

Pope Warns He May Cancel Holy Year In 1950 Unless Rome Strife Subsides

Vatican City (NC) — His Holiness, least bearable economic conditions, Pope Pius XII appealed to the citizens of Rome to present an "example of virtue, internal peace and concord" and intimated that the continuance of strife and agitation would make it impossible for him to invite the world to come to Rome in 1950 for the observance of Holy Year.

The Pope's appeal and warning to the Romans was sounded in an address at the special audience granted to the newly elected mayor of Rome, Salvatore Rebberghini, and all aldermen.

"It is the duty of every good citizen to cooperate in the interest of public welfare and oppose those systems and schemes which can but lead toward increasing to an almost unbearable degree the privations and difficulties of life toward disturbing the minds and dissolving the framework of the state," the Pope said. Each one must contribute, according to his powers to peaceful labor in the world of business, to order and public security, to justice and social peace."

THE AGITATION and disturbance which now and then shake the social and economic organism of the Italian people far from alleviating real and urgent needs only aggravate them," the Pope said.

"We believe it can be said of you," the Pope continued, "that you have before you as a model to guide Cleopatra that ruler of a country who considers above all the advantage of his people, they praise that ruler of a country who considers the advantage instead of the wishes of his people."

"The welfare of the people, the general good, there is the Polar Star according to which you direct the ship of your administration. But the true good of the people can never be dissociated from the observance of the immutable divine law."

Quoting again from Cleopatra, we have realized greater joy from the striving of good people than sorrow over the rejoicing of the wicked," the Pope continued.

THAT WHICH has been said of the past holds true for you in the present. The greatest part of the people of Rome is and will be with you if you will know how to preserve as far as possible, or to restore to the city at

its heart, will know how to be not only a harbinger for the pacification of peoples but also an example of virtue, internal peace and concord.

"Otherwise, how could we call and invite the faithful of the entire world to visit possibly this our Episcopal city—the City of God, the city of a magisterium of truth and holiness? If it were left to furnish the spectacle of agitation, internal struggles public and unpunished attacks against religion and this Apostles' See itself."

'Pope of Youth' Rallies Young Catholics of Italy

Vatican City (NC) — "You wish to be the 'Youth of the Pope.' Very well... We wish such was the welcome given to 5,000 members of the Youth of Catholic Action who were celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of their diocesan federation.

Sentimental and the superficial and ephemeral fervor which is only the fruit of habit."

"It is necessary," the Holy Father declared, "to have a reasonable and profound knowledge of the objective of your faith. It is necessary that this objective appeals to you in the splendor of its truth, its purity, its power, the fullness of its requirements. It is necessary that you know why Catholic doctrine is right."

Describing the kind of youth who, after a proper enough adolescence, begin to vacillate and fall away from the Church because of ignorance and incomplete notions of the faith, he told them that Catholic wisdom has profoundly explored every aspect of questions regarding religion, Redemption, the Church.

"It is up to you, he said, "to make your own its conclusions, its solutions, its answers, so that your faith may be a living and fruitful one. That is your first duty."

VATICAN HITS ROME STRIKE

Washington (NC) — Because the Church loves the poor best, she cannot tolerate traffic in the ignorance and good will of so many people and she "denounces the economic and social damage caused by running after false mirages." Vatican Radio is quoted as saying in an Italian broadcast commenting on "the clear political significance of the general strike in Rome."

The broadcast was monitored in this country and a partial text was released by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"For two days a strike paralyzed the life of our city, the seat of Christ's Vicar," Vatican Radio said according to the monitor's report. "We cannot get the tired faces of so many people nor the pregnant woman who had to walk to the nursing home because of the transport strike and gave birth to a baby in the street."

The leaflets scattered by a Red plane the squads trying to prevent workers from reaching their places of work at these details tell us that the Rome experiment was perhaps of capital importance in the minds of its organizers and we to be the signal for other and more wide spread agitations.

This unfortunate episode had a clear political significance from the beginning... The Church cannot dissociate herself from the social problems or ignore the destitute.

Myke Mills, local model, who works at Personal Finance, is to pen a column on "Teen Age Tips" for the "grapevine."

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From America to Children of Europe



Toys for the children of Europe were included with the shipments of some 2,000,000 pounds of canned food collected by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference. Pictured at the New York warehouse of the NCWC are left to right: Monsignor Edward E. Kavanaugh, director; Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Archbishop Patrick A. O'Malley of Washington. (NC Photos)

PRIEST IN AIR OVER JAPAN

REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Nagoya, Japan (NC) — Three handsome new chapels on the ground and some swift prayers in the sky are part of your correspondent's memories of his hour of 5th Air Force installation in Japan and Korea.

As observer in a P-51 on a raiding diving strike on a radio-designated target, he took with a glance and a grasp some special reasons why flies should be interested in churches.

The plane soared, slanted, swooped and came out of the sky to stand on its tail and zoom upwards, until you never knew at what angle you would next see the ground or sky.

It was all in the day's practice for the pilot, 1st Lt. Jack L. Knut of Stevenson, Wash. "prop wash," he explained through the crackling intercom headphones as a few helly joints shook the plane, which flew last in a line of four, each carrying a respondent. You fingered your new, new parachute you were wearing, felt your safety belt and decided to regard prop wash as another hint that all men should be prayermen.

Providing for spiritual safety, the new air force chapels are at Nagoya, which is 5th Air Force headquarters, Itazuke and Ashiya. In Nagoya Father (Mo) John P. Duggan of Buffalo, N.Y., has a devotional side-chapel for daily Mass and reservation of the blessed sacrament.

Press Pioneer Dies

Ironton, Ohio (NC) Bishop James K. Musse of Steubenville celebrated the Requiem Mass in St. Lawrence O'Toole Church here, for Msgr. James H. Cotter, poet, historian and lecturer and one of the founders of the Catholic Press Association of the United States who died earlier this week at the age of 90 years.

Americans Play Santa To German Youngsters

Frankfurt (NC) — Christmas cheer with gifts came to thousands of German children this year through the initiative and generosity of Americans stationed throughout this zone of occupation.

Dr. James A. Newman, U. S. Military Governor of Hesse, has appealed to all military government personnel to help needy German youth by contributing food, clothing, medical supplies, toys and money in order to provide aid for at least 1,500 German children at Christmas.

A similar appeal, under the name of a community chest, is being made to all Americans in the U. S. sector of Berlin to help 18,000 German school children.

The drive is sponsored by the American Women's Club. The chest will be set up without consideration of race, color or creed according to Mrs. F. V. Dore, president of the drive.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor of Germany, has given it his full support by issuing a directive that this chest should "relieve suffering and

Mass for House of Stuart London (NC) — Requiem Mass for all past members of the Royal House of Stuart will be offered in London's famous Jesus Farm Street Church on Jan. 31, anniversary of the death of Bonnie Prince Charlie, last man to invade England. The Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Robert Stewart, S.J., direct descendant of James II of Scotland.

Nigerian Ordination

Onitsha, Nigeria (Special) — Father Godfrey Ojukwu, twelfth native in this section of Southern Nigeria to be ordained a Catholic priest, offered his first Mass here recently in the presence of a vast throng of relatives and friends.

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Catholics Seen NEA Targets In School Case

Washington (NC) — Court charges against a school board for exceeding its authority and an implied indictment of Catholicism as seeking public funds in support of sectarian schools are the cardinal points in a report issued here by the National Education Association on the North College Hill, Ohio, school case.

The controversy in the Christian suburb occurred earlier this year following the refusal of the school board to rehire Dr. William A. Cook, the local superintendent, after an agreement over the hiring of teachers.

This led to a student strike. Violence at school board meetings, mass resignation of teachers and ultimately an recall over the school system by the court.

The school board had a majority of three Catholics. A factor in their election was the question of incorporating St. Margaret Mary parochial school into the public school system of North College Hill.

The majority of the NEA report is a carefully documented history of how the school board majority went beyond its jurisdiction and committed the creation of a Protestant school corporation. The sectarian nature which colored this controversy very early gave it wide notice in the national press as kept in the background.

The NEA committee, however, while blaming the board members for the inevitable inference that Catholic efforts to have their school made a part of the public system were at the root of the North College Hill trouble.

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Washington Schools Get-More Tax

Washington, D. C. — Legislation of House Passes House, and Senate, extending tax relief for schools to allow them to raise additional money for school buildings.

Initially members of the board, the whole reconstructed portion of the tax of public funds in support of sectarian education has been brought out into the open with attorney widespread public.

A BRIEF ACCOUNT of the report of St. Margaret Mary School to the North College Hill school system is described here to the report. Some mention is made of tensions created between Catholics and non-Catholics. It is indicated that there may have been friction in addition to religious considerations in the fact that even at the Catholic school.

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