

# First Things First In Russia

The social environment for the maintenance of which the Russian fight is only partly determined by the Communist plan of social reconstruction. Russia entered this war after at least seven years of retreat from integral Communism, after a far reaching restoration of national tradition had taken place. They fight for their own home, the value of which has been once more officially recognized, and not for an imaginary World Home of the Proletariat which they were, unsuccessfully, invited to live up to 1937. The very character of official propaganda throughout the years...

comes first, and the International Communist Revolution is never mentioned. Very probably, the dissolution of the Comintern (May 22, 1943) has been hailed in Russia as enthusiastically as among Russia's allies. From "The Russian Revolution" by N. S. Timoshoff in the Review of Politics.

## Form Hospital Group

Guntur, India. Organization of the Catholic Hospital Association for India and Ceylon has been completed here. The association has been approved by His Excellency the Most Rev. Leo P. Kizhappil, Apostolic Delegate to India.

# TIMELY ETERNALS

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## THE OMINOUS FUTURE

What are we struggling and fighting for? Why is the world bleeding, killing and destroying itself? The answer is: to gain victory and see right triumph over wrong; to create a new world order that will set people free, so that once more they will be able to enjoy the natural liberties which the Creator intended for all mankind.



There does not exist the remotest possibility that a program of justice for all can be carried out unless it is based on the Fatherhood of God and a determined will to link human relationships with divine laws. This is the way it was done when peoples in general were happy. Other plans have been tried in modern times, but always these have been found wanting.

The question now presents itself: How can right triumph over wrong in present-day world politics, irrespective of who wins the victory? God and His will must be the foundation of peace.

How would God and His fundamental laws fare if the Nazis should win? In prelude to Hitler's "new order" churches have been closed, religious schools discontinued, and the Christian press condemned. National campaigns to paganize the youth of the Reich have been successfully conducted. The result of National Socialism is date is that all Germany and the Nazi-occupied countries are just one gigantic concentration camp, where nobody has a will, and where private and resources are arbitrarily used and exploited for the good of the state. Will these conditions change if Hitler and his cohorts are victorious? Christ's teachings are sternly opposed to oppression and exploitation of the masses.

**GOD IS DENIED**  
How could God and His laws be recognized under a Russian regime, when the Soviet card denies the divine existence entirely, and an atheistic policy has led to the cold-blooded murder of millions of citizens who held to their faith? The czars may have left the poor to rot in the slums, while they themselves feasted in a luxury that was made possible by the hard toil of their peasant subjects. But the doctrine of Lenin does not even permit the poor to die in peace, and the land owner is expected to turn over his farm and possessions to the state and all the soil for nothing. He has one alternative: to die a slow death in Siberia. Will Joseph Stalin change that policy when he comes into safe and secure power, since he hates God, who he says does not exist? Even now, he is ready to destroy the "opium" of the poor, whose welfare, he professes to seek. Communism is a colossal contradiction.

"Yes, but the United States and England will win the war; they will advise Russia and control the world order for justice and peace and protect the rights of all people." This sounds well and promising. No doubt, if the course of future world events were to be charted, and the establishment of fair conditions for all were left to the decision of the general public of the United States, a more stable state of happiness and contentment would soon prevail.

**LEAVE GOD OUT**  
But we should realize that, although there is no open opposition to God in this country and in England, nevertheless, unwittingly and unnoticed, we have become victims of a capitalistic system which does not permit God's influence in its technique, and does not tolerate the divine program in its objectives. Its ambition is that organized money power shall control the destinies of the people and the world. Everybody with a financial standing will be expected to submit to capitalistic greed, individually and internationally. Indeed, this will be slavery more embarrassing and painful than the yoke of totalitarian oppression. The vessels of capitalism think they are free until the shackles of the unscrupulous banker, the ruthless loan shark and the heartless industrial slave driver pinch to bleeding.

The keynote of Nazism, Communism and capitalism is the same: Materialism, materialism and secularism. None of them ac-

knowledges the spiritual element in man's destiny. Nazism tries to undermine, frustrate and destroy all church organizations which refuse to co-operate with its pagan policy. Communism is animated by a violent hatred for religion in general, and it entertains an especially hostile feeling toward Christianity in particular. Capitalism attempts to placate and blind religious leaders with treacherous munificence.

What does the future promise for a lasting peace? What can the common people expect as far as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are concerned? The conclusion from the present godless premises is that there will be strife in store for generations to come.

Unless God and His laws are brought back to the conscience of our international political and financial leaders, victory may be won, but peace cannot be restored. There is only one effective remedy to cure the world of its serious, chronic ills: only one way of re-establishing and preserving civilization; and that is "the restoration of all things in Christ." Only His justice, His charity and His consideration for the rights of all men can make men live together in dignity and peace.

# Bar Sex Lecturer From Public Schools

ST. LOUIS (NC) — A protest by the Very Rev. Patrick J. Holloran, S.J., President of St. Louis University, has resulted in the closing of St. Louis public elementary and high schools to a lecturer for the Missouri Social Hygiene Association, who is said to have advocated sex relations before marriage, in addressing male seniors at Central High School.

A spokesman for the Association asserted the speaker, a local medical practitioner, had failed to follow the approved procedure as to the terms of lecture to be delivered before the youths.

The speaker, after asking if there were any Catholics present and noting only a few raised hands, called for questions. One youth asked if it were advisable to have sex relations before marriage. The speaker is quoted as replying in the affirmative, adding that he was expressing his personal view.

A group of women appealed to Father Holloran, who obtained written statements of what transpired at the lecture. He presented them to the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, who promptly gave his approval of Father Holloran's plan of proceeding with the protest to the head of the St. Louis Public School System.

## Faculty Status

Quebec.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cyrille Gagnon, Rector of Laval University, announced at the annual university luncheon that the School of Social, Political and Economic Sciences has been raised to the status of a Faculty, the tenth Faculty now included in the courses of this Catholic institution.

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