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Text of Pope Pius XII's Easter Address to World

Vatican City, (NC-Radio)—The English text of the address delivered on Easter Sunday by His Holiness Pope Pius XII is as follows:

Romans, beloved sons and daughters:

The solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord has often in the past offered an occasion for your gathering in peaceful array on the majestic esplanade whose arms open wide to receive all those who approach the Church and Peter.

The Easter blessing "Urbi et Orbi" which you have come to receive demands of each of you a frank, joyful and public avowal of the faith received from your fathers, of unyielding fidelity to Holy Mother Church, of indissoluble unity of thought and action with the keeper of the keys entrusted to him by the Divine Founder and Lord of the Church.

ANYONE WHO is not blind

and deaf, anyone not spiritually despoiled here: Rome the Herald, mother and guardian of civilization and the eternal values of life this Rome which its greatest historian already called, as if by divine instinct, "caput orbis terrarum" (capital of the world, Livy, AUC I, 18) and whose destiny is a mystery which is unfolded through the centuries; this Rome now finds itself before, or better say, in the midst of changing times: which demand of the head and members of Christianity a maximum of vigilance and of tireless readiness for unconditional action.

Watch and pray! (Matt. 26, 41) Thus did the Lord admonish His disciples on the vigil of His Passion.

Watch and pray! This is the cry which in the name of the Risen Saviour we direct to you, to your and our fellow citizens, to all the faithful of the world.

The great hour of the Christian conscience has struck.

MAY THIS CONSCIENCE of Christianity be awakened to a full and virile appreciation of its mission of help and salvation for a human race wavering in its spiritual framework; then it will be salvation, will be the realization of the formal promise of Our Sav-

our: Have faith. I have conquered the world. (John 16, 33).

Or, indeed—may God forbid—should this conscience only half arouse itself, should it not give itself courageously to Christ, then His verdict, His terrible verdict, is no less formal: He who is not with me is against me.

You, beloved sons and daughters, know full well what this alternative signifies and involves for Rome, Italy and the world.

In your conscience, aroused to such a full appreciation of its responsibility, there is no room for blind credulity toward those who at first proclaimed their respect for religion but then, unfortunately, show their true colors as deniers of all that you hold most sacred.

In your conscience there is no room for the pusillanimity, complacency and indecision of all those who in this crucial hour believe they can serve two masters.

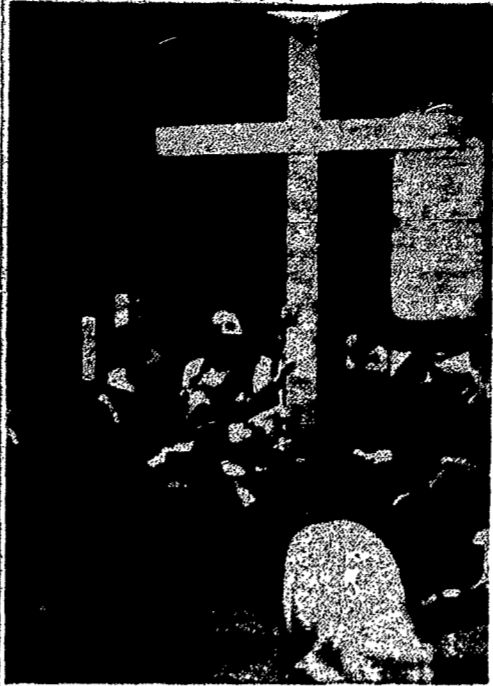
Your conscience realizes that the attainment of social justice and peace among nations can never be effected and assured if men close their eyes to the light of Christ and open their ears instead to the false words of agitators who on the denial of Christ and God lay the cornerstone and foundation of their program.

ROMANS! the Church of Rome, which for you even more particularly is your mother, has been in our day publicly subjected to most unjust attacks. As Christ was destined "in signum cui contradicatur" (for a sign that shall be contradicted, Luke 2, 34), as He was calumniated, covered with insults and mud, so the adversaries of the Church, blinded by passion, spare her no affront.

Vainly in this very city, the center of Christianity, has she multiplied her success; vainly, in circumstances of imminent danger, has she saved, welcomed and given hospitality to the persecuted of every category, even among her proud enemies; vainly, in times of tyrannical oppression, has she affirmed and sustained the dignity and rights of the human person and the just freedom of peoples; vainly, when the menace of starvation weighed on this Eternal City, has she provided for its sustenance; vainly, as faithful interpreter of the commandments of Christ, has she raised her voice against the evils of spreading immorality which leads the people to decadence and ruin.

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STUDENT CROSS ON 120-MILE HIKE TO SHRINE



Undertaken in the penitential season of Holy Week, in England, the Student Cross, a pilgrimage of some 30 Catholic college students, was held as an act of reparation in the name of all British students for the acts of all students throughout the world which have been directed against God, against religion and the people who wish to practice religion. In these photos, the parish priest of St. Etheldreda Church, London, blesses the

Cross and the pilgrims, (left photo) as they began their walk of 120 miles to Walsingham (Norfolk) where it ended in Good Friday services at the national Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Covering 20 miles a day, the students carried the nine foot Cross in turn and walked barefoot over the last Holy Mile. The pilgrimage was organized by L. W. Maundcote Carter, shown leading the group on the march (right photo).

Card. Dougherty Opposes Military Training Plan

Philadelphia (NC)—Unaltered opposition to peacetime universal military training has been expressed here by His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The Cardinal outlined a dozen reasons for his opposition. "Peacetime universal military training," he said, "is against the traditions of this country. Where it exists is precisely where most wars have taken place. Such training would remove young men at a critical age from their home surroundings and safeguards.

"It would throw them, with all their inexperience and without adequate safeguards, into frightful temptations calculated to undermine their morality and

physical health. Experience shows that even military officers are frequently corrupt and a bad example to those under them. Venereal disease would rise in a frightful degree and break down the health of future fathers of families.

The expense of universal military training would involve annually millions, if not billions, of dollars to be paid by the taxpayers.

"There seems to be no need in this country for such training, which is boasted most by soldiers, particularly army officers, who covet promotion and higher salaries.

The chances are that hereafter battles will be fought in the air, rather than on foot; and

In that case large armies will not be needed.

"It is unnecessary to point out that universal military training would remove young men from their studies or their business occupations.

"It is obvious that certain groups are opposed in conscience to war and consequently to preparations for war. This is not only true of Quakers but also of many mothers of other religious beliefs."

Welcome To Olympics

London (NC)—London Catholics have set up a special hospitality and reception committee for Catholic athletes coming here next summer to take part in the Olympic Games. It has been arranged for His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, to preside at a special sportsmen's Mass in Westminster Cathedral on the first Sunday of August.



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