

Pope Pledges Church to Peace

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from God, no true solid and secure unity can exist among men." Church's Answer

Pope Pius said the church is receiving "innumerable" requests to define its part in the salvation of humanity and establishment of lasting internal and external peace. He said:

"Her definite answer remains as ever—unity and integrity of the church—wherefor it is imperative that the children of the church as well as human society generally must have a clear and exact notion of the practical influence exercised by that unity and integrity.

"This influence has exercised itself on the foundation structure of the dynamics of human society."

Pope Pius denied that the Catholic church aims at creation of a gigantic world empire. He said:

"This concept is fundamentally false."

"In no epoch of history has it been true or corresponding with reality, unless it is desired erroneously to transport to past centuries the ideas and terminology of our times."

Pope Pius identified the historic acts of the church as composed of "depth, width and breadth"—whereas modern imperialism exercises only in width and depth, appealing not to man as such but to the things and forces "which man is made to serve."

Dwelling at length on the modern imperialistic tendencies, the Holy Father said:

"Here, you do not find any principle of internal equilibrium. Therefore, the solidity of human relationship suffers new serious damage."

"If, in fact, such gigantic organizations do not have any real moral foundation, they necessarily evolve toward an ever increasing concentration, an ever narrowing uniformity."

"As a result, their equilibrium and their very cohesion is maintained only by force, and an exterior construction of material conditions and juridic expedient of events and institutions—not by virtue of an intimate adhesion of men themselves, or their readiness to undertake initiatives—assume responsibilities."

"Being so fragile and unstable in their internal constitution, these organisms are all the more exposed and become dangerous for the entire family of states."

Under the heading of "equality" the Pope identified "complete man" as the center of the social order, insisting that the church alone can avoid the undermining of equal rights by undying attention to man's aspiration with "forethought and intuition."

His Mass Deportation
The Pontiff said the latter can derive only from "the supernatural light of the doctrine of Christ, in the profound sense it is vital that life have continuous adaptability which come have interpreted and presented as opportunism."

Among the modern practices that came in for heavy papal attack is that of mass deportation. He said:

"This sinister type of transfer also today has become more frequent. But it too is linked with the imperialistic tendencies of our times."

The Pope forecast an "arduous future mission" for the church in a career of collaborating without pause to constitution of a solid foundation for society. He warned:

"This is no casual mission." The Pope also severely criticized punishment of political offenders. He said:

"An erroneous opinion is circulating through the world which declares that a man is responsible or guilty simply because he is a member of or part of a international community, without asking the trouble to ascertain and examine whether a truly personal guilt in action or omission really exists."

"This is dangerous to man's dignity of God's own design, for the Christian and Redeemer

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The Most Rev. Theodore Cardinal Lusner, Archbishop of Vienna, chats with Col. Henry L. Looney, of Washington, Catholic officer of the 22nd Infantry, following a visit in which Col. Looney gave the Cardinal \$1,500 to aid in the reconstruction of Vienna's historic St. Stephen's Cathedral. The amount represented proceeds from a benefit concert given by the 22nd Infantry glee club. (NC Photos)

who alone is absolute master of events and as such may link the fates of guilty and innocent, the responsible and not responsible.

"Complications of an economic and military nature have turned society into a gigantic machine whereof man no longer is master but in fact which he fears."

"The continuity of time used to seem essential to social life and it appeared inconceivable to isolate man from the past, present and future."

"Now, disconcerting phenomena which today we witness are precisely: too often nothing, or hardly enough, of the past is known; and the present, for many, represents only a disorderly flight of a torrent which precipitates men toward a dark future wherein they lose themselves together with the current which dragged them."

Church Only Hope

The Pope concluded by saying that "only the Church can bring man out of that darkness into light." He added:

"She alone can give him consciousness of the vigorous past, mystery of the present, and certainty of the future."

Calling upon the world of Catholicism to love the church and make all peoples love her, the Holy Father specifically asked Catholics "in the grave present" to "be conscious of their sacred duty of irradiating from their lives an operating faith and spirit of love of Christ to human society."

Budapest Catholic Groups Revived

Budapest — (NC) — Encouraging reports have come from two recently reorganized Catholic groups in the post-war activities of this city.

The revived Catholic Action organization, under the chairmanship of Archbishop Jules Gampel of Eger, has undertaken to send thousands of undernourished children to the country for recuperation. Food parcels are prepared regularly by other thousands of Catholic Actionists and sent to the child centers, while other parcels are prepared for the needy of Budapest and distributed through Catholic organizations.

Meanwhile, the Hungarian Catholic writers' group, seeking to revive Catholic literature in Hungary, is preparing to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the death of Gilbert K. Chesterton, celebrated British Catholic writer, who died on June 14, 1936.

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French Cardinal Emeritus — (RNS) — Cardinal Archbishop Jules Gerard Sallenger of Toulouse has been nominated a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French government in recognition of his patriotic services during the German occupation of France.

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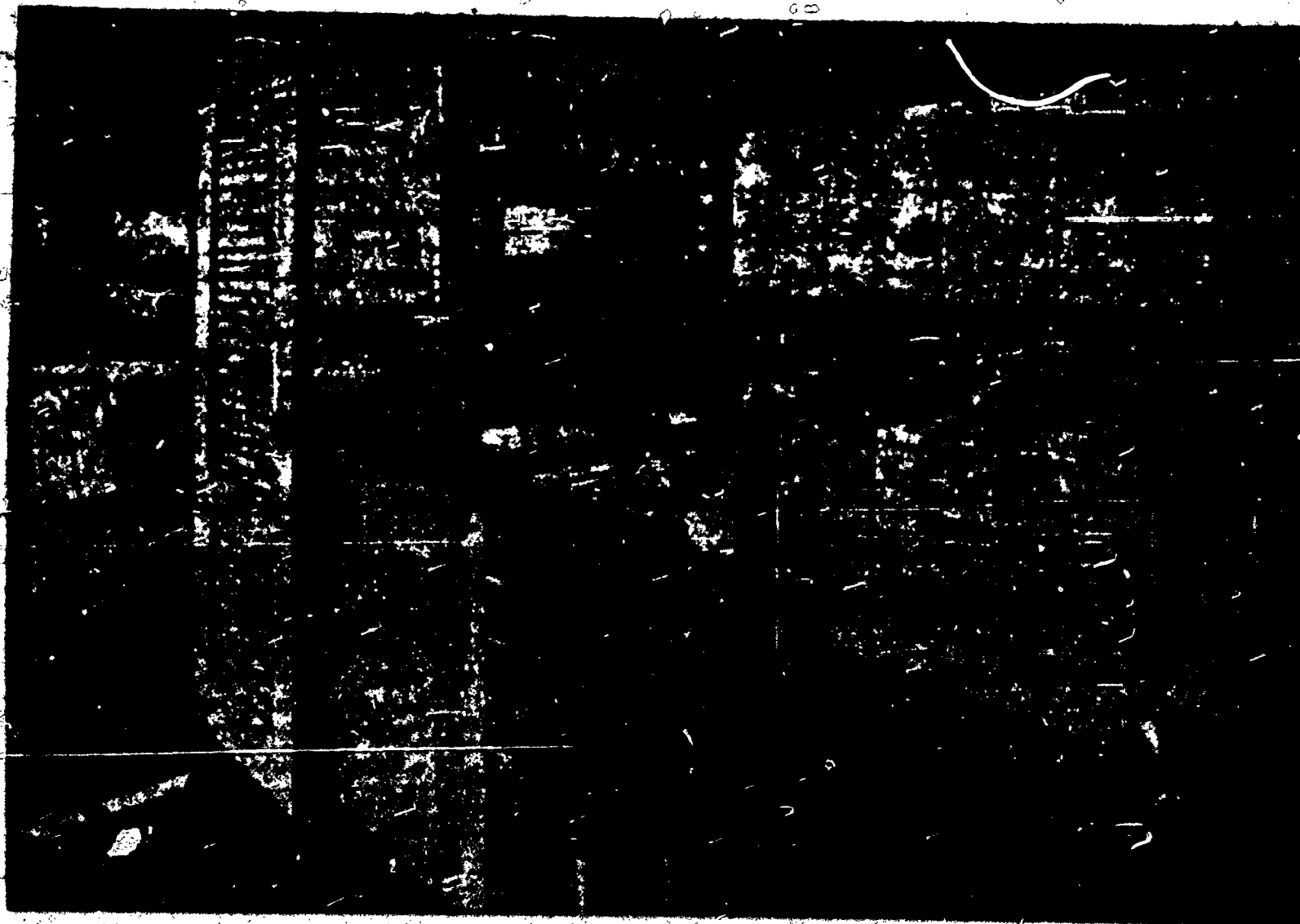
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