

Pope Tells Historians

Church Has Duty To Fight
In Defense Of Divine Rights

Vatican City—(NC)—The Catholic Church has a moral duty to fight back when the laws of the state violate divine rights. The Church is not linked to any particular culture, because she received her mission for all times and for all men.

Pope Pius XII explained this in an address to 2,000 of the world's leading historians gathered in Rome for the 10th International Congress of Historical Sciences. While the Church and the state are independent powers, they must not ignore each other but must collaborate in mutual understanding, the Pope said.

AMONG THOSE who heard the Holy Father were many non-Catholics, as well as representatives of Soviet Russia and the communist satellite countries.

In his discourse, the Holy Fa-

ther surveyed and analyzed the "historical consciousness" of the Church which, "like a mighty mountain range, traverses 2,000 years of human history," and constitutes "a historical fact that cannot be evaded, regardless of the attitude adopted toward her."

Declaring that the term "Catholicism" is not fully adequate to describe the position of the Church, the Pope said the Church is "far more than a simple ideological system. She is a reality, like visible nature, like people and the state. . . . Unchangeable in the constitution and structure which the Divine Founder has given her, the Church has accepted and accepts those elements which she needs or deems useful for her development and action: men and human institutions, philosophical and cultural aspirations, political forces and social

ideas and institutions."

THE CHURCH'S mission, while by its nature and ends belonging to the religious and moral field, nevertheless penetrates to the very heart of human history," the Pontiff told the historians. Adapting herself to circumstances of time and place, the Church seeks to shape man and society according to Christ's law.

"In the present and the past century, when problems of the family, society, the state and the social order assumed ever increasing and even capital importance," the Pope added, "the Church has done her best to contribute toward the solution of such questions, and we believe with some success."

Discussing Church-state relations, the Holy Father explained that the Church intervened often in the field of public life "in order to guarantee a just balance between duties and obligations on the one hand, and rights and liberties on the other hand."

Political authority, the Pope continued, has never had a protector more worthy of confidence than the Catholic Church, because the Church bases the state's authority upon the will of the Creator and Divine Law. Because the Church attributes to public authority a religious value, she has resisted state despotism and tyranny under any form, he said.

POPE PIUS quoted the encyclical Immortale Dei of Pope Leo XIII to define the respective jurisdictions of the state and the Church, both of which are sovereign within the limits defined by nature and the special objective of each.

Pope Leo, he said, wrote that "whatever in things human is of a sacred character, whatever belongs, either of its own nature or by reason of the end to which it is referred, to the salvation of souls or to the worship of God, is subject to the power and judgment of the Church."

"The Pope explained that the Church, like the state, has a sovereign right to all the means for attaining her aims, including material means. He went on to say:

"While the Church and the state are independent powers, they must not, because of this, ignore or even fight against each other. It is far more in conformity with nature and the Divine will that they collaborate in mutual understanding because their activities apply to the same subject, namely, the Catholic citizen. Certainly cases of conflict remain possible when the state's laws injure Divine rights, the Church has a moral obligation to resist this."

Communist Soldiers Killed
Only Native Priest In Laos

Paris—(NC)—Father Joseph Thao Thien, first and only member of the Thai people of Laos to become a priest, was killed in 1954 by pro-communist Laotian troops belonging to the Pathet Laos Party.

His death has been reported here by Father Mironneau of the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

IN 1932, Father Thao Thien was head of a school he had built himself in the Sam Nua region of Laos. Because of an offensive launched by the communist-led Vietminh forces, Church authorities ordered the evacuation of all missionaries from the area.

Father Thao Thien was asked to stay at his post because he was a native of Laos and had never been involved in any political matters. For these reasons it was thought that the Reds would leave him unharmed.

After his Bishop received a letter from him asking for an assistant, he was never heard from again. Last year the international "Armistice" Commission was unable to find any trace of him.

Recently it was learned from refugees from northern Laos that Father Thao Thien was interned by the Pathet Laos in the concentration camp at Ban-Huot-Lang on July 1, 1954. Although the priest had never been tried, the commandant of that camp received orders from the head of the military court in the area to "liquidate" him.

THIS PRISONER, it was reported, was told he was being taken to a party school to act as interpreter. He left the camp escorted by four armed guards. About a quarter of a mile from the camp the guards tied his hands. Then

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ADENAUER PRAYS IN MOSCOW



Moscow—Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of West Germany, kneels in prayer during a service in St. Louis-des-Francais church here, Moscow's only Catholic Church. In background are Russian Catholic women. Dr. Adenauer was here to confer with Premier Nikolai Bulganin and a Russian lectors on the unification of Germany and other international problems. (ENS Photo).

Death Takes
Dutch Cardinal
Foe Of Nazis

Utrecht, The Netherlands—(RNS)—His Eminence Johannes Cardinal de Jong, Archbishop of Utrecht and ranking Roman Catholic prelate in the Netherlands, died at a convent in Amersfoort near here after a long illness. He would have been 70 on Sept. 10.

CARDINAL DE JONG became a national figure as the result of his open resistance to Nazi occupation measures during the last war. With the rest of the Dutch hierarchy, he forbade Catholics to join Nazi organizations under the pain of being refused the Sacraments. He also condemned the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis and the deportation of workers.

The cardinal's stand registered several times during the occupation despite the fact that the Nazis fined him for his defiance, struck an effective blow at German hopes of popularizing National Socialism in the Netherlands.

His first important wartime pastoral, issued on Sunday, Aug. 3, 1940, created a storm among German officials.

The Gestapo had learned that the pastoral was to be read in churches of the Utrecht Province. Early on the Sunday morning, a Gestapo agent visited Cardinal de Jong and ordered him to suppress the pastoral and ensure that none of his priests would read it from their pulpits.

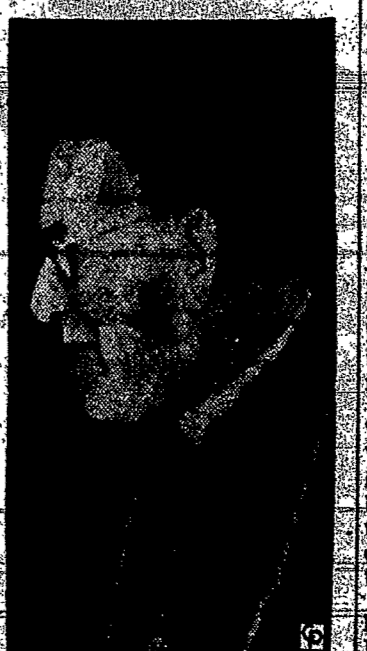
THE CARDINAL politely stalled the agent for a few hours, asking that he be allowed to get in touch with the priests concerned.

After being left to cool his heels for a considerable time, the Nazi official threatened "heavy consequences" if the letter was promulgated.

The prelate returned and with a sigh looked at his watch. "That is regrettable," he said, "for now it is too late. The letter has already been read at all our early Masses."

For this act Cardinal de Jong was heavily fined but continued to openly oppose the occupation regime.

Mourned



CARDINAL DE JONG

Tito-Exiled
Nuns Arrive
In U. S. Post

New York—(NC)—Eleven Yugoslav nuns, who were exiled from their country by the Tito regime, arrived here by plane from Italy, the first group of religious women to be admitted to the United States under the current Refugee Relief Program.

The nuns are members of the White Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. They were assisted in coming to this country by Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference and by the Catholic Committee for Refugees.

THE SISTERS will work in Franciscan houses in Ohio and Illinois. They arrived here at Idlewild Airport. After a two-day rest, they left for their new homes and assignments.

The Sisters expressed "great happiness" at being in a "free country, where we can offer our services to God and His Church."

The nuns belonged to a Sisterhood of some 2,500 members who staffed more than 100 convents, hospitals and schools in Yugoslavia before Tito came to power in 1945. Under the Tito regime, the nuns said they were given their choice of abandoning their religious garb and working in secular dress in Yugoslavia or of leaving the country.

ONE OF THE nuns said that Marshal Tito had confiscated their convents, hospitals and schools. He left the community only the motherhouse in Zagreb, where 300 of the Sisters still remain, "working as best they can."

More than 2,000 members of the community, the Sisters said, either chose to leave the country or were forbidden to continue their apostolate in secular garb.

Marian Shrine

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A NEW FLOWER

In Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, the Catholic school is just beyond description. New classrooms must be provided. It is heartbreaking to see the actual conditions. Nevertheless, the flower of Ethiopian youth is being tenderly nurtured in this garden of the spirit. This school is a veritable dynamo of Catholic Action. The impact of its Christian culture is being felt deeply in the community. ADDIS ABABA MEANS NEW FLOWERS. Could you plant a new flower of Christian youth in this far flung sector of God's kingdom? The harvest is ripe. \$1,000 will build a new classroom. You are the hope of the Church in Ethiopia. The Holy Father will bless you. Your name and the names of your dearly departed will be immortalized in bronze and in the eternal living hearts of generations.

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