

Pope's Remarks Cited As New Vatican Policy

New York — (NC) — The Holy Father's recent statement to the European Union of Federalists that "the great nations are asked to sacrifice part of their past greatness" to achieve a necessary European federation marks a significant change in thinking and "an entirely new phase in Vatican leadership in the world of today," according to the national Jesuit weekly, America.

THE MAGAZINE sets the Pontiff's statement alongside his remarks in his 1944 Christmas message in which, while advocating an international union which would have "real and effective" authority over member states, he cautioned that each state should retain "an equal right to its own sovereignty."

The Holy Father's declaration at that time, America continues, led to such "disappointing" interpretations as that of Guido Gonella, Italian Minister of Education, who held in his "A World to Reconstruct" that what the Pontiff advocated was a type of federation that was "exclusively a Society of sovereign States, that is, of free and independent States."

BUT NOW, the magazine observes, the Holy Father has adopted this position. "European federation presents some undoubted difficulties, but it is nevertheless necessary to bring about as soon as possible. To achieve this union the great nations are asked to sacrifice part of their past greatness and to align themselves with other countries of the European continent to form a true European union."

With these words, America concludes, Pope Pius XII "added a new chapter to official Catholic political doctrine. This declaration should encourage us, even in the face of more immediate objectives, to fix our eyes on the more distant but necessary goal of a European federal union."

Pope Blesses Royal Parents

Vatican City — (NC) — The message of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth of England congratulating her and her husband, Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, on the birth of their son and their reply were made public here.

Addressed to Buckingham Palace, London, the Pontiff's message said: "We send Your Royal Highness our cordial felicitations on the happy occasion of the birth of a son, assuring you of our prayers for your continued welfare and happiness, and we invoke upon you, upon the Duke of Edinburgh and upon the newly-born heir special blessings from Almighty God. (Signed) Pius XII."

The reply was addressed to His Holiness the Pope, Vatican City and said: "We are most grateful for your kind message of good wishes. (Signed) Elizabeth and Philip."

Convert Maker Joins Trappists

Chicago — (Special) — Julius Peter Weiner, Chicago business man who devoted much of his energy to organizing recent converts as members of the lay apostolate to convert others in the nation-wide Convert Makers of America League, has transferred his efforts from the field of action to that of prayer. Last month he entered the Trappist Monastery at Gethsemane, Kentucky.

A CONVERT from Judaism of three years, Mr. Weiner has pledged his continued spiritual intercession on behalf of the CMOA movement to Reverend Erwin Jurasek, spiritual director.

"No one appreciates Catholicism more than a man who had to hunt for it," he says. "Converts who become Catholics because God has blessed them with the gift of Faith should pass it on. There is no more practical way of showing gratitude for the Faith than by working actively to spread it through the personal techniques, pamphlet racks, Information Centers and Information Talks of CMOA — the answer to all Catholic Action in the lay apostolate."

Dixie Governor Rebuked For FEPC Attack

San Antonio, Tex. — (Special) — Writing in the Alamo Register here, Father John M. Hayes has severely criticized the statement of the Honorable Ben Lacey, Governor of Arkansas, that FEPC is a "Communist idea."

Fr. Hayes comments: "Now, if the Governor had said: 'I don't like it,' or 'It won't work,' and let it go at that, we could at least feel that he respected our intelligence. But when he tries to hang the handy Red label on it, it is fairly obvious that he has put us down for bumpkins, gulls, greeghorns."

RECALLING THE fact that for several years the chairman of the Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission was Most Fr. Francis J. Haas, Catholic Bishop of Grand Rapids, the priest notes:

"The Pope does not appoint Communists to Bishops. The Pope, Governor, is against Communism. He has absolutely no use for it. And Bishop Haas is not one to be easily hoodwinked. He could tell our neighboring Governor more in five minutes about the real danger of Communism than Ben is likely to discover in a lifetime."

REFERRING TO the Catholic organizations which have urged the passage of FEPC legislation, Fr. Hayes cites the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Catholic Committee of the South, and the Catholic War Veterans.

The priest points out that in three states where FEPC legislation has been enacted 1,226 cases of alleged discrimination were dealt with, all of which were settled by conference, conciliation, and persuasion, without involving against the employers the penalties provided by the law.

"It was necessary to have penalties in the law to convince employers (and some unions) that the state was serious in its purpose," Fr. Hayes observes. "But the penalties were not invoked."

LITTLE 'TWINKLE'-DP



This is Twinkle. Formally he is Wswelod Mackiewicz, a 2-year-old Polish boy. With his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Mackiewicz, former DP's, they now are resettled with relatives in Chicago. The youngster got the nickname of "Twinkle" from newspapermen aboard the first ship bringing DP's to the United States. When proffered a chocolate bar, he would break into the familiar Mother Goose rhyme, "Twinkle, Twinkle, little star," and recite it with gestures. (Photo by Ed Sirrison, a DP employed by the IRO) (NC Photos)

World Pilgrimage to Japan Will Honor Francis Xavier

By REV. W. A. KASCHMITTER, M.M.

Tokyo — Amazing response has greeted preparations for the great international pilgrimage to Japan next year for the fourth centenary of the arrival in this country of St. Francis Xavier who first brought Christianity to these shores.

Preparations following plans originally drawn up last May at the Bishop's Meeting in Tokyo are well under way, according to an announcement by the Rev. Bruno Bitter, S.J., chairman of the Catholic Rehabilitation Committee here.

THE AMERICAN President Lines has made tentative arrangements to place one of its larger vessels at the disposal of pilgrims, who, with world conditions permitting, will sail from San Francisco in May, 1949, and arrive in time for the formal opening of the pilgrimage on May 29.

Native enthusiasm has manifested itself not only among Catholics, but non-Catholics as well. For instance the civil provinces of Nagasaki, Kagoshima and Yamaguchi have pledged full support of the pilgrimage. Nagasaki, foremost stronghold of the Church in Japan with 60,626 Catholics out of a nation's total of 120,163 alone has set aside ten million yen for the centennial celebration.

YAMAGUCHI authorities are printing a biography of the Saint, which will be distributed in all the schools of the prefecture.

Kagoshima where St. Francis Xavier, called the Apostle of India and Japan, first set foot on Japanese soil in 1549 is erecting a church, which is scheduled to be consecrated at the time of the pilgrimage.

Reformed Sect Hit on Yielding To Red Regime

By MAX JORDAN

Basel, Switzerland — (NC) — While American Catholics were invited to join in prayer with their Protestant brethren for the Hungarian Lutheran Bishop Louis Ordasz, who was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by a communist-dominated court, the Reformed Church in that country, formerly headed by Zoltan Tildy, who later became Hungarian President, has come to terms with the red rulers.

IN CONSIDERATION of certain material advantages, says the Zurich Protestant newspaper Die Tat, such as limited monetary contributions, the Reformed Church has promised to "serve the people's democracy loyally and to pray for its welfare."

Formerly, the paper concludes, Hungarian Protestantism upheld the banner of freedom. But now, the paper adds referring to His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, the latter is the great leader in the struggle.

THE SUBMISSION of the Reformed Hungarian Church is being related here to the influence of Dr. Karl Barth, Swiss Protestant theologian, who recently visited Budapest and counseled the friends of the Reformed Church to come to terms with the communist government.

How Dr. Barth, who took such a strong stand against nazism during the war, could condone collaboration with red totalitarianism is difficult to understand, says Dr. Karl Thieme, a well-known Catholic writer and educator, in the Basler Volksblatt, local Catholic daily.

DOCTOR BARTH, says Doctor Thieme, appears to approve of the distinction recently made by Anglican Archbishop Temple at Amsterdam, that bolshevism fundamentally is a "Christian heresy" while fascism is "pure paganism."

He seems to discover at least a glimmer of Christianity, even though perverted, even in wild-est Marxism, while at the same time he indulges in the most violent prejudice against the Catholic Church, Doctor Thieme says. Doctor Barth is a member of the faculty of the Basel university.

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BISHOP FLANNELLY

CONSECRATION DATE SET FOR BISHOP-ELECT

New York — (NC) — Consecration of Msgr. Joseph F. Flannelly as titular bishop of Metelli and Auxiliary of New York, will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral December 16.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will be the consecrator, assisted by Bishops Joseph P. Donahue and Stephen J. Donahue, both Auxiliaries of New York. The sermon will be preached by Msgr. Philip J. Furzong, of St. Elizabeth's Church here.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN has given the Bishop-elect two pectoral crosses and a ring, symbols of his Episcopal office. Both pectoral crosses were originally worn by the most Rev. John Hughes, first Archbishop of New York. One is a ceremonial cross worn at church ceremonies and the other, a smaller cross, used with less formal and street dress.

The ring was originally a gift to His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, from the alumni of Cathedral College when the late Cardinal was consecrated Auxiliary to the Archbishop of New York in 1914. Bishop-elect Flannelly is an alumnus of Cathedral College, having graduated in 1913.

The Bishop-elect has received, among others, a delegation conveying the congratulations of the Holy Name Society of the New York Fire Department. Bishop-elect Flannelly was the first Catholic chaplain assigned to the Yonkers Fire Department and served in that capacity for 10 years. He bears the title of Honorary Assistant Chief.

Permission For Mass In Planes Not Expected

Rome — (CIP) — The Congregation of Rites at the Vatican, which has jurisdiction over all matters of this kind, has not yet granted general permission to celebrate Mass in airplanes. CIP has learned from an authoritative source.

The Congregation has no intention of granting such permission in the near future, the same source stated. So far ecclesiastical authorities have given only two individual permissions for the celebration of Mass in the air.

THE FIRST was granted for a Trans-Atlantic flight of the "Hindenburg" Zeppelin in 1936, the second, a few months ago, for an American pilgrimage going to Fatima. A portable altar was installed in the airplane for this purpose.

The same source, which is close to the Congregation of Rites, pointed out that at present there is no need for a general permission of this kind because airplanes usually stay in the air for only a few hours at a time, so that priests can arrange for celebrating Mass before they leave or after landing.

ON THE OTHER hand, the vibration of the plane is often a disturbing element, according to the same source, because it makes it hard to create that atmosphere of calm and recollection which is desirable when Mass is celebrated.

However, the same source stated, the time may well come when air traffic has been developed to such an extent that the Congregation of Rites will give a general permission for the celebration of Mass in airplanes.

Canada Women Urge Drive Against Reds

Calgary, Alta. — (NC) — The Catholic Women's League has more than 40,000 active members throughout Canada. It was reported here at the annual national convention, attended by 150 delegates from all provinces.

The CWL went on record as favoring an educational drive to offset the menace of communism. A study of the social principles of the Church, it was said, would make students apostles of Christian social justice, "which is the greatest safeguard against the evil of communism."

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