magistrate: "What induced you to strike your wife?" Husband: "Well, your Honor, she had her back to me, the broom was handy, and the back door was open, so I thought I'd take a chance."

A Sultan at odds with his harem thought of a way he could scarce. He caught him a mouse. Set it loose in the house. Thus starting the first harem war.