

Vatican Spurred Nazi War Bid Pope Reveals

By International News Service
Pope Pius XII, in an important address to the College of Cardinals and the Papal Diplomatic Corps, revealed Tuesday for the first time that Adolf Hitler tried to high-pressure the Vatican into declaring the church in favor of a German war upon Russia.

The Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church said the Vatican resisted with all its strength the heavy and continuing pressure exerted by the German Fuehrer to have the Soviet invasion labeled a "holy war," the Pope declared.

"The war in itself was disastrous for poor humanity . . ."

"It was particularly for this reason that we took care, despite certain tendentious pressure, not to let a single word or a single sign of approval or encouragement escape us in favor of a war undertaken against Russia in 1941."

Elsewhere in the Eternal City, Francis Cardinal Spellman, of New York, issued vigorous criticism of nations and governments which deny freedom of religion to their people.

In services at which he became titular head of the Church of Saints John and Paul in Rome, the new Cardinal declared:

"It is empty theorizing to speak of liberation of man if the fundamental freedom necessary for human happiness is denied. I refer to freedom of religion."

Father Casey at Vatican



Pictured with Edward Cardinal Mooney at the Apostolic Chancery in Rome is the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester. He is in the back row at the extreme right. Directly to the right of Cardinal Mooney in the front row is Bishop Michael Ready of Columbus, an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Consistory Spirit Seen Determined to Meet World Crisis

BY FRANK HALL

(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rome — What was the underlying spirit of the greatest Consistory of the Church in history, which has just been concluded with a grandeur not seen before and at which were created a record number of Princes of the Church?

"Crisis of the world" was the warning expression most frequently heard from the Holy Father down to the most humble orator, but the spirit and the outlook could be described by the words "gravity," "determination," "courage."

There was no denying the deeply serious view taken of the world situation by all Pope Pius XII, the brilliant figure around whom the great and colorful events of the week surged. solemnly spoke of "a world torn and divided." The four new American Cardinals repeatedly used the word "crisis." Other new Cardinals, who for the first time represented all continents of the earth, were equally grave, but not one was hopeless or despairing. Rather they were alert, ready to attack the great problems.

The great Consistory was not without a plan as to what needs to be done to place the world in order. In addition to the repeated cry that the world must come back to God, basic ways of procedure to that end were not lacking.

"Live Her Mission"

Pope Pius gave the motto for the modern and world-wide crusade that all felt must be waged: the Church must live her mission. He condemned the false and narrow concept that would confine her in the retirement of the sanctuary, blind and mute.

Germany's heroic Cardinal von Galen affirmed that true peace can never be expected, except with justice.

A French Cardinal emphasized that one of the great accomplishments of the Consistory was that it brought together men of knowledge, experience and sound thinking from all corners of the earth so that they might talk

together as brothers in the same cause of relieving the suffering of the world.

This recalled scores of instances of fraternal charity, most significant of which was, perhaps, the hospitality and cordial understanding of the French Cardinals toward their German confreres when difficulties arose on the journey to Rome.

Average Age Lower

In considering the spirit of this great assemblage it is not unimportant to glance at the ages of the men involved. A computation shows the following: The "freshmen" Cardinals are on the average precisely ten years younger than the previous members of the College. Whereas the average age of the older members of the Sacred College was 72, the average age of the new members is 62.

2 Priests Given New Assignments

Two assignments of priests in Rochester diocese by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney are announced today at the Chancery.

They are: The Rev. Donald M. Chery, former Army Air Corps Chaplain returns to his pre-war post as Chaplain of the Newman Club at Cornell University.

The Rev. Joseph M. McManis is appointed assistant pastor, Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Father McManis has been serving as Chaplain of Cornell University Newman Club.

U.S. Cardinals Take Titular Churches

Rome — America's Cardinals Edward Mooney, of Detroit, Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago, and Francis J. Spellman of New York, took possession of their titular churches here Sunday and Monday amid impressive ceremonies, and Cardinal John J. Glennon of St. Louis took possession of his titular Church of San Clemente today.

Although force can win war, only justice and charity can win peace, Cardinal Mooney emphasized as he took possession of his Church of Santa Susanna, the American church in Rome. He begged God's aid to help the world get over war.

Cardinal Stritch, taking possession of the historic Church of St. Agnes outside the Walls, called for an effort to form the women of the world in the "madonna ideal" and said women can be the instrument to curb today's world-threatening materialistic humanism.

In a ringing call for the fundamental freedoms, Cardinal Spellman told the large congregation assembled at his titular Church of St. John and Paul that the early church brought the entering wedge of human freedom under the Roman Empire and that her martyrs of those ages were the Church's first answer to state absolutism.

Fr. Burns Present as Card. Mooney Takes Over Church

BY BURKE WALSH

(Staff Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rome — (Radio) — Force wins wars but only justice and charity can make peace, Cardinal Edward Mooney of Detroit said at a formal ceremony during which he took possession of the Church of Santa Susanna, the American church in Rome, as his titular church.

Standing before the throne on the Gospel side of the main altar His Eminence said that this thought was one that came right out of the ground of this sacred spot, a place of prayer and of worship since the end of the third century. He wore his robes of cardinalitial red for the first time.

Noting the presence of numerous American soldiers in the large congregation Cardinal Mooney said that this marked a difference from the occasions when his three predecessors took possession of this titular church in the past quarter century.

The Cardinal uttered a prayer begging God to make us strong enough to help the world get over war, adding that in this way our army can be a forerunner of peace to come. He emphasized that each individual has responsibility for the establishment of real peace and added that charity

alone can save Europe and the world today. (Turn to page 6)

Pontiff Receives 160 U. S. Chaplains in Audience

BY MAX JORDAN

(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rome — Pope Pius XII received in special audience 160 American Army chaplains who have come here from the various European theaters of operation on one-week leaves to be in Rome for Consistory week.

Greeting them individually, the Holy Father imparted his blessing to all under the jurisdiction of the chaplains, including prisoners of war, their loved ones at home, the people of their countries,

Religious Orders and schools.

The audience took place in Consistory Hall. The Holy Father first greeted with the kiss of peace Cardinal Francis J. Spellman, U. S. Military Vicar, and Bishops John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo, a former Military Delegate, and William T. McCarty, C.S.S.R., Military Delegate.

Smiling the Pontiff then went down the two long lines of chaplains asking each where he was from.

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