

### Reich Bishops Echo Papal Plea to Victors

Munich — (NC) — The Holy Father's appeal to the victors to "forget the past and give to Europe and the whole of humanity the hope of a better future in the sign of charity" has been widely quoted throughout Germany and is being widely quoted, both in the secular and religious press, as indicating the deep concern of the Holy See in the face of "forebodings" that again are threatening the peace of the world.

The Pope's message, which dealt specifically with Germany's severe spiritual, moral and economic plight, came in a letter addressed to His Eminence Archbishop Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, in reply to the Christmas and New Year greetings from the German hierarchy.

The publication of the Pope's letter coincided with new manifestations of concern on the part of several German Bishops who consider the present situation alarming in many respects.

Addressing a meeting of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Cologne, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings said that there are "deadly dangers" arising from the present disparity of means between the impoverished masses and the few who are still holding property — dangers which the Cardinal said amount to a "social catastrophe that no priest can watch in silence and without taking action, as if the communist wave could no longer be stopped." In view of such prospects, Cardinal Frings added, only true Christian justice can provide a solution.

In an address to the clergy of the Diocese of Münster (Westphalia), Bishop Michael Keller expressed similar thoughts and stated the alternative to present conditions in these words: "Either we build up a new world in the spirit of Christ or we shall be devoured by a demonic world."

### 50 YEARS A TEACHER



Professor Joseph J. Dreher, D. Min., has established a record of 50 years of continuous teaching in one school, Sacred Heart, Duquoin, Iowa. In honor of Professor Dreher's 50th year as principal of Sacred Heart School and choir director, the parish has called this "Professor Dreher Year" and honored him as a member of programs. Monsignor J. Fred Krieh, pastor, is shown presenting Professor Dreher with a purse, from members of the parish, in appreciation for his Fifty Golden Years. (Mc Photos)

### Pius XII Says 'No Politics' In His Peace Pleas

By REV. J. J. SULLIVAN  
Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has solemnly reaffirmed that he is solely prompted by his divine mandate, not by any "worldly considerations" or "political calculations," in striving for a good peace.

Repeating his reminder given at Easter that the "great hour of Christian conscience has struck," His Holiness declared that resistance to the enemies of Christ must go hand in hand with the determination to bring about a solution of present problems in accordance with Christian social teachings.

The Holy Father made these statements in an address to the new Brazilian Ambassador to the Holy See, Frederico de Castello Branco Clark, who presented his credentials.

"OUR INCESSANT and persevering efforts," the Pope said, "to lay the foundations and create the moral, juridical, economic and social prerequisites of a peace corresponding with the will of God and the dignity of the human race are, for us, not the result of worldly considerations and political calculations, from which we are and always remain far apart."

"That which guides us, which moves us, which does not permit us — for temporal and earthly motives — to speak and act in a way less clear and less open, is the profound conviction, above all human considerations, of the inescapable duty that Our attitude has to conform to the precept and example of Him Who entrusted to St. Peter and his successors the mandate to 'confirm brethren in the faith.'"

"Perhaps never before," the Pope continued, "has this word of Our Lord been so urgent for the vital interests of Christianity and of the human race, as in our days."

"IT WAS IN fulfillment of this duty that, on Easter Sunday, We pronounced from the balcony of the Vatican basilica, moved by Our solicitude and Our Pastoral responsibility, these warning words: 'The great hour of Christian conscience has struck.'"

### Heads Islands



Manuel A. Roxas, President of the Philippine Republic, is shown in a photograph. He is the new head of the government of the Philippines and was formerly vice-president and is a practical Catholic. (NC Photos)

### Red Literature Flooding China Priest Reports

Philadelphia — (NC) — The pitiful lack of Catholic books, pamphlets and other publications in China even in Catholic book shops, compared to the abundance of communist literature available almost everywhere was emphasized by the Rev. Nicholas Maestrini, executive secretary of the Chinese Catholic Truth Society of Hong Kong, in an address before the Catholic Interracial Club here.

Father Maestrini recalled a convention of university students from all Asiatic countries held in Calcutta last February. He said the meeting was openly communist, but a Catholic speaker managed to get the platform and gave the Catholic view on things.

"He was booted, naturally," Father Maestrini said, "but after his talk he was approached by a number of delegates who expressed surprise that there was a view on world affairs different from the communists'. They wanted to know why no one ever had bothered to give them a view except the Russians."

COMMUNISTS have succeeded in distributing their pamphlets and literature in every college, high and elementary school in China, Father Maestrini said. He declared he personally had made a survey of bookshops in China and found them crammed with communist literature, "but there is not one Catholic book to give the Catholic view to China's cultured classes."

Non-Catholic publishers have taken great pains, he said, to have the worst kind of literature of the West translated into Chinese, but "there is not one single translation of a Catholic author, not a book by Chesterton, Belloc or Maritain, not even a decent translation of the Papal Encyclicals on the social order." He said that the only life of Christ available in the bookshops is that of the apostate Renan.

### Hungary Catholics Deny Underground

Budapest — (NC) — Hungarian Catholicism carries on its activities openly and never had, nor ever will have, any part in underground activities, a Catholic spokesman declared here in a statement rejecting accusations made in an Italian socialist newspaper.

The statement coincided with an intensification of the campaign carried on by politicians and newspapers, which seeks to identify the Church with "the forces of reaction" and to brand it as an "enemy of democracy."

Pointing out that the religious, cultural and charitable activities of Hungarian Catholics are "constantly controlled by the government and are always open to inspection by anyone," the Catholic spokesman added:

"EVEN THE MERE suggestion that Hungarian Catholicism is taking part in any underground movement, or is cooperating in the organization of any such movement, has to be most decisively rejected. . . . Hungarian Catholicism hopes that in the future, too, its organizations and institutions will be able to carry on their activities publicly and legally and will enjoy, to an increasing degree, all those rights and freedoms which the fundamental law of the Republic also guarantees to Catholics."

In answer to allegations by the Italian socialist newspaper Avanti! that negotiations between the Vatican and the United States Government are taking place which aim at the organization of a Catholic underground in Hungary with American financial support, the spokesman declared:

"All gifts arriving from America are used in conformity with their original purpose and it is publicly known that these gifts are the result of the great social movement in the United States which seeks to help needy European peoples."

CHARACTERISTIC of the campaign carried on against the Catholic Church in Hungary are the following remarks from a speech by Vice Premier Matthias Rakosi, general secretary of the Hungarian Communist party, to a congress of the Iron workers' union. He said: "It must not be forgotten that it is most difficult to drive reaction from the positions which it has built for itself under the purple cloak of the Church. . . . But we are convinced that since we have succeeded in driving reaction from its other strongholds we shall also drive it out from under the purple cloak of the Church. We still face the solution of many problems, such as democratic schools, democratic culture, etc."

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### Safety Spurned By Father Tiso

Buenos Aires — (NC) — The late Rev. Josef Tiso, war-time President of the Slovak State who was executed a year ago in Bratislava, might have saved his life if he had been willing to agree to communist proposals, according to a report circulated here.

According to the report, a Red Army colonel, named Teger, approached on Good Friday, 1945, the then Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ferdinand Durcansky, and told him that everything would be "all right" with the Slovak State and Father Tiso, provided he agreed to remain in Slovakia and declare it a republic under Soviet-Russian protectorate. Father Tiso immediately turned down the offer, refusing to do "business" with Stalin.

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### Priest Sees South's Race Stand Red Aid

Savannah, Ga. — (NC) — Racial segregation is an aid to the "communistic conflagration that is sweeping the earth" and the South's position in the matter is an "ostrich-like attitude," Monsignor J. James McNamara, rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, here, declared in an address before members of the local Kiwanis Club.

The Monsignor spoke in favor of President Truman's civil rights program. He asserted that his purpose was to face facts and "my hope is that in facing them we may be inspired to give greater substance to the American dream of equality before the law."

When the Monsignor had concluded his talk, Charles J. Munsie, club president, urged his fellow Kiwanians "to go home and think over the thoughtful and effective speech."

MONSIGNOR McNAMARA said the United States would act more conspicuously with its traditions if legislation such as the Stratton bill, to permit entry of DP's into the country, was enacted. "As I see it," the Monsignor said, "a person who has suffered exile in behalf of democracy, would have less an 'aim' to contribute to the welter of confusion which besets our national life today than the so-called 'native-American' who hides his face and his identity and who is, as yet, to reach the maturity of the founding fathers of our glorious nation."

After citing the background of President Truman's civil rights program, the Monsignor said that reaction in Dixie was a "hue and cry that developed into a crescendo." He charged that the dominant note of the crescendo was the term segregation with all its "ugly connotations," reek-

### Poverty Seen European Threat

Washington — (NC) — The great source of danger in Europe today is the poverty of the Continent's people, declared Mile. Baers, general secretary of the Catholic International Union for Social Service and one of five women members of the Belgian senate, as she visited here.

Mademoiselle Baers said that she found much more concern and apprehension over the world situation in the United States than was felt in her homeland, but added "You probably have more information than we." She has been in this country since early April, taking part in U. N. discussion and visiting Catholic social service schools and institutions.

Mademoiselle Baers saw little danger of communist gains in Belgium, since the Catholic and Socialist trade union groups have built a solid allegiance among Belgian workers in the postwar period. The communists made a brief surge just after the end of the war, when conditions were most unsettled, she reported, but with the consolidation within the ranks of the Catholic and Socialist units they were checked.

Japanese 'Digest' a Sell-Out  
St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — First printing of the Japanese edition of The Catholic Digest was complete sell-out even before it hit the newsstands, according to word received here by the Rev. Paul Bussard, editor.

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### Cardinal Renews Red Warning

Melbourne — (RNS) — A warning against the spread of atheistic Communism was sounded here by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at a civic reception in Melbourne Town Hall given in honor of American prelates attending centenary celebrations of the Melbourne Archdiocese.

Asserting that Communism threatens the United States, Australia "and all the liberty-loving nations of the world," Cardinal Spellman declared "it is foul play for Soviet Russia to desecrate and devour the free peoples of the earth."

"Fear must clutch your hearts, as tightly as it grips my own," he said, "as we watch the towering glacier of Communism spread ceaselessly across Europe and Asia."

Another speaker at the reception was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of Washington, D. C., who warned: "Do not let Communists fool you about bettering your conditions. They cannot do it in Russia. They cannot do it here."

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