

D. & C. Franco Editorial Branded 'Misleading' by Dr. Zwierlein

Editorial statements on Spain and Russia made by the Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester morning newspaper, were branded as "misleading" by the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein who addressed the meeting of the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, on Thursday evening.

The speaker, who is Professor Emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary, criticized two D. & C. editorials published during January, one entitled "Franco on the March" and the other "The Church and Russia."

The resurgence of the Loyalist Republican regime of Red Spain, under the sponsorship of the Big Powers, will give the really democratic peoples of the world cause to lose confidence in the professed ideals of the Big Powers," Dr. Zwierlein warned.

This was said in contradiction of the D&C statement which suggested that the overthrow of Franco and the return of the Loyalist rule would win confidence for the Big Powers among "moderate peoples."

Another Civil War
Dr. Zwierlein also pointed out with the D&C's fear that France may start another civil war rather than relinquish power. The priest backed this up by quoting Dr. Jose Giral, premier of the Spanish Republican government-in-exile, as follows: "We do not want another civil war in Spain, but we will have one if it becomes necessary in order to overthrow Franco."
"If anyone starts another civil

war in Spain," concluded Dr. Zwierlein. "It is evident that it will not be Franco but the government-in-exile."
Franco accepted aid from Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany against Moscow supported Red Spain, he argued, "just as George Washington was glad to get help from the absolute monarchs of Spain and France in the revolutionary war against Great Britain."

The D&C's insistence that there is no place for the Franco type of government in the United Nations Organization was ridiculed by Dr. Zwierlein who charged that UNO already includes nations with the same sort of government. These he identified as Soviet Russia and the two Soviet puppet-states of the Ukraine and White Russia.

Treatment For Russia
The "drastic treatment" demanded by the D&C in the Franco case is even more necessary in the case of Soviet Russia, Dr. Zwierlein stated. He backed up his demand with a detailed report of "brutal crimes" now being committed behind what he called "the iron curtain" of Stalin's Red Army.

Dr. Zwierlein also took sharp issue with the D&C editorial on

"The Church and Russia" in which the newspaper indicated that the Russian Orthodox Church is no longer "a department of the State, and that it has recovered the 'spiritual independence' which it enjoyed before the rule of Peter the Great."

"Not even religion is safe from the totalitarianism of Stalin's Soviet Russia," he told his listeners. He further explained that even though the Soviet Constitution decrees separation of Church and State, nevertheless, the newly organized State Council on Orthodox Affairs has made the Orthodox Church subordinate to the Soviet State.

"No parish, not even a seminary for the training of priests, can be organized without the approval of the Soviet authorities."

The Soviet persecution of Polish and Ruthenian Catholics, he added, do not square with Stalin's pledge to the American priest, Father Orlemanski, against religious persecution anywhere in the U.S.S.R.

Observing that the French Church in Moscow is the only Catholic church in the vast region of Russia, apart from newly-annexed lands, Dr. Zwierlein concluded that this fact did not indicate much opportunity of religious freedom.

Radio Speaker



Rev. John J. Kelly, director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University, Washington, noted radio and pulpiter who will speak on the Hour of Faith, produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, in cooperation with the American Broadcasting Company, from Sunday, February 3, through Sunday, March 3, (NC Photos)

Scot Bishops Make Housing Appeal

London — The Hierarchy of Scotland, in the face of the fact that 170,000 young war-married couples alone have no homes of their own, has launched a strong appeal for an all-out effort to provide decent housing.

The Bishops say that 400,000 out of Scotland's 1,300,000 occupied houses have no sanitary conveniences, that three out of every five in the big cities have no bathrooms, and two out of every three in rural Scotland have no running water inside the house. Of all houses, 900,000 are at least 31 years old.

The appeal recommends that every newly-built house should have a bathroom and at least three bedrooms, one adaptable for use as a living and study room. The Bishops estimate that 500,000 new houses are needed to ensure that every family has the minimum living standard.

Reopens at Innsbruck

Vatican City — (NC) — The world-famous Canisium College, which is conducted by the Jesuits at Innsbruck, Austria, has been reopened on a partial basis. It has become known here. Classes have been resumed in the original College building, whence the Jesuit Fathers had been expelled by the Nazis.

Divorce Rate Blamed On Working Mothers

St. Louis, Mo. — (RNS) — Blaming working mothers for the increasing divorce rate, Circuit Judge Michael Scott of the St. Louis Domestic Relations Division, asserted here that "It is high time industry started housecleaning mothers out of the factories and business and insist they go back into homes where they belong."

Judge Scott addressed the annual meeting of the Sodality of Our Lady, attended by dozens of factory directors from the United States and Canada.

Citing St. Louis' divorce figures which have risen from 3200 in 1930 to 6300 in 1945, he said reasons are that the number of divorces in 1945 would greatly exceed those of the previous year. He also gave evidence that one out of every 30 marriages is dissolved in the divorce courts.

Stalin's Book First To Appear in Berlin

Germany — (CIP) — A book to be published in Berlin since the breakdown of the Berlin blockade is a translation of Joseph Stalin's "The Great Patriotic War." It was published by the recently founded German Publishing Company which plans to bring out exclusive German translations of Soviet books.

The publication of the first issue of the new paper is expected for the near future. It will appear in the Russian section of the German capital under the title "The Night Ex-



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