

Pope Calls Youth To Campaign For Spiritual Salvation

Castiglione, Italy — (NC) — Catholic young people everywhere were summoned by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to join in a campaign for the spiritual salvation and reconquest of an "inhuman" and "anti-Christian" world.

He described the campaign as one in which all Catholic forces should "co-operate with intelligence and tenacious zeal." "In these times of great trepidation, so decisive for the salvation of the individual, for the order of nations and for peace among peoples," the Holy Father said, "the Church continues to call all men of goodwill to consider themselves mobilized for the fight against inhuman, anti-Christian world."

The Pope's appeal was made during an audience at his summer palace here to 200 priest moderators of youth groups belonging to Italian Catholic Action. He spoke of the youth groups, which comprise more than 200,000 members and about 300,000 aspirant members, as "precious recruits in a great and promising army" for the cause of Christian reconstruction.

"We are sure," the Pontiff declared, "that if these 500,000 children were present here, we would not have time entirely to formulate such an invitation before a thunder of joyous and ready 'yesses' would sound."

ASSERTING THAT the outcome of "this great undertaking" is not to be compromised by a dangerous hesitation, the Pontiff also insisted that "precise ideas, profound conviction, strength to resist evil and generosity" are necessary if the youth of Catholic Action is to succeed in its work of moral reconstruction.

Pope Pius laid particular stress on the dangers to youth itself in a modern world which "deafens them with its clamor and tires them with its constant restlessness."

"The work to be done," he told the priests, "is great: to expel the enemy which perhaps has already penetrated with your own (youth) associations, to bar the passage through which he attempts to pass, and, finally, to enter the field for the salvation of youth."

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world," the Holy Father exhorted, "who is not pre-occupied over youth, and it is not difficult to understand that along its path the robbers and evildoers ready to assault, rob and injure, and to disappear afterwards, leaving youth only half alive on the same path. In this spiritual feud, perpetrated day by day, hour by hour, exception is made for no category, expense is not spared, and no means or blows are excluded by the evil and complex conspiracy of sin."

The Holy Father urged the priest moderators to be zealous in watching over young people, giving them "a clear vision of the Catholic doctrine," and helping them so that they may become strong of will and ready to face up to their Christian opportunities in life.

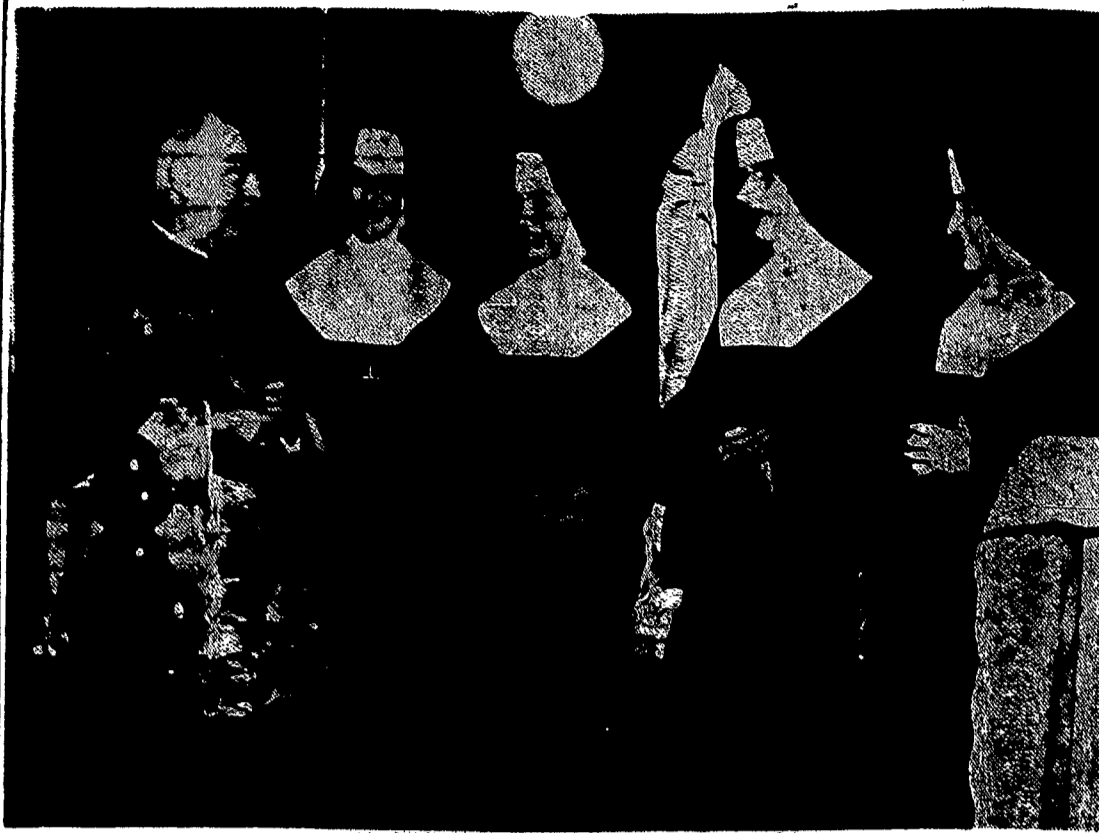
"If young people," he said, "have clear ideas, profound conviction, and a strong will, which is also, desire, they can approach the great things that await them with more efficiency."

SPEARING OF THOSE who might on day themselves become priests, the Pope told the moderators that they should speak to them "with persuasion and warmth of the greatness of the priesthood," and tell them more priests are urgently required, because "never before as today has the harvest been so great, but the workers so few."

Psychiatric Nursing Needs Cited By Sister

New Orleans — (NC) — The discrepancy between what is available and what is needed to provide adequate psychiatric nursing care on both the local and national level is "staggering," Sister Anne Aycock, administrator of DePaul Sanitarium here, declared. Sister Anne spoke in connection with the opening of classes of the neuropsychiatric hospital nursing school affiliated with this sanitarium.

Missionary Nuns Okinawa Bound



NEW YORK—The first group of Catholic missionary sisters to leave for Okinawa received their mission crosses in a departure ceremony here presided over by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. The nuns, all members of the Daughters of Mary, Health of the Sick, are shown with Cardinal Spellman after the ceremony. Left to right are: Sister Mary Annuncia, F.M.S.I., of San Jose, Calif.; Sister Mary Celeste, F.M.S.I., of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sister Mary Constanta, F.M.S.I., of New Bedford, Mass.; and Sister Mary Carmel, F.M.S.I., of New Brunswick, Canada, superior of the group. In Okinawa, the sisters, all trained nurses, will open a dispensary, do home nursing, and teach native women to care for the sick. (RNS Photo)

Italy Honors U. S. Prelate

New Orleans — (NC) — The Order of Merit of Italy was conferred upon Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans, at a reception in his honor at the residence of Enrico Allaud, the Italian consul stationed here. Members of the diplomatic corps, the clergy and city officials attended.

The decoration, presented by the Consul, is in gratitude for Archbishop Rummel's leadership in raising contributions for the relief of food sufferers in Italy last year and for other services.

The medal is in the form of a cross with a five-pointed star. Arms of the cross are connected by four eagles. Above the cross is a castle with three towers. A golden ball hangs from the end of the cross. The decoration is enameled in green, red, and white, the colors of Italy and hangs from the neck on a colored ribbon.

Irish Sisterhood Accepts African Chief's Daughter

Dublin, Ireland — (NC) — Florence Rose Agbasiere, 25-year-old daughter of Nwadike Gregory Agbasiere, Paramount Chief of the Orin Tribe in Nigeria, has been received into an Irish sisterhood.

She received the habit of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary and became Sister M. Joseph Theresa at the Motherhouse of the Congregation in Killesnohra, County Droma.

Sister Theresa is the first Nigerian girl to join a missionary order in Ireland. Her father raises an area one-third the size of this country.

During the 1950 Holy Year, His Holiness Pope Pius XII conferred on Chief Agbasiere the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal. In 1953 he was honored by the British Crown in recognition of his work in the district.

local Council of Chiefs and for leadership of his people. The reception ceremony was conducted by Archbishop Charles Heery of Dublin, Nigeria, who said: "In the reception of Sister M. Joseph Theresa some of the results of work of the Killesnohra Sisters and of the other Irish missionary societies in Africa can be seen."

Sister Theresa's own comment after the ceremony was: "I am very happy. My father and mother are very happy, too. They went to Mass this morning. Afterwards there will be great celebrations among the tribes."

Open New House Melbourne, Australia — (NC) — The Brothers Hospitaliers of St. John of God have opened their first house in Victoria.

Bishop Sheen Describes Red 'Brainwashing'

Chicago — (NC) — Communists are attempting "brainwashing and brainchanging" on an international scale, according to Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York.

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the Executives' Club of Chicago at which three servicemen who had recently been repatriated from North Korean camps were honored, the Bishop said many war prisoners were subjected to the same brainwashing procedure given missionaries in China.

"THIS CONSISTS mainly of forcing a victim to hold his arms overhead while standing for 72 hours, a half-hour of sleep, and then the process repeated," he said. One woman said that after four weeks of this she found she could not remember a word of the English language. The process is designed to take all knowledge out of the human mind and open it up to communist indoctrination."

Bishop Sheen went on to say that one prisoner of war had been forced to repeat the sentence, "It is raining outside," thousands of times, though it wasn't raining. "After that," said the prelate, he was ordered to say, "America is an imperialist country," which he refused to do.

"HE WAS again ordered to repeat the 'raining' phrase. After four hours of that, he came to his senses to find himself saying 'America is an imperialist country.'"

"This process is being used on an international scale by the Communists, and citizens of this country are being subjected to it," Bishop Sheen declared.

Comms Attack Yugoslav Bishop; Prelate Missing

Trieste, (NC) — An 80-year-old Yugoslav Bishop who during the last war suffered persecution at the hands of Hungarian and German Nazis, has been attacked by a Communist

He is Bishop Louis Budanovic, Apostolic Administrator of Backa, an area in the northeast part of Yugoslavia adjoining the Hungarian border. The territory belonged to Hungary until 1918 and the Apostolic Administration embraces areas that formerly were part of the Hungarian Diocese of Kalocsa.

Reports reaching here say that the Bishop was attacked as he was riding in an automobile near the Hungarian border. He was dragged into a truck and has not been seen since. The incident, similar to other recent attacks on Catholic Bishops and prelates of the Orthodox Church, is said to cause grave concern to Yugoslav Catholics.

ARCHBISHOP JOSEF Ujdic of Belgrade is reported to have gone to Subotica, the official residence of Bishop Budanovic, in an effort to establish the whereabouts of the missing prelate. No further details of the attack are known so far, but it is assumed here that it was carried out by mobs misguidedly by Communist propaganda.

Some weeks ago it became known that the Communists had ordered formation of local committees to organize "spontaneous" attacks on Yugoslav Bishops and to arrange matters in such a way that police would not interfere in a quarrel between the Bishops and "the angry patriots who resent the tools of the Vatican being engaged in political agitation."

DURING THE LAST WAR, Bishop Budanovic was hailed fre-

quently by the Yugoslav partisans for his firm stand against the Nazis.

Meanwhile, many reports reach here from Dalmatia, Istria and Slovenia bearing out the suspicion that the Tito regime attempts to involve the clergy in the Yugoslav-Italian dispute over Trieste.

Extreme pressure is brought on Croat and Slovene Bishops, the reports say, to denounce what the Belgrade regime calls Italy's "imperialistic" policy. The Communists are doing all in their power to bring about an artificial split between "patriotic" and "enemy" priests.

Anti-Red Series Planned On TV

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (NC) — A weekly television program on which ex-Communists will "testify" on Red efforts to overthrow the U. S., will be produced by a priest-professor of Duquesne University.

Father John Schlicht, director of the university's Institute on Communism, has secured the services of former communist party members and of Allegheny County Court Judges to appear in the re-enactment of investigations based on "authoritative, concise and accurate" material.

The 26-week series will be seen on Sundays over station WDTV in Pittsburgh which is airing the show as a public service. Production costs will be split among Pittsburgh business and labor groups.

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