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punishment of Hell fire are so ready to put Hitler before a firing squad? If we insist so rightly that

Hitler is responsible for his deeds, then we must admit with equal truth that we too are responsible for our actions. If Hitler is worthy of a firing squad for violating the rights of man, there are others worthy of Hell fire for violating the rights of God.

Truly enough, in the Nazi and Fascist philosophy the State is

supreme and the individual is nothing. But we shall never destroy this tyrannical doctrine by preaching only man's rights. We must also insist upon man's responsibilities. It is not enough to declare only man's God-given rights unless we declare for man's God-given responsibilities.

Mr. Lippmann insists that this distinction is crucial. To admit that all men are born free is only the negative side of the problem. "For men," as Lippmann argued, "are not really free when they are released from bondage. They are only freed men. They are not free men until they are the captains of their souls and know that they themselves have the power and the duty to choose between good and evil." The free man is not the party hack who runs around crying, "I am free to vote!" but the responsible citizen who says, "I have voted honestly." The free man is not the Herald Square Communist who shouts, "I have freedom of speech," but rather the martyr who says "I have spoken the truth." Thomas Aquinas, who said, "I believe whatever the Son of God has said," was vastly more free than the modern intellectual ascetic who murmurs, "I can believe what I like."

There are sixty popular explanations of the present world chaos. It is very popular and very easy to blame all the "blood, sweat, and tears" of the hour on Hitler, the Beast of Berlin or Mussolini, the backstabbing Benito. We can argue that Chamberlain should have carried a Garand rifle rather than an umbrella to Munich. We can blame Pearl Harbor on the isolationists. But these are all short-

sighted and superficial solutions. The dictators are merely the Frankenstein creations of our own irresponsible century. If Hitler had not been born to it some little American boy, who is being taught etiquette instead of religion, might have written Mein Kampf.

Mr. Lippmann fails to explain—and this is the key to the whole problem—why men ever lost their sense of moral responsibility in the first place. What Mr. Lippmann is only beginning to see now Pope Pius XII saw clearly and explained only a few days before World War II broke over the earth. "When God is hated, every basis of morality is undermined; the voice of conscience is stifled or at any rate grows very faint." When men forget the Lawgiver, they soon lose their sense of moral responsibility.

The new world of the Four Freedoms must be definitely a moral order. Mr. Lippmann is keen enough to see this. Let us hope that with God's grace he and all the rest of us shall discover the other truth. Any true moral order must be established on the authority of Jesus Christ.

"When Jesus was crucified," as Pius XII reminded the world on the eve of the great outbreak, "there was darkness over the whole earth; a terrifying symbol of what happened and what still happens spiritually wherever incredulity, blind and proud of itself, has succeeded in excluding Christ from modern life, especially from public life, and has undermined faith in God as well as faith in Christ. . . . There was darkness when they crucified Jesus."

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Divine Providence which leads beyond eternal and ever new ideas of culture and religion, and defense of the family that it may persevere, fortify and reconstitute according to its powers its proper economic, spiritual, moral and juridic unity; 2. Giving to work the place assigned to it by God; 3. Collaboration toward a complete rehabilitation of the juridical order; 4. Restoration of the State and its power to serve human society to the full recognition of the respect due the human person and his efforts to attain his eternal destiny.

"You, Bishop McEntegart, are called upon to join this crusade to preserve the human race which is gravely ill and must be healed in the name of conscience assailed by Christianity," said Monsignor Scully.

Archbishops in attendance were the Most Rev. Moses E. Killey, Milwaukee; the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Detroit; the Most Rev. John G. Murray, St. Paul, and the Most Rev. Alexander Vachon, Ottawa.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bishop James E. Kearney, represented the diocese of Rochester at the consecration.

Bishop McEntegart's mother, Mrs. Kate Rose McEntegart, and his brothers and sisters, occupied one of the front pews in the Cathedral. Bishop McEntegart will pontificate at his first Pastoral Mass in the Cathedral here, on Sunday, August 8.

Notes Peace Plea Animates All Of Pope's War Messages

MONTEVIDEO (NC) — An appeal for peace has animated all the messages of His Holiness Pope Pius XII since the beginning of the war. His Excellency the Most Rev. Alberto Lavagna, Papal Nuncio to Uruguay, said in a recent address before the Catholic Club of the Capital. "Encyclicals, radio addresses, allocutions to kings, Cardinals, priests, pilgrims, newlyweds, youth, children, the wounded," the Nuncio said, "all speak of peace."

After begging God for the release of the souls of the war-dead, and for grace and celestial consolation for the exiled, the refugees, the prisoners, and all those who suffer the calamities of war,

the Holy Father, Archbishop Lavagna pointed out, always "implies divine mercy and the divine gift of peace for all."

Spanish Confraternity Honors Card. Copello

BUENOS AIRES — The Spanish Archconfraternity of the Glorious Apostle Santiago, Patron of Spain, has conferred the title of "Elder Brother" on His Eminence Santiago Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires.

HELP THE MISSIONS

RED CROSS AT LEPER COLONY

The American Red Cross, busy at work in the South Pacific in soldiers' activities, takes time out to help the civilian population of the same area. Here Miss Lee Hester, Long Beach, Calif., Red Cross hospital recreation worker (left center), and Charles E. Mason, Cleveland, Ohio, Red Cross field director (center), present toys to children of a leper colony. At left is Father A. Choi and at right, Sister Marie Irma. Toys were donated by a California Chapter. The church in background was built from funds provided by Bishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston. Army Signal Corps photo. (N.C.W.C.)



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