

Play Stirs Defense Of Pius XII

London (UPI)—A lecture defense of Pope Pius XII and his attitude toward the Hitler massacre of German Jews was launched here by the Catholic Truth Society on the eve of the London premiere of a controversial play criticizing the pontiff.

Written by Rolf Hochhuth of West Germany, the drama, called "The Deputy," charges that Pius XII was remiss in not taking a firmer position against anti-Jewish atrocities by the Hitler regime.

The society issued a 20-page pamphlet, entitled "The Pope, the Jews and the Nazis," written by Sir Alex Randall, staff member of the British embassy at the Vatican during the reign of Pius XII.

Sir Alex wrote that although the pontiff may not have specifically protested to Hitler about the Jewish massacre, Pope Pius XII had made his position clear that no one should be condemned to death because of his race or nationality.

Pius XII, the pamphlet pointed out, announced this stand in his 1941 Christmas message and again in June 1943, when he strongly protested against the torturing and extermination of people because of their race.



Bishop Kearney and other high school principals are prepared to give the talk to diocesan teachers. Principals are Brother James Madigan, Cardinal Mooney High School, Greenport; Jesuit Father Cornelius J. Carr, McQuaid High School, Rochester; Carmelite Father Bartholomew Parsons, Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn; Father William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools; Basilian Father Leon G. Hart, Aquinas Institute, Rochester; and Brother Joseph Clark, Bishop Kearney High School, Irondequoit. Other photos on this page show nuns and lay teachers viewing exhibits at annual conference held this week at Rochester's Community War Memorial. Conference also included talks by noted educators.

Obedience--Needed Lesson Today

Obedience to parents, teachers and all in authority is the lesson children need most to learn in this era, Bishop Kearney told 1500 diocesan teachers at their annual conference this week.

"We have a generation today which always asks 'why?' It no longer suffices to say, 'Because the Church says so,' or 'The parish says so,' or 'The school says so.' Formerly these were valid reasons. It was then quite simple.

"We must develop today a sense of obedience as a virtue—obedience to those whom they see, so these young people can learn to transfer their obedience to God whom they do not see but whose presence they are conscious of at all times," said the Bishop.

He told the teachers their work in classrooms goes far beyond anything in the text books. The Catholic teacher's goal, he said, is "the development of the character of their pupils and the saving of their immortal souls."

A sense of "personal devotion" to "Our Lord in the tabernacle" will fortify pupils against the many perils of the world, Bishop Kearney stated.

OTHER SPEAKERS at the two day conference held in Rochester's Community War Memorial stressed the twofold role of teachers in Catholic schools—as "professional educators" and as "Catholic educators."

Syracuse diocesan superintendent of schools Father Thomas J. Costello warned against "pedagogical dry-rot" resulting from a teacher's overburdened schedule, from the monotony of repetition and from classes which fail to stimulate a teacher's own intelligence.

He urged the teachers to keep themselves professionally alert to new methods and techniques but stressed the greater need to realize their role as teachers of the children of God.

Every wiggle, squint, whispering, inattentive pupil, he said, is to be viewed by the Catholic teacher as "Christ the Father spoke of our divine Lord, 'This is my beloved Son.'"

Education is something more than being able to recite the Kings of England or to quote the flights historical from Hera-

clon to Waterloo, said Father Costello. "Children do not need the paraphernalia of modern education one - hundredth as much as they need to see Christ in every teacher, to be taught by the irresistible and loving Christ."

Father Alvin Hill, C.S.P., spoke in current vocational phrases—"the most serious crisis in the history of the Church in America."

He listed seven ways to increase religious vocations: (1) the teachers own awareness of the acute need for vocations; (2) working with parents in developing vocations of children; (3) greater stress in schools of "service to others" as prelude to vocation idea of "service to God"; (4) increased use of vocation literature; (5) challenging the ideals of young people with opportunities in religious life to serve God and fellow men; (6) prayers, personality and in groups, and (7) each teacher's day-to-day witness of the joy God gives in religious life.

An art exhibit of portraits by St. James, oil, paint and crayon by Holy Childhood

school and prize winning fraternal safety posters. More than 1500 diocesan teachers attended the conference. The number included teaching aids.



Boston Minister May Be Priest

Boston — (AP) — Cardinal Cushing, preparing to leave the U.S. for the Vatican, said one of his first steps upon reaching Rome would be to confer with the Pope on the possibility of a married former minister becoming a priest.

The Archbishop of Boston said he would ask Pope Paul VI for the dispensation required for the ordination of a former minister, a convert to Catholicism.

Cardinal Cushing said that if the Pope approves, the man, whose name he did not give, will be ordained for service in the Archdiocese of Boston. He said the former minister is an American who has studied at a German seminary.

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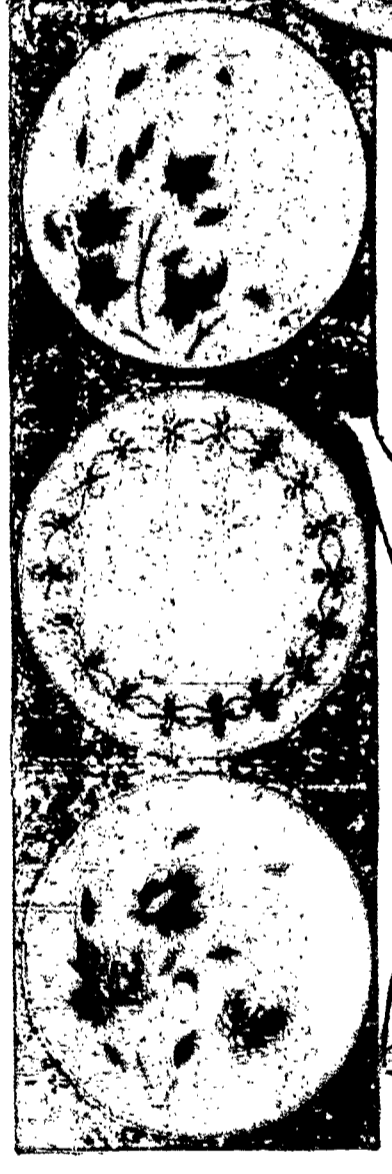
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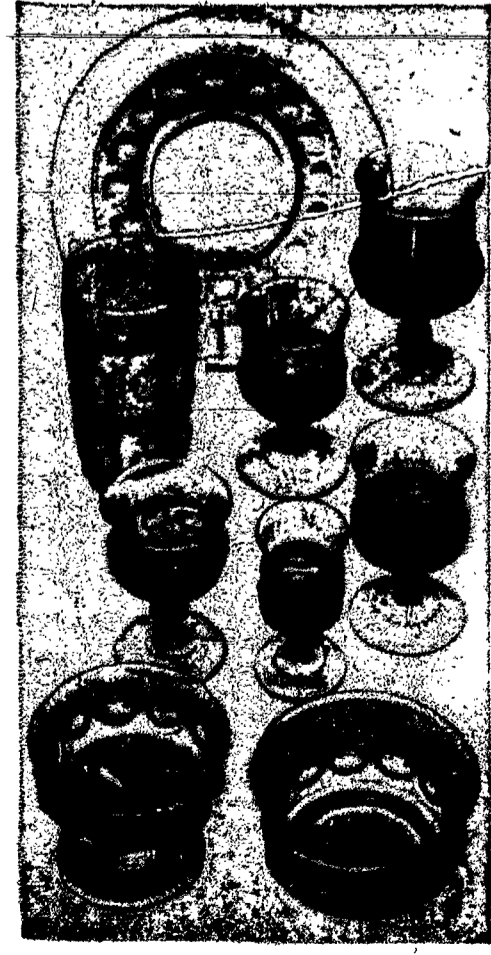


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