Notre Dame's Centenary Hailed By Supreme Pontiff

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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

The hundred year old Notre Dame University made public last week a congratulatory Centenary Letter from His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the famed South Bend institution.

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The present Pontiff, as Cardinal Pacelli, visited the Notre Dame Campus on Oct. 25, 1936, and received an honorary Doctorate of Literature. Perhaps this is why the Pope in his Centennary Letter reveals a very intimate knowledge of Notre Dame. If sportswriters are given to reading Papal documents, they will be pleasureably gratified by one particular statement which the Pope makes . . .

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"Nor would we have this occasion pass without some mention of the physical education system of the University. Based primarily on the principle of 'a sound mind in a sound body' and confined always to its proper place in the curriculum, to the exclusion of the prevalent over-emphasis on physical culture, it has done much, through the exemplary conduct and competitive integrity of the University's representatives, to dispel from the minds of Americans youth any notion that fidelity to one's religious practices is inconsonant with the best in American manhood."

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Sportswriters can hardly be justified if they interpret the Pope's reference to "the exemplary conduct and competitive integrity of the University's representatives" as constituting a Papal endorsement of the celebrated Rockne Football System or perhaps the Leahy-Notre Dame execution of the intricate T-formation. The Pope's words, however, do constitute a definite recognition and even approval on the part of the Holy Father of Notre Dame's honorable record in the world of sports and particularly on the gridiron.

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The Pope's very human and personal recognition of Notre Dame's football reputation is certainly a tribute to the memory of the immortal Knute Rockne whose almost fabulous genius did so much to make the name of Notre Dame one of the proudest names in world of American sport. The Holy Cross Fathers who direct the spiritual and academic fortunes of Notre Dame can be justly proud that the story of how their football players have won respect for the Catholic Faith as well as their own athletic prowess has not gone unobserved by a busy but vigilant Pontiff. Even the unique "Sidewalk Alumni" of Notre Dame, which consists of a vast and countless army of taxi-drivers, bellhops, labors, and professional workers, can find reasonable evidence in the Holy Father's Letter to indicate that the Pontiff has by personal choice enrolled himself in the popular ranks of those who by newspaper and radio follow the ever glorious Story of Notre Dame.

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Inextricably woven into the great story of Notre Dame are not only the thrills of football but also the triumphs of faith. There are the oft told tales of "Dorais to Rockne," George Gipp—"The Gipper"—whom Rockne called "Notre Dame's greatest football player." There are the almost legendary "Four Horsemen" as sportswriters styled the famous backfield of Layden, Miller, Stuhldreher and Crowley. But Notre Dame Alumni still remember with equal pride Rockne's conversion to the Faith. How Rockne made his First Holy Communion. How when Rockne was pulled from the wreckage of an airplane a rosary was found wound around the great master's fingers. The distilled conversion of the "Great Gipp" is a Notre Dame tradition that ranks with any of the legends of the "fighting Irish" on the gridiron.

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Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P.

Servicemen's Postwar Hopes Discussed In Coming Jubilee Issue

What will happen "When Johnny Comes Marching Home?"

What do the "Four Freedoms" mean to Catholics?

The Rev. John P. Delaney, S.J., brilliant Jesuit author and lecturer, and the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., edi - of the Holy Name Journal, will provide the answers in the forthcoming CATHOLIC COURIER Jubilee Magazine.

They will join a list of nationally and internationally known clergymen and laymen in presenting the problems of the post-war world to readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Rochester Diocese and the 50th anniversary of St. Bernard's Seminary.

In presenting the post-war hopes of the men in service, Father Delaney writes with authority. He has talked to these men far and wide and makes a most able presentation of their case. An associate editor of of Ameri , the Jesuit weekly, Father Delaney served as assistant director of the Vatican radio station and broadcast to the world the funeral of Pius XI and the election and coronation of Pius XII.

In addition to editing the Holy Name Journal, Father Nagle has won renown as a playwright. Included among his works is the prize-winning Passion Play, "Barter."

Other contributors to the Jubilee Magazine include the Rev. John La Farge, S.J., of America; Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Society; Eric Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Marion B. Folsom, treasurer of the Eastman Kodak Company; Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan-American Airways; Oswald Ryan, a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Assh-

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Fr. Wheaton Senior Chaplain At Sampson

SAMPSON. — Survivor of the sinking of the U. S. S. Helena, Lieut. John K. Wheaton, (ChC) USNR, this week assumed his duties as Senior Catholic Chaplain at the United States Naval Training Station.

Father Wheaton succeeds Lieut Eugene R. LeGault, S.J. (ChC), USNR, who has been assigned to sea duty.

A priest of the Rochester diocese, Chaplain Wheaton served as assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester; St. Cecilia's Church, Avon, and St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, before entering the Navy in October, 1941.

Peace Planners Fail To Find Constructive Plan In Moscow Pact

Refutes Book Linking Church With Fascism

NEW YORK—Refutation of the volume "What to Do With Italy," by Salvemini and La Piana, in which the authors attempt to link the Church with Fascism, is undertaken by Don Luigi Sturzo in the current issue of America.

Founder and leader of the Popular party in Italy until his departure from the country in 1924 following the advent of the Fascist State, Don Sturzo entitled his article, "The Church and Democracy and Salvemini-La Piana."

"It seems to me," Don Sturzo writes, "that the central point of Salvemini's and La Piana's controversy concerning the Church lies in the assumption of an inherent incompatibility between the doctrine and the practice of the Catholic Church and modern democracy."

Pointing out that the authors adduce only "the particular conduct of given individuals" in support of their charge, and stating that Binchy's authoritative work, "Church and State in Fascist Italy," indicates sufficiently the fallacy of this method of argumentation, Don Sturzo takes up the main theme of his article, namely, "Democracy and the Church."

Adherence to Principle

Answering the authors' charge that the Church places her principles in a "sacred Shrine," while she stoops to expedient action, Don Sturzo writes:

"No Catholic, and no student of religious facts either, can seriously charge the Catholic Church with putting principles in a 'shrine' and adapting herself to the current reality. Had she done so she would have accepted a great deal of the Reformation, to avoid the dismemberment of European Christianity. she would have accepted a great deal of modern naturalistic rationalism in order to escape the desertion of the bourgeoisie and of the working class imbued with 'Liberalism' and Socialism' (as these labels were understood in the past century). If there has been an institution that has opposed divorce, birth-control, euthanasia, sterilization, both sanitary and political, this has been the Catholic Church. Why talk of principles preserved in the 'reliquary' or 'shrine'?"

ALL-OUT VICTORY PLEDGE OF BIG FOUR GRATIFIES

Publication of the Joint Declaration by the Tripartite Conference in Moscow, to which the Chinese Ambassador at the Russian Capital added his signature, has been received with mixed feelings of enthusiasm and disappointment.

A more sheet analysis of the Moscow Pact indicates that definite concessions were exchanged between Anglo-American interests and their Soviet partner.

Those who are concerned with the military aspect of the war and the immediate prosecution of Allied victory are gratified to see the Big Four reaffirm their pledge to stick together for unconditional victory.

Russia's agreement to the unconditional victory pledge apparently eliminates the fear that the Soviets might execute a separate peace with Germany.

Blow at Red Aims

Mutual recognition by the Four Powers of "the necessity of insuring a rapid and orderly transition from war to peace," strikes a blow at the Communist ambition to profit from European revolutionary chaos and may indicate, therefore, another concession that Mr. Hull and Mr. Eden have won from Premier Stalin.

Anglo-American concessions to the Soviet side of the conference apparently are evidenced in the Four-Power Agreement on the "second front," the establishment of a peoples' government and complete elimination of any Fascist personnel in Italy, and the determination to punish Germans guilty of atrocities at the scenes of their crimes. These points have been for a long time commonplace demands of Moscow leaders.

While the Big Four of the Moscow Pact agree to stand together in establishing an international security organization based on "the sovereign equality of all peace-loving states," nevertheless, many peace planners will be disappointed with the Pact's shadowy peace preachments and its failure to offer a completely constructive program.

A world suspicious of generalizations, as the New York Sun admits, will look for further enlightenment of the postwar intentions of the Big Four.

Ignores Asiatic Area

The Big Four pledge themselves to continue hostilities against the Axis powers until unconditional surrender is achieved, but Amer-

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Priest Blesses Colors Of Cadets Stationed In Auburn

AUBURN — The ceremony of presentation of national, regimental and company banners to the officers and trainees of the Army Reserve Special Training Program stationed at the Auburn Seminary took place on Wednesday afternoon at Memorial City Hall.

Members of the Civilian Protection Services voluntarily made the necessary efforts to secure these colors and took great pride in the ceremony. The trainees took special pride in the fact that the medallion on the regimental flag was designed by one of their own members.

It was shortly after 3 o'clock when the uniformed trainee cadets, headed by their band, marched into Richardson Square in military formation. With the trainees, to the number of five hundred, drawn up in front of Memorial City Hall, the color guard stepped forward to receive the colors which were carried from the building by Police Sgt. E. L. Arnold, warden of Zone 3 of the Civilian Defense who had taken an active part in obtaining the necessary funds for the purchase of the flags; Fireman Harry W. Orman, clerk of the Auxiliary Firemen; William Cummings, chief communications officer, and Harold Nelson, of Central Control. Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Philbrook, pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church, pronounced the invocation after which Mayor Brister addressed the trainees.

The colors were blessed by Rev. Dennis W. Hickey of St. Mary's Church, one of Auburn's most active members of the Civilian Defense forces. The Mayor then presented the Stars and Stripes, the regimental colors, bearing a medallion on which is the eky and the guidons, to Capt. Edward McAvoy, commanding officer of the trainees in Auburn.

Standing in front of Memorial City Hall and reviewing the trainee corps was Maj. A. L. Walker, U.S.A., and Representative member of the staff at Syracuse University; Captain McAvoy, Capt. [illegible] Macaulay and Lieuts. Frank P. Wilsons and Bernard Steigler of the Auburn Staff.

NEW YORK CANTEEN TO BE AIDED BY PUBLICATION OF ARCHBISHOP'S LETTERS

NEW YORK. — Proceeds from the publication in Collier's magazine of the letters written by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, to his father will be turned over to the Cathedral Canteen operated by the National Catholic Community Service here.

Speaking at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canteen, Archbishop Spellman said that only the realization he was performing a patriotic duty prompted him to consent to publication of the "rather intimate" letters.

"I approve the publication of these rather intimate communications because the contribution will be of real assistance in an undertaking that is close to my heart, the Cathedral Canteen," Archbishop Spellman told the directors.

It is estimated that 4,000 servicemen make use of the Cathedral Canteen facilities every week.

Guidance For Nations

Blessed are they who keep their nations and their peoples free from the corruption of godlessness, from the influence of atheistic, pagan, false spiritual conceptions. Their reward in heaven will be great.

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