

Has Not Criticized

What General Franco's attitude toward the United States is we do not profess to know; unlike Joseph Stalin, our ally, he has not criticized us. But anyone viewing the matter dispassionately must

admit that our publicists and secular press have given him little reason to love us.—The Catholic News, New York.

I wish I could impress on all the importance of simplicity.—Mother Mary Aikenhead.

'Be Radical' Sodality Told By Fr. Rooney At Communion Breakfast

"Go, fight the world with Christ," said the Rev. Richard R. Rooney, S.J., noted author and director of Sodality work, addressing the sodalists of St. Patrick's Parish at a Communion Breakfast held following the 7:30 Mass at the Mark Twain Hotel on Sunday, June 12. "I challenge you to action, I would invite you to radicalism and revolution."

"Whenever an idea takes to itself a body, the result is a revolution," said the speaker, citing Nazism, Fascism and Communism as examples. "But these are pale halfway measures, compared to the revolution started 2,000 years ago when the second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Divine Idea, the Word of God, took a body of flesh and blood from Mary. Define 'Radical'."

"To be radical means to go to the roots of things. Worldly radicals since Christ have touched only the surface. He alone went into the hearts and souls of men to tear out all that was human, and make it divine."

"To be revolutionary is to turn things upside down. Christ revolutionized revolution itself. He turned an upside down world right side up."

"... in only three years with His apostles, Christ gave them ideas and ideals. When he told them to go forth, teaching all nations, he left them a colossal job. They were to win over a black pagan world, sunk in sensuality, minds darkened to anything spiritual, to a crucified King." Naming the time of Pentecost the "first Novena," Father Rooney stated that at the coming of the Holy Ghost, He "joined the idea of Christ to that body which was to become the mystical body of Christ, the Church. The Apostles walked out of that room, and revolutionized the world."

"It is time we had another revolution of that sort. Christ asks it of you personally... Holy Communion is not a static thing, not a visit of a few minutes. It is a dynamic thing, that changes you, and sends you out to do the work of Christ. It is as if Christ says, 'I want your head, your hands, your heart, your body; I want to carry on the work that was started 2,000 years ago; I want that revolution to go on. Give Me your head, your heart, your mind—that is to be a Christian and a Socialist. If that isn't what Christianity and the Ideality mean to you, you've missed the point!'"

Cites Two Ambitions

Father Rooney named the sodalists two main ambitions: to be as Marylike, and hence as Christlike as possible, and once Christ is in her heart, to give Him to others. "We are 25 million Catholics in the United States, and our effect is all. Politically, socially, educationally, sociologically, economically, our effect is as though we were not. Why? The answer is obvious—We are not fully Christian. If even one million Catholics lived up to their responsibility in the United States, in ten years they could change the face of the nation completely."

"If you are to win the revolution, you are to start with yourself, in your ideals and values. There is a lack of appreciation in Catholic women... They don't know what it means to be a daughter of God, a sister of Christ, a hostess of the kingdom of Heaven."

"You must change your judgments and evaluations of things... in everybody you must see Christ. There must be a change in your feelings, in your hating the enemy. You may hate his ideas, but not a single person. You can't, and still be Christlike."

"In giving Christ to others, we Catholics fail badly. Christ, the light of the world would like to shine again in the darkness. If we aren't fighting this war that Christ may live again in the United States, we are a crowd of fools, shedding our blood for nothing."

Father Rooney described the scene in the stadium at Paris in 1836 when the organization JOC held a Congress. A single candle, lit in the darkness, was passed to 80,000 persons, until each held a lighted candle, symbolizing what



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET for the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, jubilee, is contained in basket of roses presented from all his parishioners. At presentation: (from left) Rev. Clarence W. Gardner, Assistant Pastor; J. Albert Coughlin, co-chairman; Father Schwab, Pastor; Our Lady of Lourdes Church; Dr. John F. Lynch, co-chairman.

Mrs. Dowdle Leaves CYO, Ambulance Corps

Mrs. Joseph Dowdle, of St. Patrick's Parish, first lieutenant and adjutant of Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps, and director of recreation activities at CYO, has left Elmira to join her husband, Pvt. W. Joseph Dowdle, stationed at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Her resignation from the Ambulance Corps was announced Monday night before the Flag Day parade.

Mrs. Dowdle took over direction of recreation for CYO in November of last year. Since that time, she has organized classes in swimming, basketball, crafts, and assisted in the direction of a newspaper and operetta given by the children. This work was done under the supervision of the Recreation Committee of the Ladies of Charity, whose chairman is Miss Dorothy Martin.

Besides her volunteer work in the Ambulance Corps, and her director's activities in the CYO, Mrs. Dowdle had worked at chauffeur-ing in the Horseheads and Elmira Reconsignment Dept. for the armed services there.

Fr. Schwab Observes Silver Jubilee

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gave several selections on her accordion.

Mrs. James Urquhart and Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne Bacon were accompanist for dances offered by Marilyn Urquhart and Joan Coppola and by Dolores Sutter and Paul Becker.

Edmund McGarrell, representing the Holy Name Society of the parish, presented Father Schwab with the screen and andirons for his fireplace, as a token of esteem, and Mrs. C. A. Mawrey presented him with a lounge chair, on behalf of the Altar Society.

A spiritual bouquet was presented by Father Gardner from all the friends and well-wishers of Father Schwab wishing him "many happy years in the parish, and asking God to bless you always."

In answer to which Father Schwab remarked "I don't suppose any priest ever had a better silver jubilee than this." He expressed his thanks for Father Brien's kind words at the morning Mass, to the societies and the committee who had worked so hard to make the day a success, to the Knights of Columbus guard of honor, to the choir, altar boys and children who had participated, and to their directors. "I don't know any people more devoted," he said, "or more loyal or generous, who are better workers or have a friendlier, kinder spirit. In the years to come on many occasions I will look back to this day as to one of the happiest days of my life, close to the day of my ordination and of my first Mass."

The Sunday novena service in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes was held at 5:30 P. M., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Later about 40 priests of the diocese were entertained at dinner at the Mark Twain Hotel by Father Schwab. Two classmates were present, Rev. George Weissman of Rochester and the Rev. Michael J. Hynes of Oswego. Two of Father Schwab's professors at St. Bernard's Seminary also attended, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Baleri and the Rev. Dr. Frederick Zwicklein of Rochester.

Lawrence Hastings was in charge of the program and J. A. Coughlin and Dr. John Lynch were co-chairman for the affair. The committee was saddened by the loss of Dennis J. Reagan, who died a week before the celebration and who had entered heartily into the preparations for it.

Light beauties, because without light all things are ugly.—St. Thomas Aquinas.

Graduations In Corning

CORNING—The Rev. Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary, a former graduate of St. Mary's School, will be the speaker at the graduation exercises of the School to be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the Church. There are 37 listed in the graduating class.

Commencement for St. Vincent de Paul's School will also be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock. It is expected that 25 graduates will receive their diploma in the church. At St. Patrick's School Hall on Sunday at 7:30 p. m. the graduation exercises will be held after which the graduates will march to the church for benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Chaplain

Brooklyn—The Rev. James T. Lynch of the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been named first Catholic chaplain at the U. S. Naval Air Station, formerly Floyd Bennett Field, here.

the members of JOC, and Sodality want to do—to give Christ to the world.

Mrs. Justine McCarthy, president of the sodality, introduced Father Hogan, moderator, and expressed her thanks to the committee. She presented a gift to the retiring president, Mrs. Eugene F. Agan. Mrs. Agan expressed her thanks for the gift, and for the support of officers during the year, naming especially Vice-President Mrs. Elizabeth Terwilliger, and the chairman of the Newcomer's Committee, Mrs. Justin Ramasser, and Mrs. Lyric Harris. The Rev. Joseph F. Hogan then introduced the main speaker. Also present at the speakers' table were committee members Mrs. Charles P. Lynch, Kathleen Milliken, Helen Ganey, Mrs. Merrill Hadlock, Frances Burns, Mrs. Robert V. Powell, and Mrs. James Frost.

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