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Canadian City Packed as 250,000 Come from Entire World to Congress

Ottawa.—(NC)—Canada's Capital became a city of 400,000 twice its normal size, as a tremendous throng of Catholics, led by members of the Hierarchy from five continents, assisted in the consecration of the Dominion to Mary the Mother of God at the five-day Marian Congress here.

Highlight of the ceremonies was a direct broadcast to the Congress by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, speaking from Vatican City. The Pope's message was carried over all the major radio networks across Canada. The Holy Father spoke in French and English, and although reception at historic Notre Dame Basilica here, where the Church dignitaries had gathered to hear his words, was not perfect, most of his message was clear.

The Pontiff, in extending his greetings to the Ottawa Catholics on the success of the Congress and on the 100th anniversary of the erection of their diocese, said that the meeting was a "memorable event in the proud annals of Canada" and described the consecration of the country to Mary as its crowning act.

In his closing remarks, the Pontiff said: "Take courage, and know ye that the Immaculate Mother of God had appealed to her Divine Son so that the repentance of the world will bring redemption."

The Holy Father recalled that Canada has been the home of intrepid missionaries since the days of Jacques Cartier, and he called on the people of Canada to continue their traditional work of charity to other countries, and to maintain their traditions of faith against all who would seek to undermine these traditions.

This Congress was not the first time that Canada's skies had been rent by paeans of praise to the Blessed Mother, he noted. From the earliest beginnings of Canada's history, this country had given Mary's sweet name to a river, a lake and a mountain, and had a chapel dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. The Blessed Mother, he said, was "creation's incomparable glory."

As the direct representative of Pope Pius XII, His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Ottawa, was accorded every civil honor befitting his office as Papal Legate. Prime Minister Mackenzie King welcomed him on behalf of the Government of Canada and Stanley Lewis, Mayor of Ottawa, extended the welcome on behalf of the City.

The message of the Marian Congress: intercession with the Mother of God to obtain from Her

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

By virtue of a special faculty granted by the Holy See to the Ordinaries of the United States the Most Reverend Bishop of Raleigh dispenses his subjects, and all within the territorial confines of the diocese, from the observance of the law of fast and abstinence on, Friday, July 4, 1947. Those who avail themselves of this privilege are exhorted to perform instead some acts of charity or mortification.

By order of the
Most Rev. Bishop,
FRANCIS K. O. BRIEN,
Chancellor.

Newton Grove Parish Celebrates Pastor's Silver Jubilee

Newton Grove.—Holy Redeemer Parish celebrated Father Schonhart's Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood last week. Sunday, June 15 was parish day. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 10:30 with procession of the children and clergy from parish house to church. Father Geoffrey Rockwood, CSSR, of Tampa, Florida, preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon on the Priesthood. After Mass a parish picnic on the church lawn brought all the faithful together to share with the jubilarian the happiness of the day.

Wednesday, June 18 was Clergy day. Fifty priests honored the occasion by their presence. They came from all over the south: 29 priests of the diocese and various religious orders in North Carolina and 21 Redemptorist Fathers from the Vice Province of Richmond which comprises all the Coast States from Richmond to Florida. Solemn High Mass at 10 with Fr. Schonhart, celebrant; Fr. John F. Roueche, pastor of Dunn, deacon; Fr. Leo Foley, S. A. of Kingston, subdeacon and Fr. Henry Voss, CSSR, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Sulphur Springs, Florida, master of ceremonies. Father Jon J. Healey, CSSR, of

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Secular Press Overrates Vatican Newspaper's Editorials on Russia

Rome. — (NC) — Widespread comment in the American press which construed two recent editorials in L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, as an indication of a change of policy toward Soviet Russia on the part of the Vatican was termed a "tempest in a teapot" by Vatican sources, which declared that the discourse of His Holiness to the College of Cardinals on June 2, Feast of St. Eugene, remains the official Vatican statement of policy regarding the world situation.

These sources indicate that the writer of the editorials, presumably Count Giuseppe Dalla Torre,

was offering a commentary on the statement of His Holiness in which he tried to point out that while the policy of the Vatican would remain unalterably opposed to communism and while there might be ideological conflicts between the powers of the East—Russia—and of the West—the United States—there was nevertheless a working basis in the practical plane upon which conciliation between these powers could be worked out.

"If conciliation between contrasting ideals" said one of the editorials, "was possible during

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Three distinguished foreign prelates of the Catholic Church were guests of Cardinal Spellman in New York while en route to participate in the Marian Congress in Ottawa, which began June 13. Left to right are: Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church; Peter Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, France, and the Most Rev. Mar Ivanios, Archbishop of Trivandrum, India. INP. (NC Photos)

1947 Laymen's Retreat Coming July 18, 19 and 20 at Belmont

Belmont—One hundred fifty Catholic laymen are expected to participate in the 16th annual North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Retreat on July 18, 19 and 20 at Belmont Abbey. The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh, will be the retreatmaster.

The retreat opens on Friday with supper at 6 p.m. and ends on Sunday at 3 p.m. with a Holy Hour of Adoration. Those unable to attend for the full period can come at any time during the retreat.

Hour of Faith Speaker Spoke at Sunday Mass At Raleigh Cathedral

New York.—(NC) — Speakers for the month of July have been announced for the three radio programs produced weekly by the National Council of Catholic Men.

On the Catholic Hour, which is heard every Sunday at 5 p. m. over National Broadcasting Company stations, the speakers will be Justice Matthew McGuire of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, and John A. Matthews of Newark, for 14 years Judge of New Jersey Chancery Court. On the first two Sundays of the month, Justice McGuire will speak on "The American Way," while on the last two Sundays, former Judge Matthews will speak on "The Road Back."

The Rev. Francis L. Sampson, chaplain of the Second Division, Fort Lewis, Wash., will speak on the Hour of Faith program, which is broadcast every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. over the stations of the American Broadcasting Company. Father Sampson, who spoke at Sunday Mass in Raleigh a few months ago, was chaplain of the 101st Airborne Division in France and was twice captured by the Germans after jumping with his

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Priest Hero Said "No" When Offered Freedom

Dayenport.—(NC) — The Rev. Bernard Meyer, Maryknoll missionary noted for his work among the internees of the Stanley (Hong Kong) Internment Camp during the Pacific war, stopped here last week as he made preparations to return to the Honan, China, missions in July. Father Meyer is an alumnus of St. Ambrose Col-

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Reservations for the retreat should be made immediately by all those who wish to attend. Last year's high attendance of 110 is expected to be topped by 40 this year but since only 150 men can be accommodated, those who wish to attend are urged to send in their reservations as soon as possible.

George L. Gettier, Charlotte, is president of the retreat group this year with M. Leo Lacy, Charlotte; L. V. O'Callaghan, Sr., Southern Pines; and Bernard A. Lewis, York, S. C., vice presidents, and Fred C. Ray, secretary.

Belmont is located about 12 miles from Charlotte. The retreat has been a popular feature in the diocese for many years.

Those who wish to make reservations should mail the coupon on page seven to Fred C. Ray, 1409 East Boulevard, Charlotte, 3, N. C.

Last year's Retreat was held at the Abbey on July 19 to 21, and was successful to a marked degree. With the end of the war further in the past, the 1947 convocation is expected to draw a capacity group.

New Catholic Textbook Will Be Published In Month of August

New York.—(NC)—Designed to meet the need for a Catholic textbook in the occupational field, "Vocational Citizenship," said to be the first high school text in vocational guidance written for Catholic schools, will be published early in August.

The text is written in four parts: The first part includes sufficient history to give the student a background of knowledge regarding the struggles of the colonists in building the communities of the nation. Part two includes an outline on the community in which the student lives—urban, rural or farming country—and a chapter on self-analysis of abilities with special mention of religious vocations. The third part covers the field as classified by State employment, while part four outlines a method of occupational study, or job analysis and contains pertinent hints on how to apply for a job.

Nations Failed to Stop Communist Tide While Catholics Battled Alone

By The Observer

While Catholic priests and laymen throughout the world were conducting an ideological, intellectual and philosophical struggle to stem the communist tide, behind their backs democratic governments were striking deals with Moscow in full disregard for justice and the rights of men and nations. This is the sad reality, which may have influenced the new attitude to international affairs of the Vatican, as expressed in two recent articles in the Osservatore Romano. Written by its editor in chief, Count Giuseppe della Torre, they were, according

to the N.Y. Times correspondent, directly inspired by Pope Pius XII himself.

This writer believes that they are a profound indictment by the Holy Father of the materialistic policy of the democratic powers, which because of the lack of moral courage and principles failed to stop communist expansion by peaceful methods. The articles' views appear to be based on the bitter experience the Catholic Church has had in its lonely fight against Communism during recent years. Unsupported by the Democracies, the Church was left to

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