

Pope Bids Catholics Battle 'Enemy' Of Church, Mankind

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Rome — (NC) — Before a tremendous crowd in St. Peter's Square here, Pope Pius XII called upon the Catholics throughout the world to join in battle against the "enemy" that threatens the unity of the Church and the security of mankind.

IN speaking of the "enemy," the Pope referred to "the authors and propagators of the horrible calamity that the Church wants war." He spoke also of those who continue to work that Christ may be "a stranger in the universities, in the schools, in the family, in the administration of justice, in legislative activity, and in the assembly of nations where peace or war is determined."

Delivered from a special throne erected atop the steps of the main entrance of St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope's talk climaxed special weekend celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of the men's branch of Italian Catholic Action.

From all parts of Italy, tens of thousands of visitors — farmers, shepherds, shopkeepers and white collar workers — swarmed into Rome by railroad and bus for the observance.

"ALL FAITHFUL of goodwill must arouse themselves and accept their share of responsibility for the outcome of this fight for salvation," the Holy Father told the mass audience, which numbered an estimated 200,000 persons. About 150,000 of the crowd were members of the Catholic Action group, comprising half the total enrollment.

"Today not only the city of Rome and Italy, but the whole world is threatened," the Pope warned. "You do not need to be told who the enemy is or what dress he wears. He is everywhere and in the midst of all. He knows how to be violent and deceitful. In these last centuries he has attempted to bring about the intellectual, moral and social disintegration of the unity in the mysterious organism of Christ. He has sought nature without grace, reason without faith, liberty without authority, at times authority without liberty."

His voice sounding strong and clear, the Pontiff went on to describe the enemy as having become "ever more concrete, with a boldness which engenders astonishment." First, he said, the enemy proclaimed it wanted Christ, but not the Church. Then it asserted it wanted God, but not Christ.

"Finally," the Pope added, "the implacable cry was raised, 'God is dead,' and even the cry, 'God never existed.' And now we have an attempt to build the world's structure on foundations which we do not hesitate to designate as a thing principally responsible for the threat which overhangs humanity: an economy, law and politics without God."

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Pope Inspects New Church

Rome — (NC) — An unusual gesture was made here by Pope Pius XII in token of gratitude to the men's division of Italian Catholic Action.

Following a talk to a rally in St. Peter's Square at the close of celebrations marking the organization's 30th anniversary, the Pope stopped off on his return to his summer residence at Castelgandolfo to visit a new church dedicated to Pope St. Leo the Great. It is located on the Via Preneestina and donated by the Catholic Actionists.

The Holy Father knelt in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and then inspected the interior of the church. He spent some time talking with the clerical and lay officials of the church. His visit meanwhile had created a stir among the people of the neighborhood, who came in great numbers to see and cheer the Pontiff.

New Persecution Outbreak Reported In Tito Yugoslavia

Trieste — (RNS) — Persecution of Catholics is breaking out again all over Communist Yugoslavia, according to reports reaching here.

The reports, some of which are borne out by information contained in Communist propaganda blasts against priests, tell of fear that prompts devout Catholics to hold their marriage ceremonies in the middle of the night.

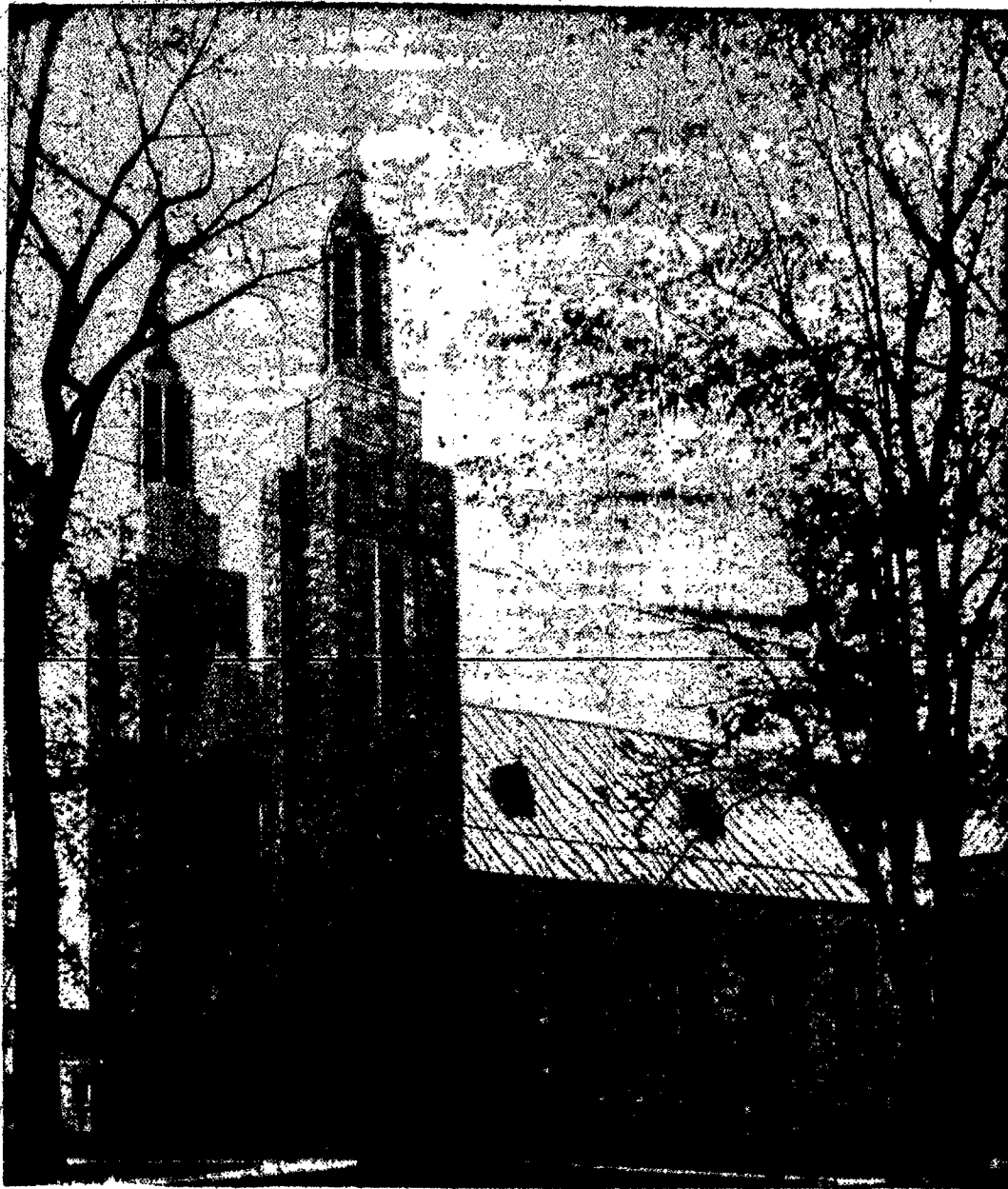
THEY ALSO tell of Catholics who are afraid to be seen going to church and of baptism performed at home to escape the wrath of local Communist officials.

Churches and parsonages are reported to be decaying and priests starving. A peasant in a Slovenian town recently was sentenced to six months at hard labor because he organized a collection of funds for a newly ordained priest.

Recently, the District Conference of the Communist Party at Tolmin charged that a number of Catholic priests in the area were guilty of "sabotage and espionage" and were engaged in "subversive activities."

YUGOSLAV CATHOLICS are reported to be particularly concerned over the future of their children. Primary school teachers take pains, it is said, to eradicate the effects of all religious instruction the children may have received at home.

Youngsters are encouraged by teachers "to correct their parents in their error" and are held up to the contempt of classmates if they are found to have taken part in any religious ceremonies.



New St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Ogdensburg Cathedral Consecration Set

Ogdensburg, N. Y. — (NC) — Ogdensburg's new \$1,500,000 St. Mary's Cathedral will be consecrated on October 22, it has been announced.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will offer the Solemn Mass of Consecration in the presence of seven Archbishops, 24 Bishops, 42 Monsignors and 176 priests.

The long and solemn ritual of consecration will be begun in the early morning by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart of Ogdensburg, and the Mass will climax these ceremonies.

The original cathedral was destroyed by fire in 1947. The priests and people of the diocese raised the \$1,500,000 for the construction of the new edifice and the cornerstone was laid in 1950. The new cathedral was erected and furnished in two years.

Among the outstanding features of the edifices are the stained glass windows, which depict outstanding events in the history of the Catholic Church in this country.

Cardinal Recalls Coventry 'Blitz'

Coventry, England — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, described here how he helped rescue holy vessels and vestments from the smoldering ruins of St. Osburg's Church a few hours after the Nazis had bombed it.

The Cardinal was preaching at High Mass to mark the reopening of the church, where his twin brother, the Rev. Basil Griffin, O.S.B., is today parish priest.

"I shall never forget standing not many miles away and watching the terrible raid of 1940—the Nazis' first 'blitz' of an enemy town. 'From the light of a burning gasometer I realized that destruction had come to St. Osburg's.'"

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British Press Raps Eden's Wooing Tito

London — (NC) — British Catholic papers have expressed indignation at the government's obsequious courtship of Marshal Tito and its decision to invite the Red leader officially to London.

The Universe devoted its front page to the revelations in La Crosse, Wis. Catholic daily of Tito's moves to obliterate the Church in Yugoslavia while he is making professions of friendship to the Western powers and asking their help.

The Universe condemned the present flattery being handed to the Yugoslav dictator and reminded those who expect Catholics to share the optimism of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden regarding Tito in the name of "realism" that "this is where we came in."

"Yalta and the pro-Russian enthusiasm of the war years were defended on the same ground as the present flattery of Tito," the paper declared. "Non-moral realism fares badly when it collides with realities."

THE CATHOLIC TIMES also warned against trusting Tito. "As a Marxist he is an enemy of the economic system of the West as well as of the Christian principles which lie at the roots of Western culture," it said.

"For Tito as for Marx, religion is the opium of the people and capitalism the enemy of the masses. How can there be any alliance with Tito? What reliance can be placed on the word of one whose doctrine is 'what is good for communism is good?'"

"We cannot regard with equanimity Mr. Eden's holding out the uncritical hand of friendship to Tito without getting from Yugoslavia those concessions which might make any alliance worth while," the Catholic Times stated.

"NOT EVEN politicians can serve God and mammon though they often try to do so. Ever since Tito announced his break with Cominform the Western Powers have been sending aid to Yugoslavia, wooing Tito with goods of all kinds. Some of these goods were foodstuffs and report says that it is the communists who have benefited, not the ordinary and needy people."

"Mr. Eden might have checked on this as well as on the treatment of priests and nuns . . . and Catholics."



Eden

Many honest and competent students of affairs find it a little hard to understand Mr. Eden's apparent lack of caution in this matter.

"THE FACT THAT Mr. Eden has never shown any practical interest in Marshal Tito's persecution of the Christian Church—indeed during his recent visit to Yugoslavia he observed that there were no essential differences of outlook between the two countries—is not the only source of concern."

"There is in addition the severely material question which Mr. Eden ought surely to regard as essential to the situation, whether Marshal Tito can be considered in any real sense an ally at all? . . . Once before the West has tried to make an ally of a communist country. Mr. Eden himself confessed that in our Russian experiment 'we had got nowhere.' He is now trying precisely the same sort of experiment with another country."

Last Maryknoller In Kaying Ousted

Hong Kong — (NC) — The last Maryknoll missionary in the Kaying diocese of South China, the Rev. Maynard Murphy of Montreal, has been expelled by the Chinese communists and has arrived here.

Father Murphy was arrested in February, 1951. He had been in Chinese jails or under house arrest since that time. His superior Bishop Francis X. Ford, died as the result of communist tortures and executions.



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