Flays Persecution Of Minorities In U. S.

ROCHESTER, N. H.—To condemn the law of hate, which inspires enemies of the United Nations "to abominable injustices and persecutions of minorities, and not to stifle our own latent prejudices and enmities, is a true joke," the Rev. Charles Trudel, assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, declared in the principal address at the dedication of Rochester's War Honor Roll, containing the names of 1,030 men and women in the armed forces.

Condemning persecution of minorities, Father Trudel said: "How many so-called Americans, who smugly describe themselves as the halo of 100 per cent Americanism, rate and vilify and would persecute, if given a chance, those who are not of their own religious belief, political affiliation or union membership? What is the difference between the acts of the happily defunct K.K.K. and the treachery accorded the Jews by Hitler's storm troopers? A little self-examination of conscience is in order and long overdue. The nation would surely benefit by it and so would the war effort."

Who shall decide when doctors disagree?—Alexander Pope.

One of the most dangerous and frequent temptations is that of pride in doing good.

Mystery Of Holy Trinity Hinted In Old Testament

By LEN'S RIORDAN

Of all the mysteries of the Christian faith, the Trinity is the first and greatest. From it all the other mysteries proceed as the river flows from its source. It is the fundamental dogma because by professing belief in it Christians are distinguished from infidels and Jews.

The doctrine of the three Divine Persons in the one God, bitterly opposed from the first ages of the Church, is eloquently expressed in various creeds and definitions. It is propounded by the Fourth Lateran Council as follows: "We firmly believe and simply confess that the true God is one only . . . Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Three Persons, but one essence; in substance or nature altogether simple. The Father from none; the Son from the Father alone, and the Holy Spirit equally from both . . . consubstantial and coequal and coomnipotent and co-eternal . . . We believe and confess with Peter the Lombard that there is one Supreme Being . . . which verily is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, at once three Persons and each of them individually of the same essence. And thus in God there is only a "'trinity, not a 'quaternity,' nor four-ness; because each one of the three Persons is that Thing, viz, Substance, Essence, or Divine Nature."

Person Defined

A person is defined as a distinct being subsisting in an intellectual nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, therefore, are three distinct persons subsisting in the one divine nature. Thus as expressed in the Athanasian Creed, "The Person of the Father is different, the Person of the Son is different, the Person of the Holy Spirit is different."

Although it is true that one may search the Bible without finding the words, "person" or "trinity," used in reference to God or discover expressed in definite terms that there are three distinct Persons in one God, yet, as the theologian, Van Noort, declared, "the Catholic doctrine itself is clearly and certainly contained in the New Testament and in the Old, at least to the extent that it is intimated."

Supposing the revelation of the Trinity as contained in the New Testament, it is possible to find in the Old Testament passages that at least foreshadowed the mystery of the Three Persons in one God.

The plurality of Persons in God is indicated in the divine dialog as related in the creation of man in the book of Genesis: "Let us make man to our image and likeness . . . and God created man to His image" (i, 26, 27). God seems here to signify that He is several Persons deliberating among Themselves one of whom is the common principle of the image. Almost the same thing is to be said of Gen. iii, 22: "Behold Adam is become as one of us" and of xi, 7: "Come, ye, therefore, let us go down there and confound their tongue."

Intimated in Prophecies

The distinction in Persons between the Father and the Son seems to be intimated in the Messianic prophecies, which announced the coming of the Messias into the world as True God Emmanuel (God with us). He is represented as being distinct from the Father. He is begotten of the Father, whose Son He is: "The Lord hath said to Me: Thou art My Son, this day I have begotten Thee." "The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His ways before He made any thing from the beginning, I was set up from Eternity" (Prov. viii, 22-31). "I (Wisdom) came out of the mouth of the Most High, the first born before all creatures" (Ecc. xxiv, 5).

The Third Person, the Holy Trinity, is but obscurely mentioned in the Old Testament. In many passages the Spirit of God is spoken of and He is represented as the principle of life by which the face of the earth is renewed. But the existence of the Holy Spirit and His distinction from the other two Persons is nowhere clearly brought out for the mystery of the Trinity hinted at in the Old Testament was to blossom forth in all its splendor in the revelation of the New Testament. — The Western Catholic.

Church and Printing

If you look around, the Church's influence for good is seen everywhere. In literature, art, science, business, statesmanship and a dozen other fields, Catholic contributions are apparent.

The very art which makes the printing of a newspaper possible indicates the point. Printing was really developed by the Church in her monasteries and institutions of learning. Not only was the very first printing press in England set up with the assistance of the Benedictine monks, but a mere cursory glance will indicate the ecclesiastical origin of most of our printing terms . . . The composing room, for example, is called a "chapel," because in that holy place printing first saw its birth and growth . . . Such Latin terms as "stet," "asterisk," "octavo," used as everyday English by the printers, are Latin terms used by the ancient monks.—The Tablet.

Rescue All Patients

Lac Edouard, Que.—All the 172 patients were moved to safety by the last members of the staff and 20 Dominican Sisters of the Infant Jesus, who direct the institution, when fire razed the central section and a wing of the Lac Edouard Sanatorium for Tuberculosis Patients here.

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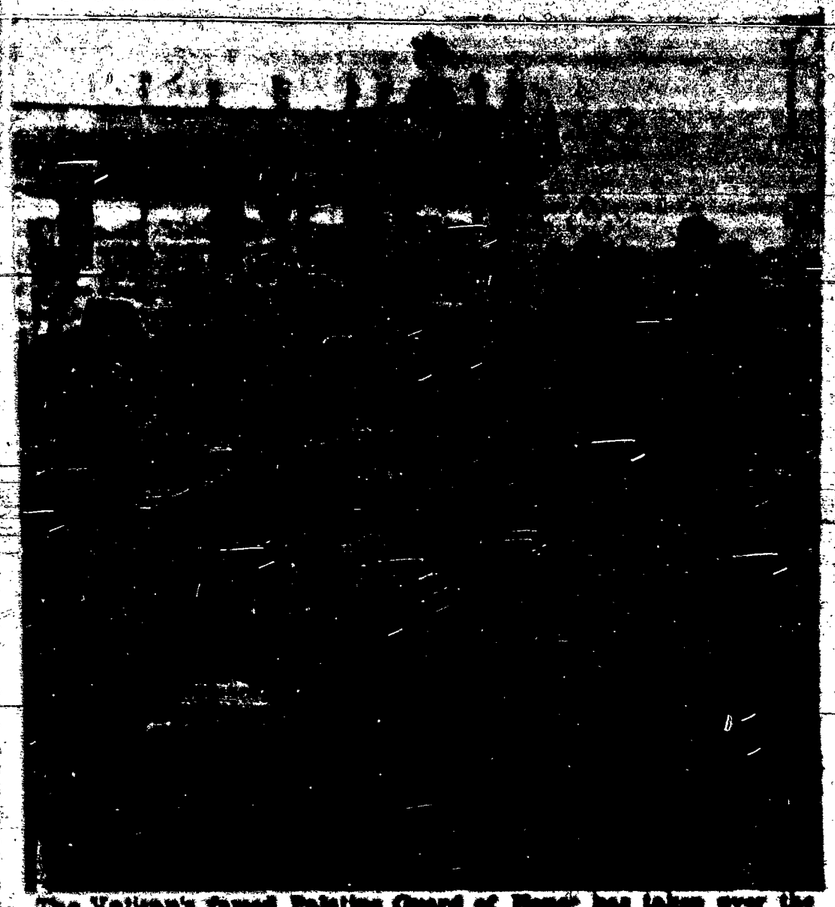

The Vatican's famed Palatine Guard of Honor has taken over the protection of the Papal Palace at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, which enjoys extraterritoriality under the Lateran Treaty. The guard is pictured, equipped with rifles and bayonets at a pre-war ceremony in St. Peter's Square. (N.C.W.C.)

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