

Defense For Citadel

The American Bishops at their annual meeting last week backed the United Nations and President Eisenhower's program for solving present day world tensions.

They termed the United Nations "the only present promise we have for sustained peace in our time."

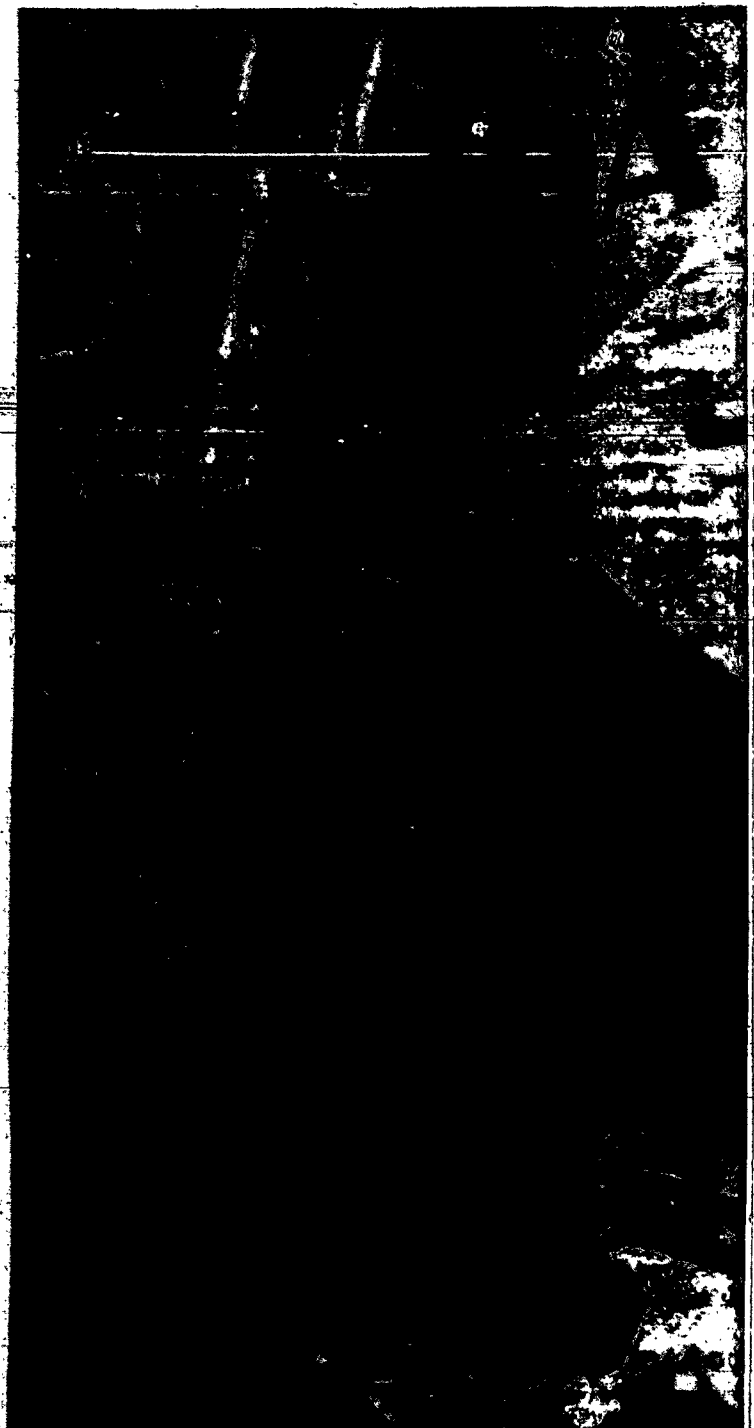
They gave "highest praise" to the President's policy of seeking world peace through law rather than by force.

To bolster the "citadel of peace" shaken by so many crises in a war-threatened world, the Bishops have echoed the call of Pope Pius XII for "a veritable crusade of prayer."

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the Bishops' statement is its firm support of the United Nations organization. "There have been mistakes in its decisions and faltering in its procedures," admitted the Bishops but they defended the U. N. as the one means the world has to achieve peace in our time.

Basic reason for the Bishops' approval of the U. N. is that it represents the nearest thing yet to an international court of conscience. Catholic philosophy of peace has consistently insisted that law, not force, will be the only sure guarantee of peace. Only when nations of the world act on the basis of "law and order" instead of selfish individual interests can there be an authentic and enduring peace, said the Bishops.

Human efforts, no matter how well intentioned or well organized, still depend for success on "the Divinity which governs the destinies of this world." To assure God's aid in establishing world peace, the Bishops concluded their statement appealing to the people for intensified prayers "for peace for our country and all the world—a peace with justice and charity."



"Freedom Balloons" are shown about to be released near Iron Curtain to carry promises of freedom support for freedom efforts. Hungarian crisis proved hypocrisy of Western world's promises. (Continued from Page 1)

Hot Air Balloons

The Hungarians who bled for freedom are convinced that the free world watched on its promises.

Voice of America radio broadcasts and freedom balloons drifting over the Iron Curtain have told satellite people that the free world would back their attempts to throw off communist domination.

When early this month Hungarians beamed their plea for help from the west they learned the bitter reality that our promises were nothing but hot air.

Two men in consequence profited immensely—one was Eden and the other, Tito.

Eden couldn't even convince the Englishman of his integrity—he told them British troops invaded Egypt to protect the Suez from Israeli attack—although in fact the Egyptians were given the ultimatum to retreat 100 miles inside their own border, their city of Port Said was bombed, and the Israelis were allowed to maintain their invasion positions. Eden later told the Queen's subjects that British troops were acting in behalf of the U.N.—which voted 64 to 5 against Eden's aggressive action. Eden plunged ahead and after his forces were in control he agreed to a ceasefire which promptly won him an election day Eisenhower approval.

The bleeding Hungarians took note and decided their fortunes and their future lies more securely with Tito's brand of a nationalized communism rather than with the much vaunted democracy of the western world. The satellite may chafe under Russia's oppression but we can be sure that our stand-off stance during Hungary's time of trial has turned the hopes of eastern Europeans away from the west and toward Tito in Yugoslavia.

Our hot air promises have blown up Eden and Tito and left the western democracies in the embarrassing position of establishing peace only by sacrificing the Hungarian hope for freedom.

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Sunday Gospel, War Threat News Raise Question On World's End

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Catholics throughout the world for the next two Sundays will hear the graphic gospel description of the end of the world.

The present day threat of nuclear war will seem to many as Christ's signal that the end is near—"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars... For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom," said our Lord.

Speculation as to the time when the world will end has always intrigued Christians.

Christ Himself expressly stated that no one knows the time "or the hour" when human history will end.

St. Paul later corrected the impression early Christians entertained of a near end of the world. He cautioned them, however, to "be prepared" even as Christ had warned that the end will come "like a thief in the night."

There is an old Irish legend which quotes St. Malachy, a 12th century Archbishop of Armagh, who supposedly predicted that a tidal wave would engulf Ireland seven years before the end of the world.

He also composed, it is claimed, a brief description of all the future popes from the time he visited Rome in 1189. The descriptions have been remarkably accurate and the list indicates only seven more popes.

The "St. Malachy Prophecy" is said by some to be a forgery; others state it records a vision actually granted to the saint. The Church has canonized the Irish prelate but has made no official statement concerning the so called "prophecy."

In more recent times, some denominations have thought they were able to find clues in various Bible passages to determine the end of the world. Continued study on the subject usually produces additional conflicting theories. There is one sect which has already constructed a luxurious house in California for Christ when He returns to judge the world. While awaiting Christ's coming, the sect's leader is occupying the house.

Catholic teaching on the subject avoids any attempt to date the end of the world.

Christ's dramatic description of the event is recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 24.

Christ foretells that He will come "with great power and majesty." It is Catholic doctrine that all the dead will rise to join the living for the final judgment, and there will be no more death after that.

The good will be taken to heaven; the wicked rejected to hell.

Apparently the terrors of the last day will constitute the purgatory of those who are alive on that day and still in need of satisfying for punishment due to sin.

Catholic theologians explain that the last judgment will not change the previous particular judgments made for each soul at the time of death.

A person who died, for example in 1950, persevering in grace, would be judged as worthy of heaven (perhaps via purgatory). When the last day dawns and the dead rise, this person will need not fear that the 1950 judgement may then be reversed. It will simply be made public, "generally known"—but not changed.

So also a person who died in mortal sin and the soul condemned to hell will also rise to hear that particular judgement reaffirmed for all the world to know. There will be no chance of escaping hell.

The last judgement, explain Catholic theologians, will simply repeat in a universal, "general" way the individual particular judgements. That explains why the final judgement is also called in our catechisms "the general judgement."

The Bible speaks of a "new heaven and a new earth" that will be fashioned after the present earth and sky are dissolved in some cosmic cataclysm.

What this process will involve or what purpose the renovated world will serve has not been revealed. It has been surmised that this predicted new world might be the counterpart of the original "garden of Eden" and constitute the frequently mentioned "kingdom" of Christ of which "there shall be no end."

Modern day Universalists and most liberal Protest-



General Judgment Scene drawn by French artist, Gustave Dore shows the Holy Trinity enthroned in heaven receiving the souls of those who died in the grace of God. Angels are casting souls of the damned into hell. Catholics will hear Christ's description of the end of the world and the final judgment at Masses this Sunday and next Sunday.

tants hold the opinion that everybody will wind up in some kind of heaven. They discount the idea of an eternal hell—despite Christ's clear words about "depart into everlasting fire."

The Catholic Church has consistently played down any exaggerated preoccupation with details about the end of the world. When, how it will happen, what will follow—these questions cannot be answered, says the Church, until the event itself occurs.

The Church puts emphasis on the particular judgement each individual must face at the moment of death. That, after all, determines the eternal destiny of each one of us.

"Be prepared" for the moment of death, the Church tells us quoting St. Paul. The Church intends this caution to be not a mere warning but a promise also. Those who strive to serve Christ as best they can in this life need not tremble at the thought of death. Christ our Savior has assured us that an everlasting reward awaits those who have endeavored to be faithful to Him during this earthly time of probation.

JOSEPH BREIG

The Marks Of Hell Are On Russia

The Soviet Union stands before the world today hideous with the marks of hell.

Moscow's cold cruelty and treachery toward the Hungarian people ranks among the filthiest diabolisms ever seen on earth. And yet it is but one more in an endless list of Russian Communist crimes.

We pray for Hungary, but it is Russia that most desperately needs our prayers. Russia appears to have sunk into the abyss of cowardice under the sign of sanctimony.

Hungary's men, women and children died heroically while fighting for divine and human rights. Confidently can we give them into the hands of the good God.

But the Soviets bear a guilt too dreadful that it ought to make them feel that they are guilty of all cry out for the mountains to fall upon them and hide them. Russia dries with the blood of innocents.

THE GUILT of Hitler descended upon the German people; do the Russians think they can forever be absolved of all responsibility for the monstrous crimes of Hitler?

those whom they permit to rule them?

They have had a plain warning from Pope Pius XII in one of the shortest and most damning encyclicals ever sent from the See of Peter.

Pope Pius, gentle though he is, could not refrain from giving and utter voice to his holy anger over the Russian army's massacre of the Hungarians.

He compared it, for treachery and bestiality, with the murder of Abel by his scheming and lying brother Cain.

This was the crime that moved God to put a mark upon Cain, so that he became a wanderer on the face of the earth, and no man would touch him.

He deserved to be put to death; but no one would kill him, because it was God's sentence that he must live out every terrible hour of a lifetime of guilt.

Never has Pope Pius spoken in words of more ominous warning than in his encyclical indicting Russia for the slaughtering of the Hungarians.

His words, if you will listen to their awful meanings, tell like huge hammer blows. God, he said, often waits until individuals have died to punish them for their sins.

But not seldom it is otherwise with nations. History teaches us that the voice of Christ, that God

sometimes punishes nations here and now. So spoke the Pope.

FOR FAR too many years now, Russia has allowed her God-hating, God-insulting rulers to use her as their instrument in working their fiendish cruelties upon helpless nations, upon religion, upon everything decent and holy.

The strength of the Russian people has been the power by which the atheists in the Kremlin have defeated, over and over again, mankind's repeated efforts to establish a peace of justice and love on earth.

The Virgin Mary, in her appearances to the shepherd children in Portugal, prophesied it all. These were her words:

"Russia will spread her errors through the world, giving rise to wars and persecutions of the Church."

The encyclical of Pius XII, it seems to me, leaves us no alternative but to say that the Russian people no longer can be excused from responsibility for this reign of criminal terror.

They do indeed need prayers. God is not mocked forever, as He has been mocked ever since the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. The divine wrath may be near to descending.

The Russians shall have our prayers; but let us hope that they also hear the Pope's warning. Russia cannot much longer complacently fatten upon the blood of tortured and murdered peoples.

If Russia has not sold her soul to the Devil, it is high time for her to recapture control of her destiny from her communist

leaders.

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Jeremiah Hickey Marks 90 Years

Few things we can think of could add in any way to Jeremiah G. Hickey's renowned stature as an industrial, civic and religious leader in the Rochester community. But even this distinguished citizen, whose accomplishments are legion, must find some new satisfaction in his most recent achievement—the attainment of his ninetieth birthday, a rare experience which few ever enjoy.

As co-founder and only president of the Hickey-Free-man Company, he has been a familiar figure in the American clothing industry for almost sixty years. Under his direction his firm has gained a nation-wide reputation for business enterprise, quality of craftsmanship and enlightened labor policies. As a pioneer industrialist in a city of many industries, Mr. Hickey helped blueprint the economic and business pattern which means so much to the great army of Rochester workers.

As a civic leader his career is no less distinguished. Numerous times, during the past half century when decisions fateful for our city's future and progress were needed he contributed his wise counsel and experience.

As a Catholic layman he also has earned community respect for his Church as well as himself. His Catholic spirit has been manifested eloquently through his business, his family and his efforts in behalf of charitable undertakings, both civic and religious. All of Rochester's Bishops, among whom is numbered his own brother, saintly Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, have enjoyed his strong support in all undertakings of Christian charity. In 1931, Pope Pius XI honored his role as a Catholic lay leader by making him a Papal Knight of Malta.

Today from his vantage point of experience and busy years, "Jerry" Hickey, as he is known to his host of friends, can look back on his career with a great amount of satisfaction. He can recall the civic and religious progress of his beloved Rochester and know that he was one of the architects of this progress. As the Catholic father of six children he can enjoy seeing his sons and daughters following his own example of civic leadership and loyalty to their Church.

He has been called "a gentleman of the old school who keeps pace with everything new." And we are very sure that this ninety-year old patriarch of Rochester industry has plenty of up-to-date advice for those who seek him out at his Hickey-Free-man office where he still appears every day. Young Rochester business men, who aspire to success in this community would do well to study the trail blazed so successfully by Jerry Hickey.

FATHER SHEERIN

Tears of Decent Men

The freedom-fighters of Hungary have roused the admiration and evoked the tears of decent men everywhere. Those 15 U.N. delegates who abstained from voting against the Russian aggression must have had lumps of lead in their hearts.

In all history, there has never been a braver struggle for liberty nor such a brutal slaughter of men who've only offense was that they wanted to be free. It was a glorious page in the story of human liberty.

A grim question, however, comes to mind: What good purpose was served by all this bloodshed?

ONLY GOD knows how His divine plan is working through the reckless daring and the crushing defeat of the revolution. But from our human viewpoint, I think we can guess one good result that will come out of the tragedy.

It will open the eyes of a great many Communists and fellow-travelers throughout the world. None so blind as those who will not see. Thousands of Communist sympathizers have deliberately refused to believe the Soviets were butchers. Now they know.

This is especially true of intellectuals in all parts of the world. Wherever the Reds have penetrated, intellectuals will have their eyes opened by the frightful butchery in Hungary. They may have thought Chinese Communism better than Ching Kai-shek's Nationalism. They may have imagined Soviet tyranny no worse than Czarist tyranny. But they can't think of the Soviet action in Hungary as anything but cold-blooded murder. Here is Marxism in action. Let them take a good look at it.

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