

HOLY FATHER

Lauds Lay Study Clubs; Warns Pastors On 'Excessive Bureaucracy' Over Souls

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has recommended the formation of discussion clubs among the Catholic laity as a valuable aid in a pastor's work.



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praise the apostolic labor of the laity and exhort you to regard

it favorably, encourage it, and above all allow it to develop freely within the limits of the parish or extend beyond, whether they are linked with organized Catholic Action or not.

In warning against "excessive bureaucracy," the Holy Father admitted that efficient functioning of the parish office was important and valuable.

"EVERY ONE of your faithful must experience it," he declared, "must be able to approach you easily, to find in your help assistance corresponding to their trust."

The Pontiff also referred to Canon 1262 of the Code of Canon Law, which reminds pastors of their obligation to foster vocations to the priesthood.

Four Japanese Professors Received In Catholic Faith

Tokyo — (NC) — Several notable conversions in the professional field have taken place recently in Japan.

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A FAMED FLYER IS LAID TO REST



The body of Major Don Gentile, of Fiqua, Ohio, famed flying ace of World War II, and killed in a jet trainer crash in Maryland, is borne by his fellow officers in the U. S. Air Force.

one-inch statuette of the Infant Jesus of Prague, given to him by a nun in his grade school days, and always carried with him.

Marine Chaplain Wounded In Korea

Washington — (NC) — The Rev. Eugene L. Van Antwerp, 33-year-old priest chaplain with the 1st Marine Division in Korea, was wounded in action January 26.

Italy Premier Cites Sermon On Mount

Urges Christ's Law Of Love On Young Democrats

By REV. J. J. SULLIVAN

Rome — (NC) — Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi recently presented the spectacle, unique in modern times, of a country's top political leader offering the Sermon on the Mount as a rallying cry to the young members of his party.

Addressing the concluding session of the National Congress of the Young Christian Democrats, he urged them to go forward as Christians laboring for the true peace, which comes from the application of Christ's law of love.

"THE FUNDAMENTAL thought of the Gospel," Premier De Gasperi said, "is peace. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God."

"For Christians, then," he continued, "peace is not simply the absence of active, open war, but the spirit of human solidarity, the will for international cooperation, free discussion and under-



PREMIER DE GASPERI

standing between peoples. If that spirit is lacking peace is threatened and the state of war already exists potentially."

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PHILIPPINE BISHOPS:

Rap Idea Of Child As 'Production Unit'

Manila — (NC) — The Catholic Bishops of the Philippines have warned of the danger of regarding the child as "a mere unit of production" in current proposals to stress vocational training in the country's school system.

THE BISHOPS recognize the critical lack of vocational training in the Philippine school system, and take note of charges that the country is "fast becoming a nation of lawyers, accountants and typists — and worse still of mindless and vocationally displaced persons."

The statement expressed gratification at the "salutary step" taken by the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines through its Memorandum on Vocational Training.

"There is need of good, Christian educated men and

women to take their places in society as workers and trained artisans to discharge the functions which are ordinarily contrasted with those of the white-collar jobs," the Bishops declared.

"There is greater need of respect for these occupations in the spirit and example of the Carpenter at Nazareth and the Fishermen at Galilee. The dignity of labor and the dignity of the laborer must be given real meaning."

"In the writer of opinions and proposals advanced by educators and educational administrators regarding the role of the schools in the complementing of these needs, the principles underlying the purpose of Catholic education are in danger of being looked in order to focus attention on these principles we list the following conditions which must be observed in any system to stress vocational education:

"(a) THE RIGHT of the Catholic school to exist and its freedom to teach are essential to the divine mission of the Catholic Church.

"(b) Education is primarily a parental function. This excludes any power of the state to standardize its children by forcing them to accept education either from public teachers only, or exclusively according to state prescribed curricula. The role of the state is to foster and support, not to supplant, the efforts of home and the Church in the task of providing adequate educational facilities. The child, therefore, may not be looked upon as a mere unit of production in the economic life of the state."

Adenauer's Son Ordained Priest

Cologne — (NC) — Paul Adenauer, a son of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany, was ordained at the cathedral here by His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne. The Chancellor was present at Father Adenauer's first Mass.

Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President of the Near East Missions, is in the city.

"THAT I MAY SEE"



Eye disease, a scourge of the Middle East, is fought in the Holy Father's refuge camps by good food and geriatric medicine. These tents, many of them Palestine was epidemic, are cared for by a full-time staff of St. Joseph's Camp, Beirut, Lebanon.

HITANS HIT AT HIT

If the 500 Catholics of the village of HIT in Djebel Druze spoke English, we'd say they named their town HIT with good reason. Lacking a chapel, the priest says Mass in his house.

INDIA'S TREASURES

"To get converts today in India, one needs only to build a church and the people flock to it." Such testimony prompts us to plead for ERUNELI in the Diocese of Trivavala.

THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

might have had only one room in our grandfather's day, but it did have blackboard and benches. A room without benches and board serves the growing school at Cheren, Eritrea, E. Africa.

WHY THE POOR 'CLARES'?

"The exaltation of the beggar's state into a condition of spiritual liberty, wherein man would live in conscious dependence upon the providence of God and the goodwill of his fellowmen."

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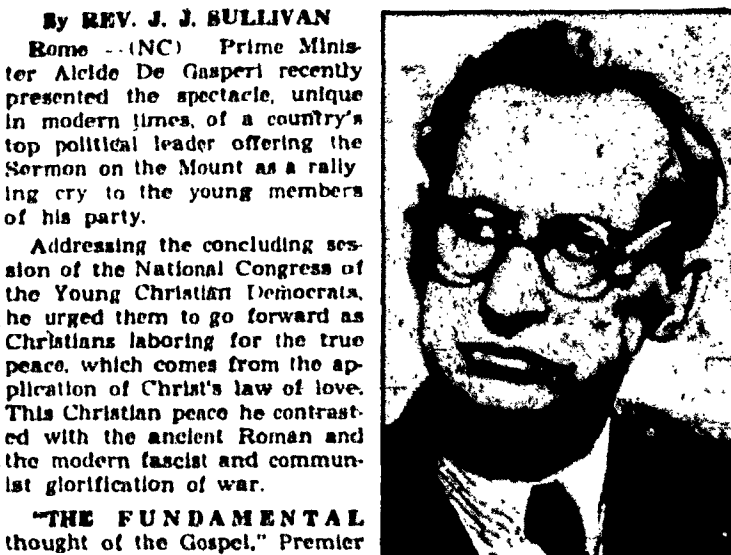
By MAX JORDAN

Frankfurt — (NC) — German Catholics are proud of Hermann Josef Flade, 18-year-old member of the Catholic youth group of Oiberrhau, Saxony, whose death sentence was commuted to one of 15 years in prison after world-wide protests had been received by the communist government of East Germany.

"I LOVE LIBERTY more than life," said the youth who had been arrested while distributing anti-communist leaflets, when the court asked him whether he regretted his activities, and these words have now become a slogan that spreads like wild-fire throughout Germany.

Preceding the commutation of the sentence, 5,000 West Berliners had staged a mass demonstration to protest against the death sentence. Also, 14 American labor and civic groups had sent protest telegrams to Soviet zone Premier Otto Grotewohl, while many more thousands of letters poured into his office from all over Germany and other parts of Europe.

It is pointed out in this connection that during the past six months communist courts in East Germany have handed down sentences totalling 45,000 years in the penitentiary against political defendants only.



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