

Man Without God A Production Slave

Chicago — (NC) — With the denial of God and the loss of a "moral hand" or "production unit" in the capitalist system, materialistic Communist Russia, said Mrs. Luce, noted convert and former member of Congress, told members of the Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women here.

When God is taken out of the individual's life, she continued, "man becomes first selfish, then discontented, then ego-maniacal, then bitter, then blasphemous — and in the end, sullen in self-pity and stricken by despair."

"When God is taken out of family life its members become cynical, self-willed, and self-centered," she asserted. "Sooner or later, and generally sooner, they become self-destructive and the family falls apart. The result is divorce, with all its heartbreaks, and life-time scars upon children, and the increase of juvenile delinquency."

"When God is taken out of working life, out of field and factory, things are no better," the former congresswoman said, adding that then we have "the most dangerous physical phenomena of our times: the rape of the soil for quick profits, irrational and wild economic individualism which leads to cut-throat competition and monopolies."

When God is taken out of politics we always get tyranny. And when God is taken out of every thing by list or by force we get naked, atheistic materialism we get Communism.

Realizing that the greatest gift of God to man is his free will, Mrs. Luce continued, the Communist dictators, besides using all past forms of tyranny, have introduced "a new and peculiar" horror. They have "taught men voluntarily to seek slavery."

Communism has done this in two ways, she said. By educating the young, she said, to accept its unnatural theories of the helpless nature of man in the universe, and by keeping from them all access to other theories than its own. I.e. by denying them any freedom of choice between true and false concepts of economics, politics or religion.



CLARE BOOTH LUCE

POPE'S KIN ON U.S. VISIT

Washington (NC) — Prince Giulio Pacelli, a nephew of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, has just arrived in this country on a visit which will take him to several principal cities of the United States and Canada.

One of the purposes of his visit is to acquaint himself with the organization of American Catholic charitable and relief organizations.

Prince Pacelli, who has the rank of colonel in the Corps of the Papal Noble Guard, and holds degrees in canon and civil law, practices as an attorney before the Sacred Roman Rota. He was received by the Holy Father in Castelgandolfo only a few days ago. "The Pontiff is in excellent health," he said, "and took the occasion of my forthcoming visit in America to express his high and grateful appreciation of the admirable spirit of charity manifested by American Catholics."

While in Washington, Prince Pacelli was a guest at the Apostolic Delegation. He visited headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

ON GUARD!

Story of Peace
The Bishop's Trial
Peace Shines
By REV. PATRICK J. FLINN

You don't hear much about them anymore, which is a bad sign. We mean the Principles of Peace preached so tirelessly during the war by Pope Pius XII.

MORE THAN ONCE this column has expressed disappointment over the fact that in all the hours of war and postwar no Catholic statesman came forth in this country as a champion of world peace.

Certainly Catholics should have been in the front ranks of those working intelligently to build a world of peace. We had the particular advantage of the Pontiff's brilliant leadership and guidance. We should have been the first to appreciate his now famous blueprint for world order.

During the war there were Catholics in the American Congress and what a splendid opportunity they had to seize upon the Pope's Peace Plan and distinguish themselves as philosophers of peace, as statesmen of peace. But this did not happen.

Despite the vaunted position of the Catholic Church in this country — all its schools, its numbers, and our alleged influence — there was no Catholic on the original American delegation to the first United Nations Conference at San Francisco. There still is no Catholic among the leading American representatives to the United Nations.

And don't blame Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Truman for this situation. Sit back and think for a moment. Suppose you were able to name an American Catholic statesman to sit in the United Nations? What Catholic authority on world peace would you choose? You would have a difficult job. We are sure, finding such a proven peace expert among American Catholics. Certainly we have no man of the proven stature, experience and prestige of Senator Vandenberg or John Foster Dulles.

DURING THE WAR a gentleman came in to the office of this newspaper. He had some self-made idea for saving the world. It was fantastic but we listened patiently. Finally he asked, "Have you ever heard of the Pope's Peace Plan?" Our visitor, who alleged he was a Catholic, replied scoffingly: "No, I never read that. It's just a lot of pious stuff!"

Is the Pope's Peace Plan merely the unrealistic dream of a kind and well-intentioned old man in the Vatican? This tragic attitude may explain the apparent indifference of so many American Catholics to the Catholic philosophy of peace, particularly those Cath-

olics who hold important positions in government and public life.

Anyone who has ever tried to understand the Church's peace doctrine, popularly styled the Pope's Peace Plan, knows that it is profoundly practical. As presented by Pope Pius XII, here are the main points of the Church's program for world order:

1. The right of all nations to liberty, integrity and security.
2. Recognition of the rights and needs of minorities.
3. The necessity of economic reform or the establishment of social justice throughout the world.
4. The elimination of total war: through world-wide disarmament and the establishment of institution of law for guiding the conduct of nations and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.
5. Recognition of Christian principles in public and private life: marriage, family, education, etc.

These principles of peace, explained to many times by Pope Pius XII and other modern Pontiffs, reflect a realistic understanding of the world's problems. They reflect a keen appreciation of the steps necessary for building a new world order of peace with justice.

AMONG CATHOLICS, credit for trying to win a just peace must go almost entirely to the American hierarchy. It is possible to win a war and lose the peace. Realizing this, the Bishops of the United States made a valiant attempt long before victory to save the peace.

Under the sponsorship of Cardinal Stritch of Chicago the Bishops tried to educate Americans, particularly statesmen, journalists and other molders of opinion in the true principles of peace so vigorously advocated by the Pope.

Cardinal Stritch directed the publication of two important books as well as numerous pamphlets in order to spread peace propaganda and information. One of these books was a very ambitious venture. It was a collection of all the peace statements of the modern Popes. It ran well over a thousand pages and each copy cost \$7 to publish. Copies of this important volume were sent at the personal expense of the Bishops themselves to senators, congressmen and editors.

PRINCIPLES of peace? This was the Bishops' objective. To (Continued on Page 9)

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Pope Sees Grim Winter For Europe

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII this week told his "beloved children of America" how comical and grateful he is for their "wonderful and never-failing assistance" in his crusade against world-wide misery. "Your sacrifice," he said, "makes that charity possible."

Speaking in English by radio from Castelgandolfo, his summer residence, directly to the United States, the Holy Father launched the "Thanksgiving Food Collection" Appeal being conducted by War Relief Service—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"Another winter is approaching, homeless and relentless," Pope Pius declared, "which promises to cut a wide swath through the ruined, intellectual tenements of hundreds of cities of Europe and the East, opening the way for grim death to follow fast on cold and famine and stark exposure unimpeded."

"BUT NOT!" There stands Christian charity, rising to the full stature of its nobility to block the path; and thousands of devoted victims, freed from a hopeless terror, will live on to thank God for the spirit that unites all men as children of their Father Who is in Heaven and makes their hearts beat fast with sympathy for their brothers in suffering and distress."

The Holy Father told American Catholics that "under the tireless leadership of a large-hearted hierarchy" they are "in the vanguard of that army of Christian charity."

His Holiness told the Americans that they have "chosen well to amass your resources during a week characterized in your country by the dominant note of thanksgiving to God." The Pontiff observed that an ennobling and refreshing summons it is that the American people receive from the highest authority of their state to render thanks to God.

"The generous response that you will make to the appeal of your Bishops for those who are living in destitution and hunger will lift your souls up from the common chorus of grateful acknowledgment of God's gifts to the holy imitation of that Divine Bounty which has enriched you with so many blessings. Your Thanksgiving will be purified, perfected and made beautiful in and by charity," the Holy Father said.

The text of the Holy Father's broadcast follows:

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"Under the tireless leadership of a large-hearted, devoted hierarchy, you, beloved sons and daughters of America, are in the vanguard of that army of Christian charity."

"THIS YEAR you have chosen, and chosen well, to amass your resources during a week characterized in your country by the dominant note of thanksgiving to God. The highest authority of the State has summoned you and what an ennobling and refreshing summons it is to hear in the midst of your varied occupations to render thanks to Almighty God the Father of lights, from Whom is every best and perfect gift (James I, 17)."

"In the words of the Angel of the Schools your gratitude must first be an acknowledgment of gifts, unnumbered gifts; then it demands that you give thanks for the gifts received; and lastly that you in turn

Express your sympathy with flowers and fruit at 56 Lake Ave., where you really get best value. Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—(Adv.)

Year's Ban Clamped On 'Amber' Theater

Philadelphia — (NC) — Censorship of the Archbishop of Philadelphia, numbering about 1,000,000, by order of His Eminence Dennis J. Cardinal Dougherty are forbidden to attend moving pictures at the Fox Theater and its "satellite" theaters for at least a year. The theater is currently showing "Forever Amber," Twentieth Century Fox film condemned by the national Legion of Decency as a "depiction of immorality and lewdness."

The Legion, in a letter sent to all pastors of the archdiocese, pointed out that "your parishioners should be warned especially against attending the Fox Theater of Philadelphia or any of its subsidiaries if such exist." He further stated that "this prohibition is in full force at least one year from the present date" (November 20, 1947).

THE CARDINAL'S letter follows one sent several weeks ago to the Fox Theater Corporation, which was exhibiting "Forever Amber" at the Fox principal Philadelphia theater, and to William Goldman, owner of William Goldman Theater, Inc., which then was featuring "The Outlaw" at the Erlanger Theater here.

Two days after Cardinal Dougherty issued his ultimatum, Andrew Smith, sales manager of Twentieth Century Fox in New York, said that "Forever Amber" would continue "as long as it does good business."

Six days after the Cardinal sent his letter to Mr. Goldman, who was then in California, the theater operator replied to the Archbishop of Philadelphia: "In deference to your excellent judgment representing the Catholic community of the Philadelphia Archdiocese, we today are withdrawing the picture 'The Outlaw' from exhibition at the Erlanger Theater."

At least five theaters in the Toledo diocese have cancelled bookings of "Forever Amber" and others are seeking release from contracts for the condemned film after a flood of protests from clergy, parents and organizations, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

The film has been cancelled by theaters in Sandusky, Port Huron, Norwalk, Fostoria and Tiffin. Protest in Norwalk was led by the Knights of Columbus "in the interests of the spiritual and moral welfare of our community, and particularly its youth."

\$1,150,000 Given
In Shrine Drive
Washington (NC) — A total of \$1,150,000 has been contributed in the first year of the nationwide collection to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America, here, Bishop John F. Noll of Port Wayne, chairman of the Bishops' shrine completion committee, reported.

Bishop Noll said the funds received during the last twelve months came from 63 dioceses, from thousands of individual priests and from many religious communities of men and women. The collection to complete the Shrine will continue for four more years.

Present Relief Just 'Drop in Bucket' For Europeans Facing Worst Winter

Basel — (NC) — "Since the Armistice the Catholic people of the United States have contributed approximately 100 million dollars' worth of food, clothing and medicine in some 60 different countries," said James J. Norris, European coordinator of War Relief Service—N.C.W.C. in an interview here.

He has just completed a two-month trip which afforded him an opportunity to ascertain present conditions in Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy and Poland.

"Europe is facing the worst winter since the end of the war," Mr. Norris said. "In spite of all that has been done so far, it is my impression from all I have seen that our help up to now is but a drop in the bucket, compared to the overwhelming need of the people of Europe who are destitute and suffering atrocious want."

"THE PROVISION of canned milk is probably the most urgent task right now," he explained, "and food products with fat content and meats are almost equally important."

"As far as clothing is concerned, the fact that thousands of children cannot go to school or church in the cold season because they have no shoes is indicative of the situation."

"I have come across cases in Germany," Mr. Norris said, "where three children in a family must use the same shoes to go to Mass on Sundays, which means one has to wait for the other to come home. They cannot go at the same time because it would mean that two

65c Hour Minimum Wage Asked

Washington — (NC) — A statement advocating the raising of the Federal minimum wage standard from 40 cents per hour, originally submitted to the House of Representatives in 1945, has been sent again to that body by the Rev. Raymond McGowan, Director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

In transmitting the document to Rep. Samuel K. McConnell, chairman of the House subcommittee on Wages and Hours of Labor, which is conducting wage-hour hearings, the Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, commented that the statement, we believe, has even more importance now than two years ago.

IT WAS SET forth in the N.C.W.C. department's statement that if a few industries have to increase their prices to meet the new minimums, "that it is a small thing to pay for the promotion of wholesale justice. If certain industries cannot meet such wage rates, that is simply proof that they are not efficiently managed."

"There is something radically wrong with an industry or a firm that cannot support its people," the statement continued. "It should be overhauled by its employees and labor. If needed, they should call on the government for assistance. The government should be reimbursed in giving them its resources and help. Such industries and concerns are diseased."

"People getting enough to live decently can produce better. People getting enough to live decently can pay more taxes and contribute more to the national defense. People getting enough to live decently can do more for the common good of the community."

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State Head Relays Plea to Change License Procedure

State Commissioner of Education Francis W. Budge has relayed a plea to the Board of Film Review to change the license procedure for the exhibition of motion pictures in this state.

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