

Just Rule Cuts Power, Pontiff Tells Solons

Vatican City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII told a group of American legislators that a just government recognizes the limitation of its powers by the basic human liberties of those who are governed, and exhorted American war veterans to use well the "power from great God" which they possess.

Addressing nine members of the House of Representatives Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the Pope declared that the peace of the world depends on the just and equitable exercise of legitimate government.

The Pope drew a sharp distinction between a despotism that seeks "to exploit the common people for the benefit of one individual or group," and a just government, under which "each one is ready for personal sacrifice in the interest of all."

IN HIS BRIEF address, given in English, to 44 officials of the American Legion the Holy Father urged them particularly to help the country's youth grow up as responsible citizens and voiced a prayer that the "world of tomorrow may be one of more universal social justice and more stable international peace."

The best wish, the most ardent and generous that we can offer you is that your Legion may never increase by recruits from another war," the Pope declared, exhorting the Legionnaires to devote their patriotism as actively in the fields of peace as they did during war.

The Congressional delegation received by the Pope consisted of the following members of the House of Representatives: Leonard W. Hall (N. Y.), Harris Ellsworth (Or.), Marion T. Bennett (Mo.), James T. Doolittle (Ia.); Hugh D. Scott Jr. (Pa.); Lindley B. Beekworth (Tex.); Owen Harris (Ark.); Richard Harless (Ariz.); and Dwight L. Rogers (Fla.).

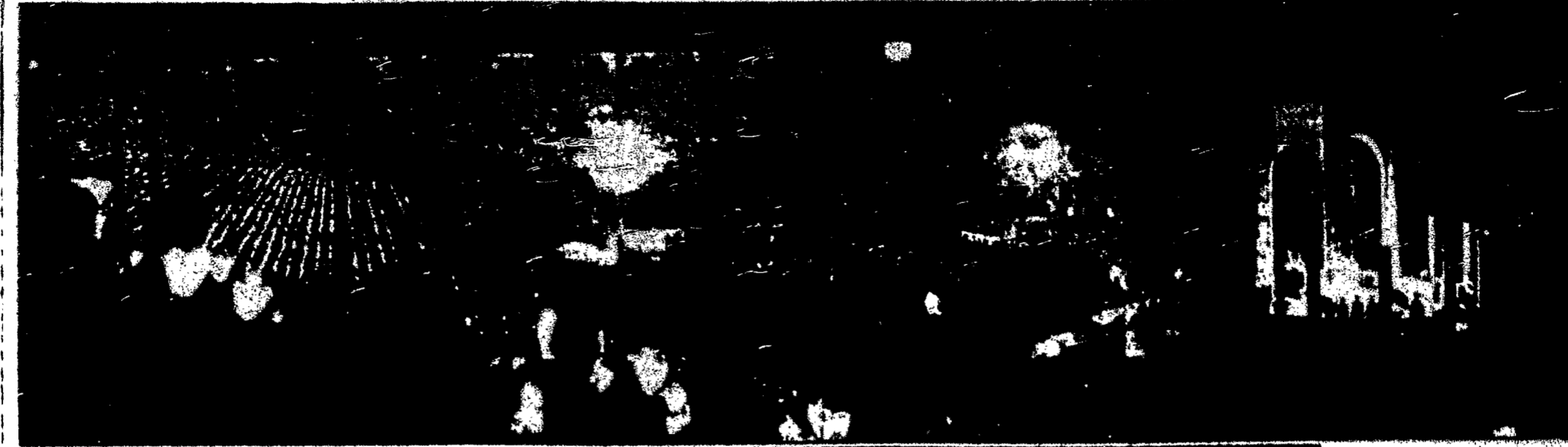
THE TEXT OF the Pope's address to the Representatives follows:

"Your presence, honorable Members of Congress, naturally suggests to our mind the importance of government and the very grave responsibility resting on those whose duty it is to govern a nation. The art of governing justly has never been easy for human nature to learn.

To exploit the common people for the benefit of one individual or group as a temptation to ambitious men who have little conscience to check them, but it is not to govern. Tyranny is not government, but oppression.

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As Holy Name Men Turned Braves Field Into Sanctuary at Convention Holy Hour Pontiff Calls For Increase In Agriculture



Holy Name Support Sent to Russ People

Boston—(RNS)—A resolution expressing "Christian solicitude for the unhappy people of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics" because of "the suppression of Christ" in their land will be broadcast to Russia by the U. S. Government radio, it was announced after the national Holy Name convention here adopted a resolution to that effect.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Soviet embassy in Washington and the United Nations committee on human rights.

The resolution, drafted by a similar message of sympathy, prayer and anxiety, was extended to the children of God in all lands in which the Gospel of Christ and His Church is being suppressed or impeded by persecution, propaganda or deception.

IN OTHER RESOLUTIONS the convention urged the establishment of Good Friday as a legal holiday, recommended full cooperation with President Truman's food conservation program, and urged Holy Name members as employers and laborers to lead in the establishment of social justice and end bickering between labor and capital.

The convention also condemned birth control and "mercy killings" (euthanasia) and urged members to take no part in religious bitterness and capricious criticism of other religious bodies.

The later resolution disavowed "any irresponsible criticism of the Vatican."

Vatican Scores New Comintern By Religious News Service Rome—(RNS)—The world is more than ever divided into opposing camps, each claiming that it is engaged in a "war for peace," Observer Romano, official Vatican newspaper, declared in a brief but unusually bitter comment on the reestablishment of the Communist International. "The world knows," Observer asserted, "what this war means, because two world wars have already been waged for peace."

GERMAN RURAL LIFE HAILED

Fargo, N. D.—(NC)—The mode of rural life in Germany quite different from that in the United States carries with it definite social, educational and religious advantages, Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, Apostolic Visitor to Germany, states in a letter appearing in the Catholic Action News printed here.

"Apart from some areas in northern Germany, farmers live in towns and villages, and go out to their farms each day for work and return to their homes in the evening. Cattle on the farms are cared for by some one of the family or by a hired man, who has his lodgings in one of the farm buildings.

"For social life, education and religion this kind of rural living has many advantages. The spirit of neighborliness and mutual helpfulness is fostered and strengthened. Children go to one well built and well conducted school instead of to small, frame one or two-room schools scattered over many school districts on the countryside.

"Religious life, especially in the form of the Mass, is a part of the life of the people as a whole. At Mass, the people are united in their common robes

and stoles, thousands, like tiny stars, rising over the entire scene. Beyond flowed the Charles River, reflecting the lights from Cambridge; over the altar hung a harvest moon and a lone star.

Archbishop Cushing blessed the flag and banners to be carried in the parade, and following the hymns a huge fall as Benediction was given by Bishop Peter L. Ireton of Richmond.

Pontifical Masses began each of the three central days of the historic convention.

EVATT BACKS AMERICAN AID

New York—(NC)—Declaring that the United Nations charter contains "positive provisions" obligating it to deal with economic conditions, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Deputy Prime Minister, has contended that "we cannot afford to be illiberal or weak in facing this problem."

He spoke at a special convocation of the faculties of Fordham University, which bestowed upon him the honorary degree of doctor of laws. Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York presided at the ceremony which was held in Keating Hall on the campus, attended by 500 persons.

Dr. Evatt praised the post-war foreign aid program of the United States and said his own country was "following this example" by seeking relief to Europe and Asia.

"Perhaps if all the countries can work together sincerely and vigorously to prevent a complete economic collapse and to raise human standards everywhere, some of the political tensions and tensions which now threaten to split the world may disappear," said Dr. Evatt.

Cardinal Patrick "Tex" Sullivan (NC)—His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, was made an honorary citizen of Texas and given the keys to the city of Dallas when he arrived here Sunday to deliver three local Catholic schools and an address to the Guadalupe Mexican mission.

Pontiff Calls For Increase In Agriculture

Rome—(RNS)—In increased agricultural production is basic for the recovery of the world after the war, it is stated in a Pontiff letter which has been directed to the Rev. Joseph Ambault, S.J., president of the Social Week of Canada, on the occasion of the 54th Social Week in Montreal, Province of Quebec.

The letter says a partial remedy for the economic depression is to be found in the development of agriculture. It is stated that the restoration of a rural population along with health, government and religiously Christian, will stop the rising wave of physical and moral corruption, it asserts.

THE WASHINGTON and other aspects of the question occupy a primary place, the letter continues, asserting that it is impossible to overemphasize the importance of work on the land on physical and mental health, economic well-being, housing, food and body. But the economic and technical aspects of the problem also merit the attention of the participants in the Social Week, the letter points out. These aspects bear upon social justice and the common good, it adds, saying that the improvement of agriculture for increased production and the possibility of providing stable and worthy jobs of study.

Writer Quotes Pope On Red Antidote

Moscow City—(NC)—"The only antidote, the real antidote of this century, is that of morality," Real Moscow Moscow says in the daily Pravda on the recent addresses of the Holy Father Pope Pius XII to the men of the Italian Catholic Action.

60,000 Holy Name Men Join In Candle-Light Benediction

Boston—(NC)—Sixty thousand men took part in a magnificent religious demonstration when the Holy Name delegates stood before a brilliantly illuminated white and gold altar in the hushed and darkened expanse of Braves Field, Friday night, and in one mighty voice recited the Holy Name Society pledge of loyalty to God, to Church and to the nation.

The center of the ball park had a huge cross of white rail on a red velvet carpet and to the altar at the top of the cross. Either side was flanked with Knights of Columbus, in formal dress and carrying drawn swords. The massed flags and the banners of the many parishes marked the same long line on either side.

Through the aisle to the seats faced back as the people as they stood in Mass and the Holy Name Society pledge of loyalty to God, to Church and to the nation.

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