

French Bishops Ask Peace Prayer Deplore 'War Is Inevitable' Talk

Paris — (RNS) — An appeal to "all who believe in the love of God" to join in efforts for promoting lasting world peace was made in a statement issued by the cardinals, archbishops and bishops of France following a two-day meeting here.

The statement warned against a defeatist attitude toward peace efforts and urged French Catholics to join in " fervent, confident, and persevering prayers" for world harmony.

"When peace seems to escape men," the statement declared, "it is their solemn duty to the God who is with faith, and perseverance. It is for the disciples of Christ who believe in the love of God for men not to give in to pessimism and skepticism, but, on the contrary, to employ all their forces without flinching to create around men of good will who seek to make peace the climate without which their efforts are condemned to sterility."



In protest for War Relief Services, N. C. W. C. aid in France during the war, Paul Robert Prigent, Minister of Population of the Government of the Republic of France, presents the Medal of French Gratitude (La Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française) to Rev. Edward R. Neumann (left), Assistant Executive Director of War Relief Services, at presentation ceremonies in New York. Five other WRS staff members were similarly honored. (NSU Photos)

Observing that the hierarchy's statement declared that one result of the discussions has been to make clear that "in the establishment of peace, the world is faced with grave obstacles."

"No one need be astonished at this," the hierarchy added. "The terrible war which nations have supported has engendered too much suffering, struck down too many innocent victims, for hate not to remain amongst nations. The bitter territorial rivalries, the lines of this one and that one, the disorganization of world economy and the impoverishment of so many countries only serve to exacerbate rivalries and distrust."

War Not Inevitable

The statement deplored that many tend to be discouraged by "these extreme difficulties" and that "for certain people, another war is inevitable, and they seem resigned to it."

"Such an attitude we cannot accept," the hierarchy asserted. "Men of our country — Frenchmen in particular — know by

experience what a scourge war can be. They know also that it engenders more problems than it resolves and that it can only be the supreme recourse of a nation threatened in its honor and independence."

Unionists-Komora Martials

Erinceton — (NC) — Jacques Malinval, French Catholic propagandist and ambassador of France to the Holy See, is among the internationally famous scholars and statesmen upon whom Princeton University has conferred honorary degrees on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of its founding.

French Unionists Set Labor Goals

Washington — (NC) — Adoption of the "family wage" in French industry and a reform of the industrial system to permit labor as well as management a voice in the direction of industry are two of the goals of the French Confederation of Christian Workers, Gaston Teulier, secretary general of the confederation, declared here.

Mr. Teulier said that his organization has grown to a membership of 300,000 since the end of the war. The Confederation was banned by the Germans during the occupation of France; its pre-war peak membership was 500,000. At present it has its largest representation among clerks, railway workers, and factory workers.

The French labor leader, visiting Washington following his attendance at the sessions of the International Labor Organization in Montreal, said the Confederation of Christian Workers looks forward to continued growth in France and particularly to increases in its central membership. Of the 10,000 workers in France by early 1944, only 100,000 are members of the Confederation (C.C.F.) and the rest in the confederation.

Pius XI's Anti-Nazi, Red Stand Cited

New York — (NC) — Although the late Pope Pius XI left "the great battle of his pontificate" in striving to check the flow of totalitarianism, he "may yet win the war" because the "modern world must still choose between liberty and human dignity on the one hand, and equality and collaboration on the other between freedom and slavery; between democracy and the totalitarian state," the Rev. Benjamin L. May, executive director of American National Council for the Unemployed, declared Sunday in an address on the Catholic Hour.

Pope Pius XI recalled that by 1931 it was clear to Pope Pius XI that all civilization was in mortal danger and in December of that year he began his great campaign which he established the Feast of Christ the King. During the next 14 years, Father May recalled, the Pontiff, with "superb courage and astonishing insight" carried on the fight for peace and human freedom.

"The climax came," he said, "in the dangerous spring of 1937. Within five days, five days that will live forever in history, His Holiness condemned by name the two sources of infection that were poisoning the world and leading it to war and slavery; he condemned atheistic communism and the Nazi tyranny of Hitler."

French Voters Ask Mary's Aid

Paris — (RNS) — The Catholic Church has asked the faithful throughout the nation to take part in a special prayer service to Our Lady of Salvation, beginning Nov. 2 and ending on the eve of the national election.

A special prayer has already been published by the Catholic press here which begins as follows:

"O Holy Mary, patron of France, we have recourse to thee in this solemn hour of our national life and implore thy intercession for a truly representative Assembly, honest, patriotic deputies, and understanding for all voters of the gravity of their responsibility."

Religion Ruled Out in Schools Of Kentucky

Frankfort, Ky. — (RNS) — Kentucky attorney General Eldon S. Dummit has ruled that there is no legal authority by which religion can be taught in the state's public schools. He also asserted that while Bible reading may be required in the public schools, it must be done without an expression of opinion on the text.

The attorney general's ruling was contained in a letter to Miss Grace Taylor of Greenville, in which he said that the teaching of religion is not part of the required school curriculum, and if it were, it probably would be found unconstitutional.

Declaring that many people do not understand why religion is not taught in the public schools, Dummit declared that "they forget that these schools are supported by taxation of citizens who are Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, communist, atheist, infidel, agnostic, and atheist."

Historians Honor Cardinal Spellman

New York — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and honorary president of the United States Catholic Historical Society, was honored at the annual public meeting of the organization.

As a memorial of the occasion, Dr. Arthur Dewey, president of the society, presented Cardinal Spellman with a check for the building fund of the Archbishop's Council Historical Library to be located at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, in memory of the society's founder, the late Archbishop of New York.

Foundress

Mother Cecelia Connelly, an American and foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, which observes the centennial of its founding in England, is linked for the education of girls. The Society operates Rosemount College, Rosemount, Pa., and schools in the Archdiocese of Boston, Chicago, Newark, New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Portland, Ore. (NC) (The-300)

Rural Schools For Catholics Seen Needed

Green Bay — (RNS) — Catholic pulpits in rural areas must "interpret the life of the farmer in terms of the life of Christ" and point out that "God's plan for the social existence of man can best be worked out on the land," the Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome, Coadjutor Bishop of St. Cloud, Minn., told the first postwar convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference here. The meeting was attended by 20 bishops, 1,000 priests and nuns and over 10,000 farmers.

Another spiritual and ethical contribution which the Conference must make to American agriculture, Bishop Bartholome said, involves showing the farmer "that the dignity and freedom of man can reach its fullest stature on the land and not in the industrial world."

Not Science

Bishop Bartholome denounced "blind faith in science" as having brought the United States "to the confusing and almost ridiculous situation of being the greatest producing nation in the world with the greatest shortage in the history of the world."

"If we are to survive, we must turn to the spiritual, ethical and philosophical values, capable of putting the mechanics of science to its proper use for the good of man in accordance with the dignity of his nature and the sanctity of his life."

Bishop Bartholome also called upon the Conference to work to bring Catholic rural teachers and to change the study curriculum in the "Christian rural schools" to include the spiritual and philosophical values which are the starting point in any program for human betterment.

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Priest Cites Need For Real Parents

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"The right and obligation to raise children," Father Cahill said, "is not a privilege. They are not to be given to anyone, but they are given to you by God. The man for whom God has provided any man of woman is raising children."

Calendar of Feast Days

Sunday, Nov. 3 — St. Hubert, Bishop in his early youth, was particularly devoted to hunting. Hunted by a stag, he was converted to Christianity and was ordained by St. Lawrence, Bishop of Autun. With the latter was chosen to succeed him as Bishop on May 24, 727.

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