

Pope Asks Victory Over 'Cold Egoism'

Vatican City (NC) — Victory over the spirit of cold egoism and over those germs of conflict that thrive on too striking economic contrasts are necessary for a reorientation of international economic life in accordance with Christian principles.

Six Sacraments In Few Hours

New York (NC) — An American youth minister in the Philippines administered six sacraments in a few hours before he had administered only one in the morning.

Brazil Seen 97% Catholic

Carthage, Barbados, P. — Brazil is almost completely a Catholic nation—only two and a half per cent, at most, of its 45,000,000 citizens are non-Catholics.

There is separation of church and state with relations much better in practice than in years when church and state were united.

Fraternity Hazing Banned at Loyola

New Orleans (NC) — The Very Rev. Thomas J. Shields, S. J., president of Loyola University of the South, has ordered the Pan-Hellenic Council of the university to ban all fraternities that involve physical punishment or public embarrassment of pledges.

Tokyo Seminary Rated To Spur Native Vocations

Tokyo (NC) — St. Francis Xavier Seminary in Tokyo was canonically erected as an interdiocesan seminary by decree of the Holy See on January 25, according to an announcement by the Apostolic Delegation here.

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A GALLERY OF FAMOUS NAME BEARERS



Few schools can boast a greater roster of famous names to compare with that claimed by St. James' parochial school in Ferndale, Mich. The "celebrities" pictured, left to right, are (seated) Andrew Johnson, Bobby Jones, Edsel Ford, Dennis Durbin, Marie Antoinette, John Adams; (standing) Julius Caesar, Alfred Smith, junior class president, Robert Taylor, James McNally and Charles Lindberg, senior president. Sister M. Bosanquet, S.S.J., states that Bing Crosby and Jackie Cooper did not return to St. James' last fall, and that Pat O'Brien was a June graduate. Photo courtesy of the Michigan Catholic. (NC Photos).

PRELATES ASK ANTI-RED VOTE

Rome (RNS) — Ernesto Cardinal Ruffini, Archbishop of Palermo, has issued a pastoral letter declaring that Catholics have a binding obligation to take part in Italy's forthcoming elections. He said they have a similar duty "to vote for candidates giving the best guarantees from the Catholic point of view."

Full Indulgence For War Dead

Vatican City (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has granted a special plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls of the faithful who died as a consequence of the recent war, which can be gained under the following conditions: Confession and reception of Holy Communion between Palm Sunday and Low Sunday, and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father.

Notre Dame Educator Dies — Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Funeral services for Brother Aidan, C. S. C., aged 70, Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame, were held Monday in Sacred Heart Church on the Notre Dame campus.

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U. S. Hope of World Says Abp. Cushing

Boston — "In America's stand for God lies the hope of the world," Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston asserted at the closing session of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, here, and he counseled "just as surely as tonight the Iron Curtain is closing around Christian peoples, so one day it will part again as the mist before the springtime sun."

The six sessions of the conference were conducted before capacity audiences. Those in attendance heard speakers advocate that teachers join unions affiliated with bona fide labor organizations; review the mounting problems of the housing shortage; predict the future economic pattern of the nation, and discuss labor-management relations as well as the wage question.

Archbishop Cushing told his audience that from a technical standpoint regarding problems, the Church has little competence, but from the moral aspect the prospects for peace and prosperity would be more advanced "if the voice of religion were more sincerely respected" by industrial leaders.

THE BOSTON prelate recalled that the "sins crying to Heaven for vengeance" are among the principal plagues of modern society. They are: ill murder; the sin of Sodom; oppression of the poor and defrauding laborers of their wages.

Touching on the interracial problems, the Archbishop recalled that a Negro editor recently called upon the people of his race to count their blessings in this country. The editor said that while it is true that the Negro in some places is deprived of his vote; denied a job because of the color line; not permitted to enter certain schools, and subjected to other unfair treatment, nevertheless there is no other place in the world where "a person can yell so loud and so long about it as in America."

It was the Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Confer-

COUP LINKED TO LAND GRAB

London (NC) — The Communist coup d'etat in Czechoslovakia is seen in the worst light among Catholic Czechs and Slovaks in London. They fear an intense campaign against the Church, with her insistence on the rights of man, and attempts at her ultimate obliteration.

A highly authoritative Czech spokesman told the Catholic Herald in London: "Among the numerous factors that have brought the political crisis to a head in Czechoslovakia, an important one that seems to have been completely lost sight of is the seizure of Church property under the Agrarian Reform Act."

THE REV. George G. Higgins, assistant director of the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department, asserted that 30 per cent of the families in the United States have an income of less than \$2,000 a year. Father Higgins declared that it is impossible for a man, his wife and two children to live properly on such a low income and advocated that a family wage is needed to correct the inequities.

Magr. John J. O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, has been increasing in recent years and little has been done to solve the problem. He said that capital apparently is taking no risks in the present housing field and that house building is handicapped by high cost of construction and materials.

Washington (NC) — The 1948 edition of the National Catholic Almanac, which now is in its 42nd year of publication, has gone to press and shortly will appear on the bookstands of the nation. It has been announced here by the Franciscan clerics of Holy Name College who prepare the annual.

Christian Home Life Seen Check on Reds

Hartford, Conn. (NC) — The spiritual vigor of Christian homes in Russia will ultimately break the yoke of the people by the Kremlin, materialism being forced on Bishop Peter W. Bartholome, Coadjutor of St. Cloud, declared on the opening day of the 16th annual convention here of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life.

A study of history shows that "no radical government, no anti-Christian forces who may command all of the material forces of the world can conquer the spirit and influence of the Christian home," said the prelate, who is also Episcopal Chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference Family Life Bureau. More than 70 speakers addressed the convention in which at least 5,000 people participated. Discussions centered about such themes as the Theology of Christian Marriage, Religious Management, Family Catholic Action Projects and Families in Straitened Circumstances.

As features of the gathering Bishop Bartholome presented Family Catholic Action Awards to one layman and five laywomen for having distinguished themselves in helping to develop a Catholic literature on marriage and the family.

RECIPIENTS OF the Catholic Action awards were: Francis A. Fink, editor of the Family Digest, Huntington, Ind.; Mrs. John J. Daly of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John S. Reilly of New York; Sister Rosa of St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, Conn.; Sister Mary, I.H.M., Marygrove College, Detroit; Mrs. Franz Mueller of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. R. T. Healy of Los Angeles.

The convention was sponsored by the Family Life Bureau with the cooperation of N.C.W.C. departments. "The story of the faith in Ireland," Bishop Bartholome asserted, "is the story of the Christian home where faith, confidence, self-respect and love were nurtured during centuries of persecution, and in the spirit of Ireland could not be conquered."

"On the opposite side of Europe the struggle for dominance of the Polish people has always centered in the battle for the home. The dominant class between paganism on the one hand and Christianity on the other is precisely in the field of the family, each fully realizing its importance in the scheme of human affairs."

"Poland at this very moment is clashing with its dominated, godless Russian government on two main issues: divorce and the education of children. Well do the people of Poland, 96 per cent of which is Catholic, know that if the godless government of Poland can destroy the family and educate their children in a materialistic conception of life

ASSERTING THAT "the dignity of fatherhood has seldom if ever in Christian times been held in less esteem," Richard Reid, editor of The Catholic News of New York, stated that to restore the family according to Christian ideals "it is necessary first to restore the dignity and authority of Christian fatherhood." This dignity is indicated by the fact that it is a reflection of the Fatherhood of God," he continued, adding that St. Augustine called the fathers of his See "cobishops" since they, "like Bishops, are charged with the care of souls belonging to their little flocks"—their families.

Holy Week Brev ry New York (NC) — "Holy Week" the first volume of the U. S. A. Liturgical Edition of the seasonal breviaries with the new Psalter, has been published. It has been announced here by Benziger Bros. Inc. publishers. The seasonal breviaries consist of three volumes, "Holy Week," "Pentecost" and "Christmas," and contain the Divine Office as recited daily by the clergy during the particular season.

Family Life



Mr. Fink Mrs. Daly For distinguished work in helping to develop a Catholic literature on marriage and the family, one man and five women received the Family Catholic Action Award at the 16th annual convention of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life at Hartford, Conn., March 8 to 10. Among the recipients were: Mr. Francis A. Fink, editor of the Family Digest, Huntington, Ind., and Mrs. John Jay Daly of Washington, author of "At Our House," weekly feature of the Courier-Journal. Both are parents of six children. (NC Photos).

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