

POPE ASKS JUST PEACE TO AVERT WAR

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American Bishops Ask World Bill of Rights; Score Yalta Bulings on Poland, Vote Setup

Washington — (RNS) — Adoption by the San Francisco Conference of an international Bill of Rights guaranteeing civil and religious liberties to the peoples of all countries was urged in a statement issued here by the Archbishops and Bishops of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Signed by seven archbishops and three bishops, the statement said:

"In all history, and particularly in modern history, dangers to world peace have come from the unjust treatment of minorities, the denial of civil and religious liberties and other infringements on the inborn rights of men. To remove these dangers, the nations should adopt an international Bill of Rights in which men and groups everywhere would be guaranteed the full enjoyment of their human rights."

The hierarchy urged that acceptance of this Bill of Rights should be made a condition of active participation in the world security organization.

Major points in the bishops' statement included:

1. The honest good will of the victors of the present war can result in a sound world organization which could begin a new era in international relations.

2. The proposals for the future of Poland made at the Yalta conference were "disappointing." World peace demands an independent and democratic Poland.

3. Current negotiations indicate that the Baltic nations, now under Russian domination, may be absorbed without their consent in "an alien system of government."

4. Present plans for a world organization may result only in an alliance of the great powers, driving many nations to isolation.

5. Loyalties Divided — The statement pointed out that it is evident that the loyalties of men and nations in tomorrow's political world will be divided between the "two strong and essentially incompatible ways of life" — genuine democracy and Marxian totalitarianism.

"Democracy is built on respect for the dignity of the human person with its God-given inalienable rights," the bishops said. "Totalitarianism, rampant in their midst, sought its destruction. Freedom is gone, we hope forever. And soon Nazism will be only a horrible historical memory."

"However, we have to reckon with the active, cleverly organized and directed opposition of Marxian totalitarianism to genuine democracy."

"This system breeds the monster under dictatorial leadership, to subvert their intelligence with its propaganda and controlled press, and tyrannically violates innate human rights."

Ask Moral Law Bids — Acceptance of the moral law as the basis of all postwar settlement was urged upon the United Nations Conference at San Francisco by the Los Angeles Archbishop.

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St. Bernard's Alumnus



Most Rev. Henry O'Brien

Auxiliary Named Hartford Bishop

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Most Rev. Henry O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, is named Bishop of Hartford, and the Very Rev. James Louis Connolly, Rector of the St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., is named Coadjutor with right of succession to the Most Rev. James E. Cassidy, Bishop of Fall River, it is revealed at the Apostolic Delegation here this week.

With the announcement of these two Papal appointments all episcopal sees in the United States are now filled.

Both Bishops are natives of their respective dioceses. Bishop O'Brien was born in New Haven, Conn., which is in the Diocese of Hartford, July 21, 1896. Bishop Connolly was born in the city of Fall River itself, November 15, 1894.

Bishop O'Brien was named Titular Bishop of Sita and Auxiliary to the Most Rev. Maurice Francis McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, in 1942.

He succeeded to the See left vacant by the death of Bishop McAuliffe on December 15, 1944.

Bishop O'Brien attended St. Thomas Seminary, Hartford, and St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. Later, he made studies at the University of Louvain, Belgium, where he was ordained to the priesthood by the great Cardinal Mercier on July 4, 1923.

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Bishop Kearney Asks Prayers for Parley

His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a letter to be read at all Masses on Sunday urges the faithful of the diocese to have a deep concern for the "momentous decisions" of the San Francisco Peace Conference which will convene next week.

Never in history have leaders been charged with such a serious responsibility and so much in need of Divine Guidance, the Bishop states.

At the Bishop's direction all Masses celebrated in the diocese next week will include the special "Prayer to the Holy Ghost." This will replace for a week the special "Prayer in Time of War," which has been said in all Masses since the outbreak of hostilities.

Pointing out that the children will inherit the results of the Golden Gate Conference, the Bishop requests that a prayer to the Holy Ghost be recited each morning of the meeting in all Catholic schools of the diocese.

An effort should be made, he also suggests, to give the students an understanding of the importance of their contribution.

The Bishop concludes with the hope that St. Francis of Assisi, patron of the Conference City, may use his powerful intercession for the welfare of humanity.

Special Broadcast On Frisco Meet

An address by His Excellency Bishop Kearney will be delivered on the "Catholic Hour" over WHAM on Monday (Apr. 21) at 12:15 p. m.

The Bishop will speak on the forthcoming San Francisco Peace Conference and will include in his address a memorial tribute to the late President Roosevelt.

SCHOOL ORATORS IN SEM-FINALS

Students of the diocesan high schools have reached the semi-final competitions of the Bishop's Annual Oratorical Contest, which is under the joint sponsorship of the COUNIER JOURNAL and the Diocesan Education Office.

Student representatives of the four Catholic girls' schools in Rochester will meet in semi-final competition tomorrow evening (Friday, April 20) in Aquinas Institute Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Schools represented tomorrow evening will be Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Academy of the Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph's Commercial School. Each school will be represented by one girl contestant and two girls will be selected to compete in the finals on Friday, May 4th against girl semi-finalists from Elmira Catholic High School, De Sales High School, Geneva, and Holy Family High School, Auburn.

Semi-finalists from St. Andrew's Seminary and Aquinas Institute will meet at Our Lady of Mercy High School at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, April 22. At this meeting each school will have two contestants and one will be selected for the finals.

A third semi-final contest will be held at the Diocesan Memorial Auditorium, Friday, April 27th, for students of the Catholic high schools of Auburn, Geneva and Elmira.

At this semi-finalist meeting each of the three schools will enter one boy and one girl.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Starting today two Jesuit priests are going to do some dynamiting around Hemlock Lake, the famed and highly prized water supply of the City of Rochester. There is no need to fear a Jesuit plot in this. Father Daniel Linsman and Father Thomas J. Smith are two Jesuit scientists from Weston, Massachusetts. At the request of the City engineers of Rochester these two priest-scientists will make what they call a seismic survey at Hemlock Lake.

They have been studying how it might improve the already famed water supply. The plan was to have the Jesuits plant dynamite in the lake and blow it up. They are now planning the position of the dynamite and the capacity of the dynamite to be used by cutting a dam. This plan entails

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Pius Speaks On Eve of Frisco Meet

Vatican City, April 18 — Pope Pius today issued a special letter to the Catholic Bishops throughout the world, ordering general prayers for peace.

The Holy Father asked special prayers for the founding of a peace organization based on justice. He pointed out, the victorious and the vanquished will one day feel the successful consequences of a new seed of war.

Although the Pope asked for special prayers in May, especially from children, he declared prayers were not enough, but that public and private must be renewed.

The document closed with a moving appeal to the warring nations that war prisoners and other interned persons be allowed to return to their homes as soon as possible.

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