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CPA Head Calls for Alert Catholics in Publicity Field

WASHINGTON. — Because of what he called their characteristic "apathy" towards either favorable or unfavorable publicity, American Catholics are said to "get the press they deserve," the Rev. Paul Bussard, editor of The Catholic Digest, St. Paul, Minn., says in the current issue of Catholic Men, published here by the National Council of Catholic Men. The priest-editor, who is also President of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, gives two suggestions for promoting a better press.

Catholic Apathy

"One of the characteristics of American Catholicism," writes Father Bussard, "is the apathy with which Catholics react to either favorable or unfavorable publicity. If a Catholic writer succeeds in placing an article which reflects Catholic philosophy or theology, or even an aspect of Catholic life, in a secular publication, he rarely, if ever, gets a letter from a fellow Catholic congratulating him. In a similar fashion, if a person attacks the Church in

a secular publication illogically and in an untrue fashion, he hardly ever gets enough letters from Catholics to make him understand the general resentment which we feel.

"The same apathy is shown towards the Catholic press. It has been our custom merely to say it isn't very good or it isn't very interesting. That attitude has often led observers to say that Catholics, after all, get the press they deserve.

Active Interest

"I should say that the two ways of producing one are first, to exhibit an active and intelligent interest towards Catholics who profess their faith in secular publications and to exhibit that same interest in critical appraisal of Catholic publications; and the second way of doing it is by interesting ourselves in promoting the circulation of Catholic magazines among Catholics. Just what can be done will depend upon circumstances peculiar to each group. However they differ, the principle and necessity are clear."

New Mexico Judge Denies Disloyal Attitude Toward Papal Principles

SANTA FE, N. Mex.—U. S. District Judge Luis E. Armijo of Las Vegas, N. Mex., has disclaimed any intention of criticizing the remarks of His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a recent address to Italian jurists in which the Holy Father set down religious principles as guidance for their juridical duties.

The Judge was quoted nationally by a secular press association as having said that he would not submit to the principles set forth by His Holiness and that he was an American first and then a Catholic. In a letter to the Chancellor of the Santa Fe archdiocese, Judge Armijo declared that the interview with the press had taken place over the telephone and,

as a consequence, the true meaning of his statements had been misconstrued. He said in a statement to the Chancellor:

"Inasmuch as my recent interview with the press regarding the pronouncement of Pope Pius XII concerning the norms of the Divine Law affecting marriage and divorce has been misunderstood, I wish to make the following statement to rectify the erroneous impression created:

"I am a Catholic and adhere faithfully and unhesitatingly to the tenets of my religion. I definitely did not intend, as was inferred by recent newspaper items, to express any antagonistic or disparaging spirit toward His Holiness' announcement.

Holy Father Calls The Vatican "Citadel of Peace" in Address

Holy Father Conducts First Group of Pilgrims On Visit to St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY. — His Holiness Pope Pius XII led in person the first organized group to make the Holy Year of Jubilee visit to St. Peter's Basilica. The Holy Father walked through the Holy Door this morning at the head of some 7,000 members of the Roman clergy with whom he recited the prescribed prayers at the Tomb of St. Peter.

From the first instant it was a solemn spiritual occasion, with His Holiness going on foot as he led his priests through the Holy Door into the basilica. Thousands of members of the laity awaited inside. They had been admitted beforehand through side doors of the great church. All were touched at the solemn sight and were greatly moved by the spirit of the occasion. There were no plaudits such as mark the appearance of the Pontiff when he is borne on the sedia gestatoria in triumphant procession. There were reverent glances and fervent responses of "Ora pro nobis" as the Litany of the Saints was chanted.

Customary Visit

Having passed from the Holy Door to an aisle formed in the center of the huge church, the procession paused opposite the entrance to the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament while the Holy Father made his customary visit. Returning from the chapel to the aisle, His Holiness led the procession to the altar of the Confession of St. Peter.

Pope Was Pilgrim

The Pope was a pilgrim this morning, and he knelt at the altar of the Confession for a full 20 minutes, following the prayers like all the other pilgrims from the prayerbook which all of them used. After the Litany and other prayers which are suggested for recitation by the pilgrims, Pope Pius and the members of the clergy gathered round him, recited three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias, followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Gloria for the Holy Father's intention — the prescribed prayers for gaining the Jubilee indulgence.

Following this, Pope Pius went to the other side of the main altar, where he ascended the steps and gave his Apostolic Blessing to those present.

Solemn Pontifical Mass Is Offered For Most Rev. William A. Griffin

TRENTON. — A Solemn Pontifical Mass was offered yesterday, January 5th, for the repose of the soul of the Most Rev. William A. Griffin, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey. The funeral Mass was offered by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh of Newark, New Jersey.

Bishop Griffin died early Sunday morning, January 1st, after having suffered a stroke on December 26th. He was the sixth

Moscow Chaplain



Rev. Arthur O. Brassard, A.A., of Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., who has been granted an entry visa to Soviet Russia, following a ten-month delay. He will go there as chaplain to the American Catholics in Moscow in accordance with stipulations of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement of 1933. Father Brassard replaces the Rev. Antonio Laberge, who returned to the United States for a vacation, but had his re-entry visa cancelled by the Kremlin. Both are Augustinian Fathers of the Assumption. (NC Photos)

Beware of Hate, Tokyo Editorial Writer Warns

TOKYO. — Half truths are more dangerous for human relations than down-right lies, the Rev. W. A. Kaschmitter, N. M., says in an editorial entitled, "The Sooner We Can Forget . . ." sent out by the Tosei News, Catholic news agency for Japan.

"In human and world relations," the priest writes, "the sooner we can forget that we are dealing with Americans, Britishers, Chinese, Frenchmen, Germans, Italians, Japanese, Russians or Spaniards and can remember only that we are dealing with our fellowmen, the sooner the world can hope to have a rational peace.

"During a dozen years spent in China, the writer often heard well-meaning foreigners say: 'Remember, you are in China now! The

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Pope Pius Expresses His Desire for Peace At Diplomats' Meeting

VATICAN CITY. — His Holiness Pope Pius XII told diplomats of 38 countries accredited to the Holy See that the Vatican, though small territorially and without armed force, stands as "a citadel of peace and reconciliation amidst the grave events of the present and as a great hope for the future."

Responding to the collective New Year's greeting of the diplomats, the Holy Father said: "The Vatican's peace potential is incalculable.

"It is Our hope, founded in the aid of God, Ruler and Friend of Peace, to witness the further raising of this peace potential until it becomes wholly effective for the benefit of all peoples."

The Holy Father told the diplomats that as eye witnesses they are able to form, "a clear and just idea of the essential motives guiding Our intentions, actions and efforts." "Better than others," he said, "you can sense the joy that would be Ours if the Holy Year marked a starting point for a new orientation of hearts and souls, and a return to exact understanding of true foundations of a peace assured in social life and international relations."

Learning for Peace

"After the painful experiences of the past," the Holy Father said, "there now arises among all peoples and nations a yearning for rapprochement, and for a spiritual brotherhood among all men of good will."

"In this vital period in the general development of humanity and Christianity," the Holy Father asked, "is there not a deep and a striking significance in the confidence shown by so many heads of state, who have sent you to this Apostolic See as ambassadors, ministers and charge d'affaires in this State of Vatican City, whose importance could not be expressed in statistics, nor measured in extent of territory, nor gauged in strength of arms?"

Universal Scope

The Holy Father noted, "the territory on which you are united is a mere speck on the maps of the world, but in the spiritual order (this territory) is a symbol of high value and universal scope, the guaranty of the absolute independence of the Holy See for the fulfillment of its mission in this world. Its armed force as a material reality is practically non-existent, the war potential of this tiny state is nil."

"Yes," the Holy Father continued, "this bit of earth, chosen by Providence, is, through its moral worth and the power and range of its influence, one of the focal points around which gravitates the world's history; a reality outside which the entire evolution of the past would remain only an inexplicable riddle. It is therefore not in vain that this small territory of the Vatican stands as a . . . staunch support, upon which is centered the attention of many, even among those outside the Church."