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## IS AMERICA IN DANGER?

In the middle of an undecided electoral campaign the Roman Church wished to confer an honor upon Woodrow Wilson, but he, on one side urged by friends to accept the honorary distinction, and on the other accused by his political opponents of making an "alliance" with the Catholics in order to gain votes, sent the following protest to one of the newspapers.

"My attention has been called to the statement that I have become a member of the Knights of Columbus. That is, of course, not true. I am not eligible, because I am not a Catholic. I must warn my friends everywhere that statements of this kind are all campaign inventions, devised to serve a special purpose. This particular statement has been circulated in selected quarters to create the impression that I am trying to identify myself with the Catholic body. It is a very petty and ridiculous business. I am a normal man, following my own natural course of thought, playing no favorites, and trying to treat every creed and class with impartiality and respect." Statement taken from "The Wilson's White House Visions," Eleanor Wilson McAdon, *The Saturday Evening Post*, December 19, 1936.

It is commonly known to political and religious observers that under similar circumstances when two candidates, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Landon, were campaigning for the presidency, no one could say with certainty who would win the election, whether Roosevelt or Landon. Now it is generally known that Cardinal Pacelli, **the Pope, offered one of the candidates the backing of Catholic votes if, on attaining the presidency, he would promise to give certain facilities to the Roman Church.** On these premises the Catholics voted for Roosevelt and he was elected president. One of the Catholic universities conferred on him the degree of Doctor "Honoris Causa," in spite of the canons of the Church which prohibit the conferring of such degrees on non-Catholics.

**Without doubt, the plan and policy of the Vatican is to extend its dominion to Protestant countries, and in this ceaseless aspiration it employs a very astute and well dissimulated strategy.**

CARDINAL PACELLI CAME POST HASTE TO THE UNITED STATES, NOT MERELY TO VISIT, BUT TO SEEK POLITICAL PROFIT FOR THE CHURCH. ACTUALLY, THE LEADERS OF CATHOLICISM, WITH THE SUPPORT OF CERTAIN OFFICIAL CIRCLES, ARE USING ALL THEIR POWERS IN A CRUSADE WITH THE AIM OF OVERPOWERING PROTESTANT INFLUENCE BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN LATIN AMERICA.

The American press wrote written editorials on the compromise of the government with the Catholics, and as silence implies consent, it would seem that in government circles no means of answering the accusations were ever found.

In Roosevelt's office, pro-Romanist leaning was something that caused nothing but dismay in evangelical circles on both sides of the Atlantic. For foreign ambassadors he selected Roman Catholics, Cudahy, Kennedy, Taylor, Murphy, and others, including the unofficial Spellman, were in the list of those who were sent abroad.

**We would not be at all surprised if Americans find this question of Romanism their number one problem in the days that lie ahead.**

**The lines of the future are going to be drawn on the matter of religion, and Romanism is going to make a tremendous effort to restore her waning prestige by forming a solid Catholic bloc throughout the world.** One of the most brilliant journalists in England, Mr. A. J. Cummings, in an article in his London newspaper, *The News-Chronicle*, made the following pertinent observation at that time. "From various sources I have received the strong intimation that the

Vatican will try to regain its prestige and its power of developing a Catholic political bloc in Europe which would seek to create an anti-Russian bias in all the western countries. Into this pleasing picture comes the figure of Mr. Robert Murphy, the American Catholic politician, who has been assigned to London, with the personal rank of ambassador. The new appointment, for which many other American diplomats would seem to have been more aptly fitted, is regarded here with icy distaste. But it will be welcome to Rome, and I don't think it will cause any feeling of depression in Berlin."

The increasing political interest the Pope showed in America, especially from the time when he made the deal with Roosevelt, is manifested in favoring leading American men with decorations and honorary appointments. While in office, both Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan and former Assistant Postmaster, Gael Sullivan, were made papal knights by Pope Pius XII.

In 1939 President Roosevelt appointed Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Pope. **This appointment was made contrary to the Constitution of**

**the United States and without the authorization of congress.** Many protests were made, but without avail. It was pretended that the appointment was necessary as a war measure. Mr. Samuel Reber of the Department of State answered the criticism. Among other things, he wrote that Mr. Taylor received no salary. This is not a matter of very great importance, inasmuch as the major part of the expense of representation to a foreign "state" is not the salary of the envoy, but his expenses and the salaries and expenses of attaches.

**It was assumed, once the war was over, that Mr. Truman would discontinue this representative, but the Catholic Church wished the relation to continue.** FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BEEN WORKING TO GAIN POWER IN AMERICA. Archbishop Spellman was certainly glorified in Roman Catholic circles for his triumph, not only in suggesting the sending of the presidential representatives to the Vatican, **but also for bringing the Pope's influence to the White House in Washington.**

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TAUGHT THE DENIAL OF FREEDOM OF WORSHIP FOR PROTESTANTS

A fully authorized document in this matter was given by the Catholic Church in the official publication, *Freedom of Worship, The Catholic Position*, by Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R. S.T.D. with the "Nihil Obstat," (Nothing Objectionable) from Arthur J. Scanlan, S.T.D., Censor of books and above all, with the "imprimature" approved for printing of Francis J. Spellman, D.D., Archbishop of New York, who became Cardinal.

Here are some of the official statements in America regarding this subject of freedom of worship. "The Catholic Church is the only organization authorized by God to teach religious worship. **Consequently, any creed which differs from that of the Catholic Church is erroneous, and any religious organization which is separated from the Catholic Church lacks the approval and the authorization of God.** The very existence of any other church is opposed to the command of Christ that all men should join his one church." **"No one has a real right to accept any religion save the Catholic religion, or to be a member of any church save the Catholic Church, or to practice any form of divine worship save that commanded or sanctioned by the Catholic Church."**

"God has imposed on all men the obligation to accept and to practice Catholicism." "Logically then, no one has a genuine right to profess any religion except the Catholic religion, certainly, no creature has a genuine right to disobey the command of God. For if God has authorized only one Church to give him public worship, it is a sin to participate in the religious rites of any other denomination." "Such, then, is the first Catholic principle relevant to religious liberty." "That man has not an unqualified right to practice any religion he may choose," it was in accord with this principle that Pope Pious IX, in his syllabus of 1864, condemned the proposition, "Every

man is free to embrace and to profess that religion which, guided by the light of reason, he judges true."

Now in light of this document and assuming that the Latin American countries are Catholic, **the Roman hierarchy has carried their policy of persecution to the extent that Protestant churches have been closed and evangelical pastors and believers have been taken to jail for expressing their belief in public.**

The use of secular force to fulfill their aim in suffocating Protestant propaganda is defended by this document. "The civil rulers... **can consider themselves justified in restricting or preventing denominational activities hostile to the Catholic religion.** They are justified in repressing written or spoken attacks on Catholicism, the use of the press or the mails to weaken the allegiance of Catholics toward their Church, and similar anti-Catholic efforts, for, by such activities, the faith of some of the Catholic citizens, particularly the less educated, might be unsettled and their loyalty to the Church destroyed. Our own government, the United States of America, would certainly follow a similar policy in certain circumstances." This was taken from Francis J. Connell, *Freedom of Worship, The Catholic Position*, Paulist Press, 1944.

Now the last part of this quotation is quite suggestive and those of us who really know the Roman Catholic Church can understand the meaning of this desire burning in the soul of the Roman Church in America. That burning desire is clearly expressed in the words of Catholic spokesmen who would not hesitate to put in written form what the secret aspiration of the Roman Church has been for a long time.

In the book called, *The State and the Church*, we find these words by Ryan and Millar: **"BUT CONSTITUTIONS CAN BE**

**CHANGED.” This is the real aim of the Roman Catholic Church in America and in all countries where Protestantism has been the backbone of the nation. Also taken from that same book mentioned above, in 1922, 1935, 6 and following, “The fact that the individual may in good faith think that his false religion is true gives him no more right to propagate it than the sincerity of the alien anarchist entitles him to advocate his abominable political theories in the United States.”**

“But constitutions can be changed,” and non-Catholic sects may decline to such a point that the political prescription of them may become feasible and expedient. What protection would they then have against a Catholic state? The latter could logically tolerate only such religious activities as were confined to the members of the dissenting group. It would not permit them to carry on general propaganda, nor accord their religious organization certain privileges that had formerly been extended to all religious corporations.

FOR EXAMPLE, EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION. “While all this is very true in logic and in theory, the event of its practical realization in any state or country is so remote in time and in probability that no practical man will let it disturb his equanimity or affect his attitude toward those who differ from him in religious faith.” At that time, Harold C. Fey, field editor of the *“Christian Century Magazine,”* put this question forth: “But how can Dr. Ryan deny that the Roman Catholic Church seeks to become the state Church in the United States when he declares that ‘the state should officially recognize the Catholic religion as the religion of the commonwealth?’” “It should recognize and sanction the laws of the Church, it should protect the rights of the Church and the religions as well as the other rights of the Church’s members.”

In addition, **he holds that the Catholic Church should require the attendance of high representatives of government at its principle functions.** This is seems we are doing already.

When Monsignor Michale J. Read, former General Secretary of National Catholic

Welfare, was consecrated on December 13, 1944 as Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, the cabinet official and other national figures present included Claude Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture; Francis Biddle, Attorney General; Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor; Adolf A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State; Senator Burton, several congressmen, representatives of the army and navy, and ambassadors or other representatives of nine foreign countries.

What will happen to other religious faiths when Catholicism comes into power? The question is not dodged in this official Catholic text. **Since the Roman Catholic Church is the only true Church, all others must be false. Protestants and other religious groups “may” be permitted to practice their own form of worship, providing it is “carried on within the family circle or in such an inconspicuous manner as to be an occasion neither of scandal nor of perversion of the faithful.”**

“But the Catholicized state would circumscribe the religious freedom of Protestants and confine it to such fugitive meetings.” **“Since no rational end is promoted by the dissemination of false doctrine, there exists no right to indulge in this practice. ERROR HAS NOT THE SAME RIGHT AS TRUTH.”**

Dr. Ryan expressed confidence that Protestants believe in this Catholic threat to their freedom because Protestants believe in religious toleration and are thus required to practice it. One method of dealing with dissenting churches when Catholicism comes into power, states Monsignor Ryan’s book, will be to remove their “exemption from taxation.” **While the Roman Catholic Church, of course, will retain such exemption.**

**If the state refused to do the will of the Church, the Pope can, says Dr. Ryan, free citizens from their oaths of allegiance to it.** Little reassurance is to be found in Dr. Ryan’s claim that he is talking about an idealized Catholic state, that Catholics have an obligation in conscience to obey the constitution until they accumulate enough power to change it, and that Protestants need not

worry for a long time to come. **In other words, Dr. Ryan tells Protestants not to worry until it is too late to worry.**

Shocking as these statements are to Americans who have taken for granted their Protestant and democratic heritage, they are perfectly consistent with the organic nature of the Roman Catholic Church in this and other lands.

In 1937 D. E. Silcox quotes the apostolic delegate to that country as saying, "What we do want and **what we shall work to attain by all our means is a state completely Catholic**, because such a country only can represent the ideal of human progress and because a Catholic people has the right to organize itself socially and politically according to the tenets of its faith. Taken from C. F. Silcox, *"Must Canada Split?"* Ryerson Press, Toronto, Canada. And Dr. Silcox believes that the Roman Catholic Church has made impossible the assimilation of French Quebec into the rest of Canada and has made a split in the dominion inevitable, probably within the next following years.

This is the attitude of the Church in the United States and Canada and it is derived from Rome. **The principles on which Rome conducts its affairs have little in common with the freedom and equality of democracy**, even though it occasionally happens that a person of lowly origin rises to influence in the Church. The Pope is an absolute monarch, claiming to rule by Divine right.

Augustin Fliche of the University of Montpellier, France, who was asked to write on the Roman Catholic Church for the Encyclopedia of Social Sciences calls it a **"spiritual monarch of which the Pope is the absolute sovereign. A double organization, at once religious and political."** So long as Rome dominates the Church in the United States, the Church here will partake of Rome's character.

## IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH TO WIN AMERICA TO "OBEDIENCE TO ROME."

Now we do not fully know how much responsibility Sumner Welles had as Undersecretary of State in the increasing power of the Roman Catholic Church in America, but we can say that he is wrong when he writes the following, "I do not believe the two freedoms of speech and of religion, can ever be assured to mankind so long as want and war are permitted to ravage the Earth. Freedom of speech and of religion need only protection. They require only relief from obstruction." Taken from Sumner Welles, *"Preface to Peace,"* published cooperatively by Simon and Schuster, Doubleday, Doran and Co., Reynal and Hitchcock, and Columbia University Press, Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tenn., pg. 424.

**Freedom of religion and speech are the very essence of human life.** With or without protection they will exist as long as humanity exists. Welles is advocating that secondary things take the place of the primary. The history of the United States, the struggle and the sufferings were not for taxes for tea, which amounted to very little. **The struggle was for religious freedom and freedom of speech.**

Lovers of liberty always associate themselves with freedom of religion and of speech. **Freedom from want and the rest will make men selfish, intolerant, lazy, and overindulgent. That freedom will not give anybody the incentive to fight for their rights. It will not create. It is not creative. It consumes but gives nothing.**

**In one word, freedom of religion and of speech belong to the realm of the soul.** The others are for the stomach. As long as we fight for our souls, we are fighting for eternity. When we have our spiritual freedom, the rest will be given to us. We cannot change the logic of life and destiny.

Sumner Welles is also wrong when he writes in "Time for Decision" that **AFTER HIS VISIT TO ROME, HE WAS CONVINCED**

THAT THE POPE IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD SAVE THE WORLD.

We generally find that action in the language of ideas and thoughts. How blind he must have been to arrive at this disgraceful conclusion. We can understand, after reading his book, why missionaries were forbidden to go to Latin America when he was Under-secretary.

Who will protect liberties when the majority come under the dominion of the tyrants?

What is the value of the Constitution if we have to be at the mercy of protection? No, liberty of speech and of religion, the very essence of life, exists as long as we exist as human beings. The very essence of life, exists as long as we exist as human beings, be it in jail, or in banishment, in hunger or in thirst, in peace or in war. **Freedom from want and from fear will exist only in the measure of our securing the essential liberties.**

## ROME'S INTERPRETATION OF FREEDOM

**I**t is known that the Church at Rome has a definite policy regarding freedom of religion. **When they are in the minority they want freedom from persecution. When in the majority, they want freedom to persecute.**

Typical of this system is the reference to a case that appeared in the Catholic paper regarding "Stepinac's" case. "Dublin premier Eamon De Valera, citing the case of Archbishop Stepinac as 'but an instance' of a campaign of persecution, promised to make representations on behalf of religious freedom. 'It must be obvious to all who desire lasting peace,' he asserted, that religious freedom is a vital part of its foundation."

"Fribourg, Switzerland... Religious institutions seized by the Nazi government were formally returned to the Church this week by the allied military government. At a ceremony marking the return of the property seized in upper Austria, Colonel Edgar Erskine Hume, Chief of the American military government in Linz, pointed out that the principle of religious freedom is basic to the United States."

"Boston... Christian claims and the rights of Christians to freedom of religion must be considered in any solution of the Palestine problem. Monsignor Thomas J. McMahon, Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, told the League of Catholic Women this week, "The entire Holy Land is a Christian sanctuary. It is the cradle of Christianity," he declared. "There are only 125,000 Christians in Palestine today, and although they exist in the minority, they have the right to freedom of religion and freedom of religious organization in any regime to be set up around them." The above was taken from "*The Tidings*," Los Angeles, November 15, 1946.

Now here also are the press communi-ques in regard to how the Roman Church reacted in America, where they deny freedom of worship to Protestants in the case of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Yugoslavia, who has been sentenced by the people's court of Croatia to 16 years imprisonment of forced labor for "crimes against the government."



A parade of prosecution witnesses testified at Zagreb on October 5, 1946, that **Catholic priests armed with pistols went out to convert orthodox serbs and massacred them.** Most of the witnesses were Croat Catholic peasants and laborers. One witness said **650 serbs were taken into a church under false pretenses, and then were stabbed and beaten to death** by Ustashi members after the doors were locked.

Archbishop Stepinac was convicted in all principal counts of aiding the Axis, the puppet Croatian regime of Ante Pavelich, and the terrorist Ustashi, and of glorifying the Ustashi in the Catholic press, pastoral letters and speeches.

The sentence against Stepinac was answered by the Vatican's *"Osservatore Romano"* denouncing it as "ignominious" and **said the trial was a trial against the Catholic Church.**

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said that **Archbishop Stepinac was a "victim of the forces that seek to destroy men's freedom, ruin America, and dominate the world."** He also said that the Yugoslav Archbishop had "defended the cause of true liberty for his Hungary and harassed people" through the war, adding that the person and principles of Archbishop Stepinac were "violated" in his present plight. "The plague of militant atheists whose code of life and law is moral Nihilism," Cardinal Spellman added, "is creeping suffocatingly over the world, poisoning the blood-stream and blocking the heart-beat of America, endangering the freedoms of men everywhere. We must guard against these shamming, shameless, God-hating and slave-making men who seek to drug and dragoon masses of decent men into their merciless dragnet of tyranny."

In an address at a world peace rally, the Cardinal denounced the "Satanic Soviet Sycophant" of Yugoslavia, who "following the pernicious pattern of Communist godlessness, barbarianism, and enslavement, had 'already sealed the doom of this noble, humane priest.'"

Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego, California, wired President Truman asking for a "straight-forward fearless protest of the infamous persecution of Archbishop Stepinac and the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia. Liberty-loving Americans are not indifferent to the vicious travesty intended to discredit this great patriot who has valiantly championed the rights of his people. Those people are now enslaved, hence the attempt to silence the voice of their intrepid leader, who is the foe to every form of dictatorship. The obvious effort of Marshal Tito to crush out every vestige of religious freedom challenges Christians throughout the world. We are solemnly pledged to the four freedoms. We cannot ignore any one of them and maintain our national honor."

**The same Catholic Church which does all in its power to prevent Protestants from the propagation of their religion in Spain, in Italy, and in South America is asking for "religious freedom" now. The Catholic Church stands for full religious liberty in lands where she is not mistress, but curtails that liberty in other lands. She wants "religious guarantees in India's future constitution," as demanding and demanded by the Catholic Union of India. She urges that "all religions be protected in their right to propagate as well as to profess the practice of their religions," in this land, and yet instigates the killing of Protestants in Mexico.**

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DOMINATES THE PRESS IN AMERICA

**T**he Roman Church dominates a large portion of the American press.

A few years ago one of the most important Spanish dailies, which had been liberal from its foundation, changed, almost overnight, into the most conservative paper that could be imagined. What had happened? The Jesuits had been buying anonymously the greatest possible number of shares in the paper, and when they succeeded in getting enough to give them a majority, they requested a special meeting of the shareholders. In the meeting, the anonymous shareholders, who turned out to be the members of the clergy and moneyed fanatics, requested a change of policy in the paper.

The director answered that the aim, programs and tendencies of the paper were absolutely liberal. A vote was taken, and the Jesuits, by means of their majority, won. The man who was director, founder, and proprietor of the paper was dismissed from the directorate, and the band of Catholics, by means of this maneuver took possession of the printing works, and all the former director could do was realize his shares. **Having been deceived in this way, he shortly afterward started a paper not only liberal in the extreme, but anti-clerical,** and having learned his lesson, excluded shareholders from this new paper.

**A large number of North American papers find themselves in the same condition today, and others are already in the hands and under the control of the Roman Church.** For this reason, in the papers of liberal and even Protestant origin, **articles are not accepted which in one form or another, are unfavorable to the Roman Church, or attempt to reveal her imperialistic activities.** For a good number of years, the clergy in the United States, faithful to the watchword of the Vatican, has been trying to take possession of the press. If the readers

would take note of the policy of a great majority of newspapers and magazines and will realize that their attitude is not only favorable to, **but decidedly under the control of, the Vatican policy.**

The manner in which the Roman Church began to work in order to dominate the liberal press of the United States is exposed in an American magazine of good standing in Protestant circles, and reveals the almost complete silence of the secular press on matters whose publications it is not hard to explain would be unfavorable to the Roman Church.

**That Church makes it hard for any paper which exposes the working of the Roman system in any way.** Some time ago the Catholic weekly, *"America,"* published an article by a Jesuit priest under the heading, "Does it pay editors to insult Catholics?" After describing the way the "Washington Truth Society" composes of a priest and a number of laymen, succeeded in having a Washington newspaper so effectively boycotted as to serve as a warning to other Washington papers, the writer urged Catholics in other cities to follow this example:

**1. Do not attack a magazine or newspaper through its editorial department, but act through its business office.**

2. When a magazine or newspaper is attacking your religion, write to the Business Manager and inform him that you will not buy the offending periodical again, and mean it.

3. Call the attention of your friends to the insult and request them to call the attention to their friends. They too should write and pledge themselves not to buy any offending paper, and mean it.

4. Call the attention of the merchants with whom you deal to the insults and tell them that as long as they advertise in any offending paper, you will not buy their goods, and mean it.

5. Call the attention of your pastor to the insults and suggest that he have his people pledge themselves never to buy any magazine or newspaper that insults the faith, and never to deal with the merchants who advertise in such periodicals, and mean it.

6. Tell your news dealer that as long as you see the magazine or newspaper on his stand, an insult to you, you will not buy from him, and mean it.

7. Call the attention of your local Catholic paper to the insult, but suggest to the editors not to give free publicity by naming the offender, rather to sound the slogan, "We will never buy a paper or magazine that insults our faith. We mean it."

There is a booklet, "*I am the Catholic Press*," published by the Catholic Press Association, which has given the total circulation of their paper and periodicals in the United States of America, for 1946 as 12,734,325, which was increase of nearly six million since 1925. **As can be seen, this systematic campaign of the Roman Church has been successful in the United States. The large majority of papers are afraid to publish anything which might displease the clergy.**

For that reason, let it be said once more that the Press said nothing about the martyrdom of the Protestants in Spain, nothing about the happenings in Mexico where the priests attacked the homes of the Protestants, nothing about the persecution, stoning, and murder of Protestants in other parts of Latin America.

**The threat of boycotting the press, the radio, and public or private business is the powerful weapon which the Roman Church is using.** It is common in Latin America for the Catholic Church to suppress any broadcasting not approved by her.

For instance, after having broadcast evangelical addresses for six months in Lima, Walter M. Montano one day was called up by the editor of one of the Lima dailies, who told him that he had received a letter from the Archbishop of Lima, threatening a boycott of his paper if he continued giving items of

news about the Gospel talks over the radio. The proprietor of the radio station received a similar letter and felt much intimidated. To have these things in the United States seems impossible, yet this happens.

In Chicago and Seattle the radio stations were threatened by the Roman Church if Walter M. Montano went on the air. **In Los Angeles, California, one of the most powerful stations of the city cancelled his programs.** Another time, after signing the contract, **he was told decisively through the head of the said station that nothing might be said against the Roman Church nor anything mentioned which might affect her unfavorably.**

In an article appearing in the Chicago Daily Tribune a quotation from Monsignor Fulton Sheen reads as follows: "Russia is the only nation in the world outside of Germany that does not permit freedom of press and freedom of religion." Chicago Daily Tribune, February 4, 1944. **Yet he was the principal instigator of attacks against Walter M. Montano, while he was lecturing in an auditorium.** Priests and fanatical people were out not only to disturb the speaker, but to attack him personally, and openly. **His radio speaking engagements were cancelled because the broadcasting stations were threatened with boycott by the ecclesiastical authorities.**

One week later, a local paper published a most flowery piece about Mr. Montano. **The next week, the same paper was "ordered" by the Catholic Church to publish the following article, at the head of its first column of the front page:**

"THE INDEX SAY-SO.

"A paper without opinion is without character. We apologize. In the 26 years of present ownership of this newspaper we have never before felt the obligation to make a public apology for anything we have published. In last week's issue there appeared an advertisement which we, as well as many of our readers of many religious faiths, regard as an implied, if not an actual, attack upon a church.

"We apologize for our neglect in not having seen this advertisement before the paper was distributed. If we had known its contents, we assure our readers it would not have appeared in our newspaper. We appreciate the feeling of all who are directly affected and are grateful for their understanding view of our position. We assure our readers that every precaution has been taken to prevent the recurrence of such a wrong." Taken from *"The Calumet Index,"* Chicago, Illinois, October 28, 1943.

**"Romanism and the four freedoms just do not mix,"** says a Canadian magazine and further remarks that **the only freedom the Roman Catholic Church will recognize is the freedom to be absorbed into the Roman fold.**

The first two of the four freedoms are those relating to speech and religion. And to neither of these will popery ever agree, if it is in her power to stop them. Rome would bend everything to her yoke and use the sword if necessary to do so.

I know that some do not believe it. Well, consider the following from *"Time Magazine,"* October 23, in the year of our Lord 1944: "On September 11, Scripps Howard's *San Francisco News* printed an item saying that a Roman Catholic priest with a woman companion had pleaded guilty, in a Madera, California court, to drunken driving. Other *San Francisco* papers passed up the story.

"When a *News* reporter called Monsignor Harold E. Collins, Secretary to San Francisco's Archbishop John J. Mitty, to check the spelling of the priest's names, the Monsignor said, 'No one in San Francisco has ever used a story like that.' Later, he called back and asked the *News* to lay off. The *News* printed the story, and 10 days later reported the priest had paid a \$250 fine.

"Last fortnight, at a meeting of a Catholic laymen's club, Monsignor Collins requested members to boycott the *News* and tell their friends that the *News* was antagonistic to the Church. Archbishop Mitty himself urged his Catholic clergy, gathered for a semi-annual conference, to point out to their parishioners

the "antagonistic" and "bigoted" attitude of the *News*, and to keep pointing it out until the *News* recognized the well-known weight of the Church.

"The Archbishop also declared that, if this course of action failed to get results, he would write a letter to be read from every pulpit in the diocese, condemning the *News*."

If Rome had the power in California, the *San Francisco News* would have been suppressed. **How long is it going to take the right thinking people of the United States to learn that this is a part of a deliberate policy of Romanism to crush everything spoken or written that is inimical to this Church?**

Sidney Dark, a British journalist, writes in an English newspaper, "While Roman Catholics in England are a comparatively small body, at least three-quarters of them are Irish. **They exercise an influence in key places out of all proportion to their numbers, and this is particularly true of the foreign office and the press.** It is not the rank and file of the Roman Catholic community that counts at all. **It is the small body of astute men with a definite political and social philosophy and with a genius for pulling strings behind those scenes where the pulling can be most effective.**" That is how it is done.

Priests know the power in any office of the man who is second in command. Dr. Alexander Robertson said, "The Church puts forth its most strenuous endeavors to have its emissaries appointed sub-editors, rather than editors-in-chief." In his handbook, *"Non-Catholic Missions,"* Father Elliot says, **"As the local press is generally under business obligations to the parish priest, the editors will be glad to oblige him if approached discreetly."** He adds, "I once asked a parish priest, whose success in making converts I admired, how he got along with the newspapers in his town. He smiled and said, 'I am sub-editor of both of them.' And Catholic journalists are trained for their jobs."

An interview with Jean Charles Harvey, a well-known French Canadian, that appears in

one of the Toronto papers sheds a most revealing light on the pernicious influence Romanism exercises there. Mr. Harvey has suffered much at the hands of clerics for the cause he has espoused. What has this man done to merit the condemnation of the clergy of Quebec? Here is his crime: He has stood for freedom of thought, speech, association, and assembly in Quebec. **For that he has been twice excommunicated, and has twice lost his jobs as journalist and statistician. His friends dare not be too friendly, and no French Canadian magazine dare accept articles from him.**

Let none think that this experience is unique. Here is Romanism as it functions normally when left to itself. **Light, liberty, and truth whither and die wherever the Roman Catholic Church rules.**

Lillian T. Mowrer, wife of Edgar Mowrer, writing in her book, *“Journalist’s Wife,”* says

of their stay in Italy: “We knew only the Cardinal intimately. He had a subtle mind like a beautifully wrought rapier. He and Edgar played elaborate games during which he gradually imparted an immense amount of information concerning Vatican politics.

**“Edgar once used some of the information in a cable, but it was so little in accordance with what Americans at home believed about the Catholic Church, that he never repeated it.** That was the only occasion on which the *Chicago Daily News* challenged his information. **So since he could not write what he knew to be true, he sent no further Vatican news at all, except the customary stories of pomp or spectacles.”** Taken from Lillian T. Mowrer, *“Journalist’s Wife,”* Morrow and Company, New York, NY, 1937.

## THE ROMAN CHURCH DOMINATES EDUCATION

**D**omination in the press, in the radio, and in the business world has extended itself to the schools and universities. It is sufficient to enumerate the colleges and universities which the Roman Church possesses in the United States.

Propagandists, mostly women, are sent to private houses in the neighborhood of public schools in order to persuade parents to enroll their children in Catholic schools. Roman priests visit homes continually to catechize the children and speak to the parents against secular education and the ill effect of sending children to Protestant schools. They say it is the sacred duty of parents to seek the welfare of their children by educating them in Catholic schools.

When the government proposed to introduce legislation for child labor, the Catholic authorities at once made a protest, **as that would deprive the Roman Church of the power to intervene in the lives of children and adolescents, and thus curb Romanist ambition.** Robert I. Cannon of Fordham University opposed ratification arguing, "It will open the way for all the pernicious snooping which was so characteristic of the 18th amendment. It is not a child labor amendment, he said. "It gives the federal government control over the lives of 42 million persons from the age of one to 16."

As can be seen, the protest is voiced not so much against the amendment, **but because the direct intervention of the federal government in the problem of child labor, takes from the Roman Church the power of interfering with children at an age which is the most suitable period for gaining Catholic proselytes and for influencing the inner lives of such persons.**

The Catholics affirm now with arrogance that 60% of the highly placed employees in government offices are Catholic and that the **Roman Church has special institutions and universities for the preparation of candidates solely for posts in the govern-**

**ment, national administration and foreign diplomacy.**

Harold E. Fey writes in this respect, "**The center of Catholic power in America is found in an office building, not in a cathedral.** This is the focal point of the Catholic education system. Here too is planned the Catholic attack on the free public school system, which Bishop John F. Noll refers to as 'public enemy number one.'

"Here is the organization which feeds and services the Catholic papers of the country and which influences the general press. Here too is the office which keeps a careful check on public statements by Catholics, particularly by members of the clergy and hierarchy to make sure no individual deviates from the Church's official position or is tainted by the 'Americanism' which the popes have formally denounced.

"Here are the headquarters of the organization through which the hierarchy controls the activities and thoughts of laymen and women, of students, of social welfare, workers, and of various immigrant groups. Here the Church's interest in the radio and in motion pictures comes to a head and there its policies with reference to these two powerful channels of influence are framed. Here at Georgetown University, the Jesuits conduct their school of foreign service, which each year feeds its graduating class into the United States diplomatic service.

"The legal department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has gained the reputation of being able to make Congress and government agencies do almost anything the Church wants. IT CLAIMS IT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN DEFENDING THE DIOCESAN SEMINARIES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE RELIGIOUS ORDERS FROM THE EFFORTS OF THE SELECTIVE TRAINING AND SERVICE ADMINISTRATION TO TIGHTEN THE CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION OF SEMINARIANS FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

"It has a share in securing financial aid through the operations of the Lanham Act for the work of the Church in war industry centers of population. Catholic hospital facilities were expanded and some new hospitals were erected and medical and engineering colleges and schools for nurses training were aided. Church services were recognized as essential by the War Man Power Commission through the intervention of the legal department.

"It has been successful in defending the Catholic institutions from the efforts of the United States Treasury to find new sources of revenue." Taken from Harold Fey, "Can Catholicism Win America?" *The Christian Century*, November 29, 1944 to January 17, 1945.

**It has succeeded in a campaign to have Catholic children carried to Catholic schools on busses run by public funds.** The Supreme Court, by a five to four decision, supported the Roman Church's appeal.

The *Chicago Tribune* issued a strong editorial against this decision favoring the Roman Church. "The majority of the courts chose, in the absence of any contrary evidence to assume that the specification of Catholic pupils arose from the fact that they were only the only ones in the township who did not attend public schools. The majority then went on to emphasize the traditional American policy embodied in the first amendment to the Constitution, which forbids Congress to make any law 'respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.' The 14th amendment, of course, extends this prohibition against state governments and their local subdivisions.

"It was intended not only to keep the states' hand out of religion, but to keep religions' hands off the state. And, above all, to keep bitter religious controversy out of public life by denying to every denomination any advantage from getting control of public policy or public purse, and Justice Jackson in his separate dissenting opinion."

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison wrote to this effect, "**The Supreme Court decision should open the eyes of all American-minded citizens and especially Protestant citizens, to the strategy of the Roman Catholic Church in its determination to secure a privileged position in the common life in this country.**" The Roman Church wants the state to provide for the complete support of its parochial schools with money derived from taxes levied on all citizens.

**"The Protestant churches have themselves to blame.** Few Protestant ministers have brought this issue to their people. They felt that it was such a 'little thing' to get excited about it. First, free textbooks. Then free bus transportation for parochial schools at public expense. **They were blind to the strategy of the Roman Church in using these apparently insignificant matters AS THE THIN EDGE OF THE WEDGE WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY CRACK OPEN THE CONSTITUTION.**

**"If Protestantism passively tolerates any compromise of the principle of the equality of all religious faiths before the American state, it seals its own destiny. It dooms itself to become, in the end, a minority sect existing on the margins of American life."** Taken from Dr. Charles C. Morrison, I.B.I.D, July 3, 1946, page 833.

## ROME ENTERS THE BEDROOM

**R**oman Catholicism does not stop here, the political parade. She goes on to en-throne herself in the most sacred precinct of America, the home. When she dominates the American home, as she does in other coun-tries, then she will do here what she pleases.

If a Protestant wishes to marry a Catho-lic, he must apply for two marriage licenses, one from the county clerk and one from a Roman Catholic priest. And before the Catholic Church will grant the permit for the marriage of a Catholic and a non-Catholic, both must sign the pre-nuptial contract. The Protestant party must sign the following:

"I, the undersigned, not a member of the Catholic Church, wishing to contract marriage with the Catholic party whose signature is also affixed to this mutual agreement, being of sound mind and perfectly free, and only after understanding fully the import of my ac-tion, do hereby enter into this mutual agree-ment, understanding the execution of this agreement and the promises therein con-tained are made in contemplation of and in consideration for the consent, marriage, and consequent change of status of the hereinaf-ter mentioned Catholic party. And I, there-fore, hereby agree

1. That I will not interfere in the least with the free exercise of the Catholic party's relig-ion.

2. That I will adhere to the doctrine of the sacred indissolubility of the marriage bond, so that I cannot contract a second marriage while my consort is still alive, even though a civil divorce may have been obtained.

3. THAT ALL THE CHILDREN, BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, THAT MAY BE BORN OF THIS UNION SHALL BE BAPTIZED AND EDUCATED SOLELY IN THE FAITH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, EVEN IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF MY CATHOLIC CONSORT. In case of dispute, I furthermore hereby agree fully that the cus-tody of all children shall be given to such

guardians as assure the faithful execution of this covenant and promise in the event that I cannot fulfill it myself.

4. THAT I WILL LEAD A MARRIED LIFE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, REGARDING BIRTH CONTROL, REALIZING FULLY THE ATTITUDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THIS REGARD.

5. That no other marriage ceremony shall take place before or after this ceremony by the Catholic priest.

In testimony of which agreement, I do here by solemnly swear that I will observe the above agreement and faithfully execute the promises therein contained, and do now affix my signature in approval thereof.

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Signature of non-Catholic Party"

The Catholic party must also sign a con-tract, which in the main is similar to the con-tract which the non-Catholic has signed, but there is one "significant addition." **The Catho-lic party promises that he or she will en-deavor to bring the non-Catholic into the fold of the Roman Catholic Church.**

To this strategy, not limited to America, but extended to Great Britain, no one other than the famous 71 year old second-ranking Anglican Prelate, Most Reverend and Right Honorable Cyril Foster Garbett, gave the fol-lowing warning, as he spoke before the full synod of the convocation of York:

"I feel it necessary to warn Anglicans against signing this document, and to ask them to do their utmost to dissuade members of our church from doing so. It means that Anglican fathers or mothers **married to Ro-man Catholics are deprived of the right to influence the spiritual and religious up-bringing of their children.** It means disloy-alty to the Church of their baptism and of their fathers. It is a humiliating condition."



The Catholic Press calls this protest "provincialism." Britain's angry *Catholic Herald* was quick to point out that the Archbishop of York's thrust followed close on the Archbishop of Canterbury's statement during his visit to the United States, that the "iron curtain" interposed by the Roman Catholic Church against the Protestant churches is the greatest single obstacle in the way of Christian unity.

Here we have two highest dignitaries of the Church of England suddenly complaining in pointed language about well-established Catholic teaching and discipline. "Provincialism, whether in spiritual or political matters, is becoming an increasingly dangerous outlook."

To answer this point, the words of Canon Melville may not be inappropriate here. "Make peace if you will with Romanism. Receive it unto your senate. Shrine it in your churches. Plant it in your hearts. But be certain as there is a heaven above you and a God over you that the popery thus honored and embraced is the very popery that was loathed and degraded by the holiest of your fathers, the same haughtiness and intolerance which lorded it over kings, assumed the prerogative of Deity, crushed human liberty and slew the saints of God." Taken from Canon Melville, *"Evangelical Christian,"* Toronto, Canada.

**Cognizant of the methods and practices of the Romanists who take away all liberties and set up the tyranny of the inquisition, we see only two alternatives, that the Protestants rouse themselves to fight in the defense of the faith and for the preservation of the spirit of The Reformation, or that they will remain apathetic and heedless until the Vatican gains complete dominion over the land of North America.**

The Protestant religion of the United States was not, of course, imposed by force, but took its form as a result of conviction and experience. Of that religion Washington wrote, "Reason and experience convince us that national morality cannot exist apart from religious principles."

**Should such a misfortune occur as the overthrow of Protestantism, it would mean the loss of the sole bulwark which sustains and defends America, the Christian faith, and the Bible, and that same Bible which has many times been consigned to the flames by the Roman Church and has been condemned for generations. In that event, it would be immaterial how much power the Church of Rome might gain, for all would be lost.**

Ex-president Calvin Coolidge said once, and was right, "I can conceive of no adequate remedy for the evils which beset society, except through the influences of religion. There is no form of education which will not fail. There is no form of reward which will not fail. **We do not need more national development. We need more spiritual development. We do not need more knowledge, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are not seen.**"

Of what spiritual power, of what religion was Coolidge speaking? He was speaking of the spiritual power which molded him, of the religion which his father preached as a Protestant pastor and which he himself practiced with so much devotion, the Protestant religion.

On one occasion, Will Durant, speaking at the Ebell Club, said, "**Instead of breeding from the top down, we are now breeding from the bottom to the top. The birth rate of the abler people is rapidly decreasing. Civilization without morality is impossible. Morality should be taught in the school, church and home. We are tending to build the most unscrupulous generation ever trained.**" He referred to the lack of character building and Christian teaching in both the home and the school. He declared his soul had been "cauterized in Christianity" when young, for which he was grateful and demanded "Is religion losing its hold on the American people?"

While Will Durant was speaking, our thoughts were on the Protestant inheritance of America. **What will happen in this country if the Protestant churches do not**

**awaken quickly to the seriousness of their responsibility and to the need of a spiritual revival? It is high time that, instead of mere liberalism and making a social enterprise of religion, they should set themselves urgently to return to the true faith, laying aside compromise, and all pretense of neutrality.**

**The Catholic clergy are making straight for their goal. They lose no time. This aim is to march as one united army for the conquest of America for the Vatican.** What opposition will they encounter from the Protestants and true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Even Garibaldi, the patriot and liberator, father of Italian unity, foresaw that the domination of the clergy in Italy would mean national retrogression. He therefore, in these memorable words, drew the attention of his fellow countrymen to the great danger they would run if they failed to realize this. "I am a member of the Church of the Pope. I should even like to cleanse the eternal city from the clerical abominations which have accumulated during a thousand years of temporal sovereignty and iniquitous malgovernment.

"NEVERTHELESS, I AM A MEMBER OF THAT CATHOLIC CHURCH WHOSE DOCTRINES CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR, CAME TO PREACH ON EARTH. WHAT I WISH YOU TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY IS, THAT CHRIST CAME TO REDEEM HUMANITY AND HIS EXPIATION IS SUFFICIENT FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE ETERNAL TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL. LIBERTY AND THE GOSPEL GO HAND IN HAND, AND ONLY THOSE WHO PREACH THE TRUE DOCTRINES OF CHRIST CAN BE CALLED HIS DISCIPLES." Taken from Guiseppe Garibaldi, Autobiography, Smith and Innes, London.

**The Roman Church and the Gospel can never go hand in hand. Either the Gospel thrives and the Church perishes, or the Church imposes her authority, and the Gospel dies.**

Does the Pope come to Texas and the Gospel goes, or does the Gospel thrive and dominate the Pope???

## OPIUM

The impressive mansion of Diego Rivers in Mexico City was the scene of a very important event. A group of professors from various universities in America and journalists and correspondents were addressing Leon Trotsky. Leon Trotsky was the man who afterward succeeded Stalin, who had one time with Stalin, held the destiny of over 180 million people in his hands as the creator of Bolshevism.

When these educated men exhausted all their questions regarding political and economic matters, which in every case received pointed answers from Leon Trotsky, the very last question presented to him was this: "MR. TROTSKY, WILL YOU KINDLY TELL US YOUR OPINION REGARDING RELIGION?"

Now, after a few moments pause, followed by a sarcastic smile, these words were spoken by Leon Trotsky, "**GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE THAT RELIGION IS THE OPIUM OF THE PEOPLE. THE ACTUAL GOVERNMENT AND I ARE MORTAL ENEMIES WITH EXTREMELY OPPOSITE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POINTS OF VIEW, BUT WE ARE ALL UNITED IN ONE THOUGHT, THE DESTRUCTION OF RELIGION IN THE WORLD. I EXPECT TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO BE PRESENT AT THE FUNERALS OF ALL RELIGIONS.**"

The visitors left the reception room. Portraits and scenery created by the artistic genius of Deigo Rivers were everywhere displayed, but another picture, impressed only in the mind of one of the visitors, was more realistic than any other. Jungle indians, aborigines, middle class, and upper classes, after centuries of spiritual deception in their hearts, joined to stand at the brink of a deep precipice, ready to jump in desperation.

That picture was not hanging on the wall. It was vividly depicted in the individual faces of millions of Americans. Now, not many months later, a man called Jacques Mornard, puffing angrily on a cigarette, squirmed in his chair, and finally went out on August 20, 1940 to finish his plan of murdering Leon

Trotsky, the exiled enemy of Joseph Stalin. Trotsky's body was cremated and turned into ashes, and Mornard was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment. Mexico City had no capital punishment and no life imprisonment.

But wherever you go, wherever you travel, especially among young people, and university students, and young professional people, you will hear this echo of the words repeated by Trotsky, "Religion is the opium of the people."

Now strange as it may sound, **Communism is the direct product of a religion that uses certain Christian principles in theory, but in practice makes them a masquerade.** That religion can be the Roman Catholic Church, or the Greek Orthodox Church. I don't know if you have ever noticed it, but **neither one of those use the name "Christian."**

The Roman Catholic Church lists some 17 different rites which vary in custom, ceremony, mass, law, even doctrine and theology. For the eastern Catholic priests marriage is permitted, the only thing that the Roman Church requires from them is the recognition of the Pope as the head of all these rites. For that reason and because of her theory of apostolic succession, the Roman Catholic Church is responsible for what happened and is still happening in Russia, in regard to Communism's opposition to religion.

**How clearly it is demonstrated that Communism is the sinister offspring of the Roman Church by the way of the Greek Orthodox Church.** Emperor Nicholas married a German princess, who was described as a superstitious woman, easily swayed by any forcible mind and personality. Such a personality presented itself long before the War of 1914 in the Monk Rasputin. (The English equivalent is "dirty dog.") He was a replica of some of the strangest characters in Roman or Greek Church history. A creature of low origin, elevated to the high category of a priest. In reality, a dissolute adventurer, equal to those confronted by Martin

Luther, with the morals of a wild boar, the conscience of a Borgia, the audacity of a Bravo, the rapacity of a Prussian, and a magnetic power of diabolic intensity.

Czar Nicholas, weak and vacillating, though by no means bad, worshipped the only son he had, a puny child, who was subject to cataleptic seizures which closely resembled death. This disorder seemed beyond the power of the court physicians. But Rasputin, through his hypnotic gift, was always able to bring back the little boy by laying on of hands and a mumbled incantation. In the imperial family he became supreme. The Czarina and her daughter fell completely under his domination, and the Czar himself, already led away by the inspiration of the lower phenomena, accepted his guidance as that of a seer. Taken from W. D. Eaton, *"Complete History of the World War,"* C. E. Thomas, 1919, Volume 4, pages 394, 395.

M. Miliufko, in his speech to the Duma, referring to the fall of Russia and of the Czar, mentions "servile prelates" as heading the list of "shady characters" who destroyed Russia. The verdict of history is that the most sinister figure in the group was Gregory Rasputin, the dissolute "holy man," miracle worker and prayer-monger, who had wormed his way from the outskirts of Serbia into the drawing rooms of Moscow, and thence into the palace itself, where with varying ups and downs of fortune he had succeeded in maintaining himself for over 10 years as the accredited successor of the Monk Heliodore.

Two patriotic Russians, in or near the court, became convinced that Monk Rasputin must be done away with. Accordingly, one night he was decoyed to a meeting with a woman, and was quietly killed, and his body was jammed through a hole in the ice of the Neva. One of the most influential princes in the empire is credited with having planned and carried out this performance.

Revolution was the logical consequence of these conditions. People can suffer for a little while, but they get tired and their reaction is not always free from revenge, cruelty and thirst for blood. **This adulterine union between the Church and state gave the**

**world a sinister child, baptized by the name of Bolshevism.**

In every time of great change, there are born into the world a free man with brains enormously developed on one side, having on the other side a false construction or vacuum. And these men usually show a combination of hot greed and cold cruelty. "The pious would call them scourges of God," says one writer. "In reality they are beneficent devils, working our purpose beyond their power to see, or seeing, to understand."

History has plenty of them, and tells in every case the same story of vicious tearing down, followed by new and nobler structures built upon the ruins of the old. Of this kind was Lenin and Trotsky, the two superschemers who sat behind the scenes and directed these interweaving calamities. They overplayed their hands. They evoked the spell, but could not control the fiend let loose by the spell.

"Bolshevism, appealing to the ignorant many, spread beyond the Russian borders, and for a little while, menaced civilization itself everywhere." Taken from I.B.I.D., pages 396, 399. These worlds were printed in 1919. We have to judge today how close to or how far from reality this writer was.

At any rate Lenin and Trotsky were the makers of the Bolshevism which signifies the rule of the majority. Lenin, as Premier, and Trotsky, as Foreign Minister, created the New Russia. At the time, the Russian peasants life was a round of eating, sleeping, and working. He had not the ambition to seek betterment for himself or his children. To such a man the intimation that he might be the owner of an acre of ground raised him to the power of a capitalist. This was merely the doctrine of the Fourier-Proudhon Scheme, proposed in France in 1843, which provided that "all land belongs to the tillers of the soil." It was said that documentary proofs showed that Lenin and Trotsky made the counter-revolution against Kerensky with money given by the German imperial government.

**Any person reading the accounts of the sufferings, cruel repressions and atrocious executions that prevailed in Russia**

**under the Czars and the priests, the martyrdom of thousands who struggled for their liberty, can certainly understand the imperative necessity of the revolutionary movement.** When thousands of peasants, for mere suspicion, were beaten till their bones were bared, and then shut up in unheated cells, when boys of 15 and girls of the same age received as many as 500 strokes, when policemen went from hut to hut, flogging everyone, including women and children, and carried off all they could lay hands on, when even high officers sat on peasants heads, others on their feet, while still others were beating them mercilessly with a "nagaika," when thousands were sent to die in Siberia, and others in filthy prisons just because they wanted liberty for their country, then we all can understand that revolution had to come.

**The imperialistic Church, both Roman and Greek, was responsible for the coming of Communism,** the fight against God, and the Marxist vocabulary that begins with "religion is the opium of the people." While this maxim began with the appearance of Bolshevism, let it be remembered that Marx never expected it to become part of the political pharmacopoeia of the first Marxist state.

Now Stalin had extended a friendly hand to the once-banned Orthodox Church in Europe and the Middle East, and appeared as the defender of the faith in China as well.

Stalin realized the ineffectiveness of mere force. He said, "It is easy to close churches in the Soviet Union. You have only to send to the OGPU and they are shut, **but then every peasant, man or woman, will build a church in the depths of his soul.** Such churches withdraw themselves from the control of the political police."

"Religion, I saw for myself, is not dead in Russia," reported Walter Graebner, *Time* correspondent, in one of the best current accounts of the state of religion in the Soviet Union.

Ambassador William H. Standley, in Kuibyshev, suggested that Graebner visit the near by Greek Orthodox Church. In the run down structure, Graebner saw that its worshippers were "mostly elderly women with

pale, deeply lined faces partly covered with grey shawls. Every few seconds they gave the sign of the cross or touched their foreheads to the floor."

In Moscow Graebner found a cathedral, which holds about 3,000 so tightly packed that he could hardly get inside the door, and more people were coming every minute. Again the congregation had many past middle age, "But there were more young people, children, and red army men than I expected to see."

"Since the revolution, 1,500 Roman Catholic churches in Russia have been closed. Three are now open in Moscow. One of them, St. Louis De Francois, is pastored by a 40 year old, Massachusetts-born Leopold A. A. Braun. His congregation numbers between 25,000 and 30,000. Daily mass draws almost 200. Sunday mass about 600. Short, baldish Father Braun, who went to Russia in 1934, lives in the old French Embassy with his police dog, has had a hard time getting food and fuel, but it was reported his sources of cigarettes were holding up fairly well, and occasionally someone gave him a bottle of rum."

Graebner's verdict, "It may be that as the Soviet Union grows older, it is taking a less stern attitude toward religion. **This is certainly what the government would like the world to think.** Many, however, feel that the changed attitude it takes is more a wartime expediency than the real thing. Most foreign observers believe that the Kremlin is basically just as anti-religious as it ever was, but no one knows for sure." Taken from Walter Graebner, *Round Trip to Russia*, J. B. Lipincott, Philadelphia, 1943, page 100.

The constitutional right of religion in Russia is given in article 124, which says that there is to be "liberty of confession and of worship." This article offers a wider opportunity for freedom than the Argentinean and Peruvian governmental decrees, restricting confessions that differ from the Roman Catholic religion.

Colonel F. J. Miles, D.S.C. International Secretary of the Russian Missionary Society, representing the oldest international and in-

terdenominational organization working among the Russians, writes, "We are constrained to face the challenge of a changing Russia. Within the Soviet Union 193 million out of the 233 million Russians reside. The Presidium has had to face the absolute and abject failure of its anti-God and anti-religious plans."

These are some of the facts and changes described by Colonel Miles. "The censors discovered that Russian soldiers at the front wrote letters home full of religious expressions. Also the government was constrained to permit priests to accompany and minister to the troops. Change of face on the part of the government was manifested in the following ways: The permit was extended to the Greek Orthodox Christians to meet in synod and elect a Patriarch. The former Patriarch Sergius was a fine Christian gentleman, a former missionary to Japan, a sincere soul, who has since died. We do not know the caliber of the acting Patriarch.

"The Baptists, for the first time in 13 years were allowed to communicate with their brethren in London. The Mohammedans were permitted to hold a conference. There were 66 evangelists in Russia. Sixty-one have been liquidated. There are still men and women in Siberian concentration camps. For years we could not correspond, now we can and do. We can send support to evangelists in the U.S.S.R., and are able to render social service."

Conclusion: All this suggests that while no government likes to admit that it has blundered, we may reasonably expect that the Soviet government may find a way to change face and restore religious liberty to the people. To which end surely we are challenged to pray.

Since May 1929 it was a criminal offense to print, publish, or distribute the Word of God, whole or in part, in Russia. It is safe to say that millions of Russians have never seen, handled, or heard a Word read from the Bible. But there was published the largest edition of the Bible in Russian that has ever come off the press, 81,000 copies in issue. The stock in Europe was long since exhausted and the demand was that there was

only a few Russian Bibles available in the country. The keen desire of Russian prisoners of war and others outside the United States of Soviet Russia, for Bibles exhausted supplies in Europe. The American Bible Society was appealed to and in turn an appeal was issued to the Southern Baptists to raise \$3,250,000 to enable the American Bible Society to issue a Russian New Testament and Psalms. They responded with \$15,338,007. The American Bible Society had issued editions of 10,000 each, but 10,000,000 were still needed.

The Russian Missionary Society had in training at that time a small army of Russian evangelists to enter the United States of Soviet Russia when religious freedom is restored.

This change in the Russian government is also expressed by England's "Red Dean," Dr. Hewlett Johnson, who had a 50-minute conference with Joseph Stalin in Moscow regarding the future of religion in Russia. Replying to a charge of religious oppression, Stalin said, "Doubtless in a time of tension there were excesses. The war, however, has created a new and different situation. Religion cannot be stopped. Conscience cannot be stilled. Religion is a matter of conscience, and conscience is free. Worship and freedom are free."

**Does this meant that we have changed our attitude towards Communism or Bolshevism now? No. A million times no.** We have seen columns and pages in newspapers, magazines, and books. We have heard civic groups, churches, and universities speaking out about the spreading of Communism. But we cannot be blind to the fact that while in so-called Catholic countries, like Spain, Rome persecutes and tortures those who do not accept her doctrines, nor submit their souls to her. Russia allows a measure of freedom to worship the God she hates. **We trust that the confusion and dense fog that has covered Russia will soon clear and the people, liberated from the heavy chains of the Politburo, will rise to a new day to really enjoy liberty in all its majesty, splendor and glory.**

## THE FAILURE OF RUSSIA

**O**ne of the greatest mistakes of Communism is that it puts property values above human values, material dominion over the spiritual. In the Moscow papers appeared the following most complete deification of "property," which came from the pen of Soviet General Attorney Andrei Vishinsky. "The law is still in full force. It will remain in force so long as it survives even one of the enemy who may dare to make an attempt to public socialist property, the sacred and inviolable base of the Socialist State of workers and peasants. The law of August 7, 1932, as Stalin pointed out, is the basis of revolutionary law now."

**The same provides that peasants who steal anything from a state farm shall be shot. Private ownership has been abolished in Russia. State socialism is enforced and all property was taken from the original owners. When the well to do farmers refused to cooperate, their farms were taken from them and they were killed or exiled to Siberia. No man can change jobs or travel or move into another neighborhood without permission. The people are owned body and soul by the State.**

The other great mistake is that the government of the Proletariat, the less intellectually qualified people, the working classes, coal miners, and the like, controlled by unwise leaders, whose servants they have become, attempt to rule the country. This system would relegate the efforts of the human brain into oblivion and place the government at the mercy of unqualified and unprepared people.

Someone suggested that the Bolshevik theory of economics and rule of the Proletariat is not new. As for it through spirit, Cade, who raised rebellion in England when young King Henry VI came to the throne, stated it with lucidity and force. Shakespeare gives us this report of it.

Cade and his followers having fought their way into London, Cade himself sat on London Stone and proclaimed, "Here, sitting

upon London Stone, I charge and command that of the city's cost, the (deleted) conduit shall run nothing but Claret wine this first year of our reign... Go set London Bridge on fire, and if you can, burn down the tower, too... There shall be in England, seven half-penny loaves sold for a penny. The three-hooped pot shall have ten hoops. And I will make it a felony to drink small beer. All the realm shall be in common, and in Cheapside shall my palfrey go to grass. And when I am king, (as king I will be), all, God save Your Majesty, my mouth shall be the Parliament. And henceforth all things shall be in common, the proudest peer in the realm shall not wear a head on his shoulders, unless he pay me tribute. Men shall hold me captive, and we charge and command that their wives shall be as free as heart can wish, or tongue can tell. Up Fish Street, down St. Magnus Corner. Kill and knock down, throw them in the Thames."

**The Proletariat will sooner or later discover that their taking the power is not always pleasant, that the king's or president's seat is not always safe, that material things are not the real answer to life's problems and/or nation's interests.**

The following illustrates this point: Once upon a time there was king of Syracuse names Dionysius. He had a hanger-on who was always telling his Royal Highness how happy a king is. The hanger-on's name was Damocles. Dionysius, who knew what a rotten job kinging was even in those days, thought he'd give Damocles an idea of what a royal dictator's life was like, so he sat Damocles at a table loaded with all the finest food and drinks in the realm. But over him he suspended by a hair a sword so sharp that it could cut off a head with such exact precision that the head would still remain on the body. Damocles was so scared that he could not eat.

It is this kind of sword that hangs with a fine hair over our nations today. What kind of security does this or that system offer to the people?

The Communist language, from the beginning to the end, is the denunciation of capitalism. Molotov denounced America and Britain as greedy capitalist powers who had coined profits out of the war and were out to exploit the rest of the world.

Robert Last, writing in the *Chicago Sun* years ago, said "It would be a great day for peace if the Marxist would recognize that capitalism isn't what it used to be in the days of Marx, but, has already undergone a revolution which invalidates all the supposed law of its behaviour. Until this day arrives, it is up to us to go on disproving the theory by conducting ourselves as pure capitalism would never do, by constantly improving the peoples' lot under our system, by solving the social and economic problems which, according to Marxist theory, capitalism cannot solve."

To indicate how Communism has failed along that line, David Deforest Burrell, writing in the *Presbyterian*, says, "Communism has brought to the people of the Soviet Republic no freedom, but regimentation. Away back in 1931, Russia formally gave up the principle of equal division of unequal earning, and today has a large group of 'Proletarian millionaires and other privileged groups, whose members enjoy special pensions, whose children attend special schools.' From the economic point of view, Communism has failed in Russia. From the point of view of personal liberty, it has failed. And its efforts to stamp out religion from the life of the people was a pronounced failure before it had fairly begun."

**Our nation, our people, should see clearly that Communism as a form of government, as an economic system, as a religion, has no rightful place in America.** Communistic propagandists have infiltrated Russia's system into America today and those signs of Proletarian millionaires are already repeated. America cannot be a Communist country with only four million Communists. This is precisely the danger, that the same thing we fear and combat is taking roots in our country. What other explanation can we present to the unbalanced conditions that exist in the evaluation of work and the caliber of workers? Besides, individual liberties have been **curtailed to great extent in America.** "For the past 75 years, the freedom

of private enterprise, especially on the part of corporation capital and its combinations, has been substantially curbed by state and national government." This was declared by the Federation of Churches in America.

**As in Russia, the government in America intervenes now in the individual's life and business and controls his economics.**

This situation is becoming so serious and so acute in America that leaders of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, in the first declaration on economic justice to be issued since World War II, called for an organized and democratic partnership for the general welfare rather than private monopoly or excessive governmental intervention, all of which are unacceptable under the moral law.

Some conclusions of the eight points stressed read:

1. The moral law must govern economic life.

2. The material resources of life are entrusted to man by God for the benefit of all.

3. The moral purpose of economic life is social justice. Special efforts should be made to raise the earnings of sub-standard income groups, not only in justice to them, but also in the interest of continuous employment.

4. The profit motive must be subordinated to the moral law.

5. The common good necessitates the organization of men into free associations of their own choosing.

6. Organized cooperation of the functional economic groups among themselves and with the government must be substituted for the rule of competition.

7. It is the duty of the State to protect the rights of individuals and groups and to aid in the advancement of the general economic welfare.

8. International economic life is likewise subject to the moral law.

Communism has prospered in places and among temperaments given to laxation. **The** most ardent defenders of the dictatorship of the Proletariat are in many instances those who do not sacrifice anything, those who are ready to receive rather than to give, which is the inverted principle of the Gospels.



This type of philosophy flourishes among those who will disregard any spiritual value of life. Carlyle said that the verdict on a certain man he knew could be, "Stomach well alive, soul extinct." Of some other it could be said, "Financial sense highly developed, soul extinct." Of another, "Political sagacity acute and soul extinct." Of another, "Intent upon social prestige, soul extinct."

In spite of her equivocal concept of government and her distorted philosophy regarding the value of life, Russia has found entrance to many doors outside of her own sphere. In a Philadelphia convention, John Forster Dulles, alternate United States delegate to the United Nations and a prominent layman said, "The Soviet Communist Party challenges the supremacy of the so-called Christian world."

He continued, "Controlling at home 10% of the human race, it offers leadership to a further 75% constituting the overwhelming majority of Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. That challenge has had initial success. **In every part of the world there are influential groups which accept leadership from Moscow.**"

The western states, nations, would do well to remember that our ideas and attitudes toward economics, liberty, and democracy are not the same as Russia understands them to be. Professor Harold Laski, who was in Russia, as the head of the British Labor Party Mission, suggests that **the western nations make a great mistake in thinking that the absence of civil liberties means as much to the people of the Soviet Union as it would in an English-speaking country.**

The Russians have not been nurtured in the tradition of freedom. Their tradition is one of despotism. What they have never really had, they do not miss. If there is a choice between economic security and personal freedom, the vast majority of the Russian people would not choose freedom. Whether the Soviet system of regimentation can produce this security, of course, is another matter.

**As Communism is not a permanent system, let us hope it will not live forever.** In his play, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," Robert

Sherwood quotes Lincoln as repeating philosophically the ancient Persian adage, "This, too, shall pass away," whenever confronted with a seemingly insuperable problem. Perhaps that, time and patience, is the answer to the Russian obduracy.

The *Chicago Times* stated, as a wise observer of things internationally, regarded Russia's obduracy in world affairs as this: "Stalin today is Russia's mouthpiece, but Stalin is not Russia." And man of steel that he is, he is still human, and he has aged and he is gone. He did not last forever.

And the paper went on to say, "Don't you realize that Stalin, Molotov, and their satellites in the Soviet hierarchy are tired, old men, clinging desperately and determinedly to the remnants of a creation which they created and which cannot long outlast them?"

Stalin, the seminarian, almost a generation ago, the paper stated, forsook religion as the hope of his people and became a direct actionist. Together with Lenin, Trotsky, and other revolutionists, he succeeded beyond his wildest dreams. Now he is the chief administrator of one of the most powerful nations the world has ever known. "Communism, if it ever existed except as a rallying cry for the oppressed masses of Russia, is as dead as the Feudalism of Medieval England. Capitalism, of course, doesn't exist in the Soviet Union. But it has been replaced by a statism, a form of political economics which has most of the bad features of capitalism, and few, if any, of its good features.

"And Stalin, the young revolutionary, along with all his ruling clique, has become a stern conservative, even a reactionary. He is striving, as the Czars before him strove, to stop the inexorable turning of the wheel of destiny. But Stalin is going to die, and all the old Bolsheviks are going to die, not so long from now. And a new generation of Russians, whose minds are not buried in the cold ashes of the past, will carry on. Then Russia will emerge from the bog of her Czarist and Communist purgatory and take her place among the great nations of the world." *Chicago Times*, 1946.

## THE BLACK AND THE RED FLAG

**T**wo powers are seeking world control today, and they are the Vatican and Communism. This fight for power does not have anything to do with the defense of religion. It is purely a political struggle. **Rome cannot tolerate a power over her and Russia is not ready to submit to the Vatican.**

In an extremely outspoken article in the *Saturday Evening Post*, Ernest Hauser, frankly states that mankind is now divided into two worlds, and "two supernatural forces facing each other in a death grapple for supremacy over the souls of men, THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY." The people of ravaged Europe are keenly aware of this contest. Many of them have come to consider the Vatican and the Kremlin as the principal hitching posts of the two rival camps, and cynics are speaking of the struggle between the two internationals, "The Black and the Red."

It is in accordance with this political program of dominance that at the consistory of February 1-22, 1946, held at Rome, Pope Pius XII, revitalized and internationalized the highest body of his Church, the College of Cardinals. HIS REASON FOR BESTOWING THE CRIMSON UPON A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WAS ONLY PART OF A SHREWD AND FAR-SIGHTED EFFORT TO WIN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP, Mr. Hauser points out, **BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED THE VATICAN'S MOST DESIRABLE PARTNER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE KREMLIN.**"

IT IS WITH HIS EYE ON THE COMING STRUGGLE WITH THE KREMLIN THAT PIUS XII HAD HELD DAILY AUDIENCES WITH THE AMERICAN VISITORS TO ROME. The total number of allied soldiers thus received him is estimated at 1,200,000 apart from public audiences for the forces. A steady procession of American newspapermen, senators, congressmen, high Navy and Army officers, businessmen, radio and film

executives, passed through the private audience chambers on the second floor of the Vatican palace. Almost every prominent American touring Europe has availed himself of the opportunity of shaking hands with the Pope.

With the strength given and resting upon the official promise of the American government, the Vatican is now firing its attack against Russia. In elections in Italy, the Bishops of Calabria told their communicants that **there is "irreconcilable opposition between Christianity and Marxism."** While the Umbrian Bishops, writing in *L'Osservatore Romano*, official Vatican organ, told Catholics that voting for Marxists for "laicist" parties exposed them to "sanctions of canon law." Taken from *The San Francisco Chronicle*, May 23, 1946. It was further explained that these "sanctions" included denial of public sacraments, such as marriage, and the prohibition of burial in consecrated ground.

This warning was followed by a forthright broadcast in five languages by the Pope himself. **Presenting himself as the champion of democracy and true Christian brotherhood**, he went so far as to call upon Great Britain and the United States to break their ties of alliance with Russia. He even urged the United Nations to disfellowship with the Soviet Union. **Then he called upon the Protestants of the world to join the Roman Catholic Church in a crusade against Communism and the wreckers of Christian civilization.**

In February 1946 the Vatican City newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, charged Soviet authorities with religious persecutions in the Ukraine and accused the Soviet radio of carrying out a hate campaign against Catholicism.

Pope Pius XII, addressing a group of American newspaper editors and writers said, "Denial of man's civil and religious rights has not ceased. Ruthless persecution of men's

consciences has not abated. It is not surprising but it is tragic.”

What causes a strong aversion among observers is the cynical pronouncement of the Pope in matters of freedom. **The incongruity of such a situation is obvious when one reflects that the Roman Church, far from being the champion of individual freedom and democracy, has throughout its history been notorious for its opposition to, and repression of such principles.**

As Dr. Charles C. Morrison put it, “To Protestants this papal claim that the Roman Church stands as the defender of liberty against the encroachments, authoritarian tyranny will appear preposterous. Spain, Portugal, Peru, Argentina, and the Italy of the period when Mussolini was on good terms with the Vatican, all mock the claim of the pope that Catholicism enters the lists as the champion of a free world.”

The Reverend John C. Heenan, a London priest, declaring **“the Kremlin and the Vatican are at war,”** affirmed that **the contest, “can end only with the unconditional surrender of one or the other side.”** In an address prepared for the Cydesside Catholic demonstration against what he termed “the Communist persecution of Christianity in Yugoslavia,” Dr. Heenan declared, “The battle is already joined between Communism and the Catholic Church. It must be evident to every intelligent man and woman that **this war is more vital than the two World Wars.**”

Writing on the subject of Archbishop Stepinac's trial on charges of treason with which “represents the boldest tactical success yet accomplished in the Communist Party's strategic offensive against the Roman Catholic Church,” Frank Connif, a pro-Catholic writer, in a special dispatch to the *Los Angeles Examiner* declared, **“THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP MUST SHUDDER AS IT CONTEMPLATES A COALITION BETWEEN THE IMMENSE MATERIAL AND IDEALISTIC RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SPIRITUAL TREASURY OF THE CENTURIES OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH.** This would be a 'two front' war, material and religious, that even Russia, for

all its disciplined millions, its regimented ideology, its brilliant estimation of historical currents, must hesitate to begin.

“No, Stalin would never depreciate the influence of the Catholic Church. If I were asked to name the two leaders who best understand what is happening in the world today, I would answer: Pope Pius XII and Joseph Stalin. The trial of Archbishop Stepinac indicates that Stalin has launched a new phase in the Communist campaign against the Party's arch-ideological enemy, the Catholic Church.”

We also read in *The Tidings*, official publication of the Roman Church in Los Angeles, California, an article by James M. Gillis, C.S.P., in which he suggests that the Catholics come to the renewal of the war of the crusaders. They didn't wait for the Saracens to overrun Christendom. They went all the way across Europe to meet the infidels where they lived. “Whenever Christians failed to carry the cross into the land of the Scimitar, they didn't fare so well. The Moslems got a foothold, much more than a foothold, in Spain and even in France... In Austria and Hungary they kept battering away for centuries at the gates of Vienna and of Budapest. It would have been better, safer, and in the long run, cheaper in the expenditure of blood to have gone after the enemies of the cross, not only to Jerusalem, but even to Mecca.”

**While the Vatican has lost religious power even in Rome, the Pope keeps striving for more political power. From dispatches and press information we can see where the Pope is going and what his claims were.** On December 21, 1946, on the eve of the strongest pronouncement of his pontificate by Pope Pius XII, Rome's Catholics, rallying to fight a resurgent Italian anticlericalist, completed plans for a giant show. By radio, by posters pasted on the city's walls, by newspapers and by word of mouth, the slogan was being spread, “Everybody to St. Peter's tomorrow.”

Throughout the week, Catholics had used every publicity medium to obtain an immense attendance at the manifestation, organized by the priests of Rome at a reply to

virulent attacks upon the Pope and the clergy in anti-clerical weeklies which started recently. Their protestations culminated in a letter from the cardinals resident in Rome, lamenting the attacks upon "the supreme head of the Catholic Church, whose person has been recognized sacred and inviolate by solemn convention."

This was a reference to the Lateran Pact which regularized relations between the Vatican and the Italian government and ended the imprisonment in the Vatican, which successive pontiffs imposed upon themselves after the Piedmont armies, entering Rome in 1870, added the papal states to the rest of newly unified Italy.

The cardinals, as had "Catholic Action" and other Catholic agencies, also appealed indirectly to the government to repress the publications, expressing the hope that those "whose duty it is may understand their grave responsibility before the whole Catholic world to bring back order and peace to the land."

The government already had moves against one of the allegedly offending publications. Ruggero Maccari, editor of the Anti-Catholic Weekly, called *Pollo*, literally "chicken," was on trial on charges of publishing "obscenities and insults" to the Catholic religion. Against another, the satirical weekly, *Don Basilio*, the Church had fired its biggest gun, automatic excommunication of those who produce it, sell it and read it.

On the day of the mass demonstration, December 22, condemning efforts of anti-Catholics to besmirch the "National City of Catholicism," the Pope said, "Awake O Romans, the hour has sounded for you to awake from too long a sleep, with sorrow and with indignation you see the sacred image of Rome, of this holy place of Divine disposition, the seat of the vicar of Christ, exposed to the hand of impious renegades from God, of desecrators of Divine things, and of adorers of the sense, and blotted by calumny and covered with mud.

"The mission of Rome perhaps has never been bigger, more beneficial or more indispensable than in the present hour. FROM

ITS SEVEN HILLS IT STRETCHES ITS MATERIAL ARMS AND ENVELOPES ITS SPIRITUAL EMPIRE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH IT MERCIFULLY EMBRACES IN ITS LIGHT."

The pretext to combat Communism was that Russia is an atheistic nation. That is so. But it is no longer an infallible argument that atheism is exclusively connected with Communism. To this point, Dewitt McKenzie wrote, "Quite apart from Communism, untold thousands of people in Europe who came under the evil influence of Nazism are bogged down spiritually, morally, and in morale, as I observed during my recent tour of the continent. **Hitler deliberately corrupted all he could among his own people and the peoples of neighboring states who came under his control. He did this so that they would assist, or at least not resist, his diabolical schemes for the enslavement of conquered nations.**

"That sounds like fiction, but it is true. And this host of wanderers constitutes one of the greatest problems of rehabilitation. As they are now, their position is all but hopeless. They are without guidance, and in due course they are going to be caught up by one of two faiths, Red Communism or Christianity. It depends on which gets there first with the greatest driving force."

The entrance to the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany bore this inscription, "There is no God." This horrible prison housed 42,000 prisoners from 32 nations. It was the scene of indescribable torture and the death of thousands. There is a definite connection between the inscription over the portal and the inhumanity of the guards. **When a man pushes God out of his thoughts, he becomes worse than a beast, and life is made unbearable.**

**These atrocities and treasons were performed by Catholics like Hitler, the most insensate and blood-thirsty of all. The men who ordered and admitted that he did the slaying of many of his dearest friends, who helped him to power, was a product of the Church of Rome who was baptized, was religiously educated, and**

had even hoped to be a priest. This last excerpt was taken from *Walther League Messenger*.

Francois Hacket said that when Hitler penned "Mein Kampf" it was such a mass of hysteria and ignorance that it had to be edited by Father Stamepfle, a priest, and this statement has never been denied.

**Mussolini belonged to the same communion. Himmler, the sadistic head of the Gestapo, and Goebbles, lean and hungry looking, and devilishly astute, do not add much to the sum total of Roman Catholic piety in Germany.** Goering, laden with flesh and medals, had a Roman Catholic mother. Von Papern, trained by Jesuits, whose trail can be traced on this continent and over a large part of Europe, was of the same faith. Franco, of course, is the "beloved son" of Rome. Petain, Laval, and Darlan are all names connected with the Roman Catholic Church.

Another beloved son of Rome, Eamon De Valera, half-Spaniard, half-American, whose mother was of Irish immigration, has literally hated Britain. For years he has withheld the Irish naval bases from the Allies. Dr. C. J. Cadous has said that **80% of the British fascists were Roman Catholics.** "Lord Haw-Haw," the renegade Englishman, and his counterpart in Berlin, Mrs. Jane Anderson De Cienfuegos, an American, were reputedly Catholics. Ex-mayor Comaillieu Houde of Montreal, Adrian Arcared of the same city, and Tim Buck, who rampaged against Britain during the war, are, or were, Roman Catholics.

**The great majority of the people who supposedly belong to the Roman Catholic faith do not realize the dangerous position that they themselves occupy in the political subterfuges of their Church.** In any unfortunate result of the Vatican's unscrupulous maneuvering, it is not the popes or the great dignitaries who suffer the consequences. **These Catholics, many of them sincere and devoted but ignorant of what their Church really is, are the ones who pay the price. It is the time for them to open their eyes to see that they are only tools to**

**help the pope's intrigues in the world of politics.**

**Take Germany again, where the Roman Church, through a series of political games, helped Hitler to come to power.** These Roman Catholic leaders thought Hitler would give them that power which they in turn wanted. But Herr Hitler had the same ambition as the Vatican, and once had to perish so the other could survive. In this case, the situation turned adversely for Rome. Politics do not pay.

That Catholic dignitaries were responsible for the triumph of Nazism is evident, but *Time Magazine* gave information that once again the Roman Catholic bishops of Germany had raised their corporate voice against religious persecution by the Third Reich. The document sent to the United States State Department in a diplomatic pouch from Vatican City, signed by aged, 84-year old Adolph Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, noted that in Alsacelorraine, where the populace received the Nazis "with great enthusiasm" there was now hatred of Germany. Likewise, Luxembourg, who "received the German troops in a friendly way, "now detests all Germans, because of the closing of the monasteries, numerous banishments of priests, and deaths of citizens in concentration camps."

On Catholic Poland, declared the prelates, "the Germans laid the heaviest cross. Almost all churches were closed, some were 'used for profane purposes...' warehouses, a riding school." Even priests, "who stood up for the German population under the Poles," were persecuted. "Tabernacles were broken open. The most holy sacrament desecrated in the vilest way."

Similar was the record of Yugoslavia. There "priests and members of orders had been forced out, entirely without means, or were placed in concentration camps." The enthusiasm which existed for Germany, "in 90% of the population had turned to hatred." Noting that they wrote in "this solemn hour when it is important to collect all strength for the welfare of the fatherland."

The bishops called for a halt to the “unrestricted anti-religious agitation of Party officers, destructive measures against the Church and Christianity, one cannot expect to win hard-working and upright people for Germany and at the same time destroy the happiness of their hearts. One cannot undertake to build a new and fairer Europe and to destroy Christianity at the same time.”

**Yet it was with the help of the Catholic Church that Nazism was inaugurated in Germany.** As to its results, the “British Review of the World Affairs,” published the following in answer to our question of which is worse, atheistic Communism or Catholic totalitarianism. “The Communist is a materialist, thinks religion is all nonsense. The Nazi believes in a religion, but a filthy one. Unlike Communism, who says there is no God, the Nazis say there is one, Hitler. No one in Russia thinks Stalin is God. A great many people

in Germany ascribed Divine powers to the Nazi chief. These extraordinary people would die in the most hopeless conditions for their creed, and at the same time start and nurture a black market, accept bribes, and made a deal with a Jew if it paid them.

“It is not only Germany with which we have to deal. It is something much more difficult and far reaching. More over, although the anti-Christ tendency in the Nazi movement has always been strong, it is a fact that it has developed and increased under the stress of war, and defeat and physical suffering, have not destroyed it.

“The plain fact is that anti-Christ can only be overcome by Christ. The devil is not cast out by the devil. One thing is certain, every time we succumb to the use of a Nazi-like method ourselves, we postpone the return to a civilized condition in the world, and make our tasks more difficult.”

## IF THE LAMB UNITES WITH THE WOLF

**A**t the time of the San Francisco conference in April 1945, a document given to the press and signed by 10 archbishops and bishops of the National Catholic Welfare conference urged the smaller nations to unite with the United States in a struggle against Soviet Russia.

The United States Congressional Record of May 15, 1945 published an extract of the *Weekly News Letter* and closed with these words: "EVERY PROTESTANT CHURCH SHOULD JOIN UP WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN A CRUSADE TO PREVENT THE SOVIETIZATION OF THE WORLD." Certain sectors of Protestantism are or were pushed now to the task of "calling all Christians" to join in the fight against Communism, or to use the words of some leaders of ecumenism, "Unite with Rome to destroy Bolshevism."

AS ASSERTED BY DOROTHY THOMPSON, THE LEADERS OF TWO PROTESTANT NATIONS, ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL, AGREED UPON INVITING THE POPE OF ROME TO THE TEHRAN CONFERENCE. THEY WERE WAITING FOR STALIN TO GIVE HIS VOTE. When the matter was presented to him, the Russian dictator answered, "I would agree, if you gentlemen answer this question, 'How many divisions has the Pope contributed to the victory?'" The answer was obvious. The Pope was not present at that conference.

**The Vatican wants to use America as a mere tool to succeed in its ambition to overcome Russia, and then declare itself as the only world power.** Apart from religious considerations, the American people should not make hasty decisions in this vital point, without knowing all that is involved in the matter.

Any organized attempt to "unite with Rome to combat Russia" would only justify Moscow's accusation that this combat is done for reasons of monopoly, not ever for the "defense of religion." In fact, according to

a London dispatch in the *New York Times*, the Moscow radio called **the Vatican one of the most powerful monopolies in the world**, and said that it was "constantly expanding and strengthening its ties with the big American monopolies with which it is united by common interest in conquering every new position in Latin America."

Let us state again, and again, that **the struggle between the Vatican and Russia is exclusively political. Protestant Christianity would be in a worse position at the end if it joined Rome in her fight against Russia, and Rome gained the victory. Protestantism should never join hands with Rome to fight against Communism, because our battles are in the extreme opposite angles.** Rome fights for world power, not for spiritual dominion alone.

**As Protestant Christians, our field of battle is nothing but spiritual and in this battle there is a great hope to win even Atheists to the kingdom of God. In fact, we have a mission to them.** Even though the other churches have misinterpreted the message of the Gospel in Russia, it is imperative for us to fulfill Christ's command, to be "the salt of the Earth," in this crucial time for Russia.

We cannot deny that we have opposed and will continue opposing Communism with the same determination as before, **but should we make an alliance with the second evil to combat the first evil, or vice versa?** If the Vatican and the Kremlin want to keep fighting, let them fight alone. We have nothing in common with them and **they have nothing to offer to civilization except tyranny and slavery.**

"Communism and Roman Catholicism are identical twins," writes a modern magazine author. "They reason alike. They have like principles and like objectives. **Both thrive on disunity, pretense and untruth. Both seek to control the minds and bodies of individuals and, through them, the**

**government of the world. Both harbor radicals. Both are perverts. One perverts democracy, the other, religion. One claims that all power and wisdom is centered in Moscow, and the other claims it is in Rome.**

One says, "Join me and I will give you food and clothes here on Earth. Today." The other says, "Join me and I will save your soul after you die. Tomorrow." They are power hungry and unscrupulous competitors in promise and pretense, each operating its own shell game in its own way. **BOTH ABHOR AMERICANISM.** The promises and pretenses of Communism are newer, understandable and appealing to millions of the ignorant, hungry masses of the world that Roman Catholicism has reared through the centuries.

"The Vatican State is now angered and chagrined at the sight of millions of its former faithful deserting its ranks and joining with the forces of Moscow after a lifetime of disappointment in the Church. And the Vatican State finds no logical answer when asked to explain why most Catholic countries, that is, Italy, France, and Latin America, are also the most ardent supporters of Communism, and why the Protestant countries, that is, England, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, and the United States, are the least ardent supporters of the Communistic doctrine." Taken from *Our New Age*, September 1949.

Then if Russia surrenders to Rome, no other power would exert itself to oppose the Vatican's ambitions. Without a rival, the popes would be free to dictate their policies to the world.

Unrest and confusion covers our international relations. Why should we listen to Rome or come to her aid when a greater job is ahead of us? On what grounds should Protestantism join the Vatican or accept the government's policy even in international affairs, when men who should know something of the internal affairs of the situation are divided?

How well the *San Francisco Argonaut* has indicated in a few simple words what our

duty should be: "In times past those whom we have designated as 'strangers and foreigners' have had reason to mistrust us. Our highest and gravest responsibility now is to wipe out all occasion for lack of trust. When we ask our eastern allies to subscribe to Christian ethics, let us strive to serve them truly ourselves, so that, an understanding heart," for which Solon prayed, "may be granted equally to us and to them. In no other way can we lay a sure foundation for the high goal which men of good will every where honestly desire, and enduring world peace."

Stanley Rycroft, in an article entitled, "*Catholics, Communism, or Protestantism*" has given a timely warning to American Protestantism. "**Protestants should be aware of the fact by now that the Roman Catholic Church would have us believe that it champions the cause of Christianity, law and order against godless Communism, disorder and anarchy. Some Protestants as well as many Catholics will be impressed by Catholic propaganda and will be induced to side with the Vatican in a world shaken to its foundations.**"

In answer to the question, which is more dangerous, Communism or clerical fascism? Rycroft quotes Professor Steinmetz, Dean of Philosophy in San Diego College, who wrote in *The Humanist*, "each day that passes, the method and the political intrigues of the Jesuits becomes clearer. The most dangerous elements of the population are fascist clergy who have been fighting democracy since its inception in modern times."

While these changes are coming to Russia, let us fulfill our mission, both through life and deed, making Russia understand that true Christianity has this severe test. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Our battle is not to surrender to Russia to any temporal dominion. **We want to bring Russia to Christ.** This is not a carnal, but a spiritual battle. **It is the pure Gospel of Christ which will give a proper concept of true liberty and the excellency of economic, social, and political balance in Russia.**



Before the Lord we can say to Russia, “Thou shalt not devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more.” The entire country, government and people must be prepared to hear the Lord’s voice and to obey the Lord’s ordinances by submitting themselves to the Lord and in that way, they will be under this promise: “I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh, and I will call for

the corn and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you,” Ezekiel 36:26, 29.

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