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POPE PIUS XI

The recent death of Pope Pius XI brought to a close one of the greatest careers ever to bless the Church and in fact the whole world. The reign of our late Holy Father was marked by justice, scholarship and piety, and this has been clearly manifested by the many titles of honor that have been attributed to him.

As a great teacher Pius XI attained international renown. Twenty encyclicals on a wide range of subjects attest to his great scholastic ability. His writings on the subjects of Christian education of youth, Christian marriage, and the reconstruction of the social order have guided the world in a time of chaos.

As a great leader of men, as a humanitarian, as a pious priest, Pope Pius knew no equal. He devoted his life to the service of God and of humanity and his many reforms have bettered conditions of mankind. He was regarded as a leader not only by his Church but by men of all races, colors and creeds; men who record him as one of the most honored statesmen of Europe.

Unpretentious in his ways, he conducted himself as a humble priest, and perhaps this factor more than any other gained for him the sincere love of his flock. We have lost a great spiritual leader, but we will retain the examples he has shown us to guide us through the years.

A CHALLENGE

Catholic Action, glorious victor over immoral films, has once again been called upon to wage war upon an evil that has permeated the very life of our country. A nation-wide purge of this evil has been organized, and during this season of Lent Catholic students will denounce indecent literature and pledge themselves to refrain from reading such literature.

Indecent and offensive literature is today one of the greatest dangers to religion and rationality. It is an evil that can be tolerated no longer, not only by Catholics but by every law-abiding citizen of all countries. The editors of these publications have proved themselves anti-democratic as well as anti-religious. For those who are subverting the morals, particularly of youth, are as unpatriotic and treacherous as any others who sap the foundations of national life.

We as Catholic students have a duty to assist all staunch supporters of clean and decent literature who are vigorously attempting to erase corrupt publications. We are all members of the Legion of Decency which prohibits us from reading indecent literature and if we are to solemnly keep the pledge which we have all taken at some time or other, we must refrain from having anything to do with filthy reading.

Perverved literature is a challenge that has been flung at all decent people and it is a challenge that cannot be ignored. We are aware of the toll it will exact if allowed to circulate. We know that it must be destroyed and that we are capable of destroying it. Shall we return the challenge?

OPPORTUNITY WILL NOT KNOCK FOREVER

Once again St. Mary's Intercollegiate hockey hopes blew sky high because of circumstances which could have been remedied. The Maroon and White sextette was blessed with a wealth of material and undoubtedly was strong enough to lift the Maritime Title. And yet the Santamarians were forced out of the Provincial Finals. Why? The blame cannot be placed on any one person, but the situation might have been avoided.

Next year St. Mary's should have practically the same team as this year. For the third successive year the opportunity of winning the Maritime Title will present itself. We must take advantage of such an opportunity. The Athletic Association should see to it that a coach is appointed who will devote at least some of his time to the team. Arrangements should be made whereby players attending the college play for the college. And thirdly the City League should be com-

EDUCATION

Editor's Note: The following article has been compiled from extracts taken from the paper on Education prepared by the St. Mary's delegation at the recent Conference of Maritime University Students.

It is our firm belief that the primary aim of a college education is the harmonious development of the whole man. If education fails to offer to an individual the opportunity for broadness, a perspective and a philosophy of life, it has failed in its endeavour. We further maintain that the fitting of the individual for his chosen career or profession is only the secondary aim and we feel that our universities, through no fault of their own, have failed.

We do not by any manner of means lay the blame at the doors of the universities but are of the opinion that the fault lies with industry. Industry knocks at the college gates and clamors for the specialist and the university must meet the demand. The educationalists are fully awake to the fact that diversification is a crying need—but what are they to do? Science leaps ahead and the specializing student must struggle to embrace all the elements that are essential for his own field. He has no time for what he feels is non-essential. Canada is a pioneering country and as such her cries for the specialist must be heeded.

But is the specialist really educated? We think the contrary. We feel that no matter how thoroughly he may know his chosen work, if he has failed to devote part of his education to the principles of leadership and citizenship he is not in our sense of the word, educated.

But how are we to reconcile these two ends of education and at the same time heed the call of industry? For that problem we offer the following suggestion. Let us insert in our universities a two-year diversified course with the accent on such things as Religion, English, Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, History, Sociology and Elocution. This two year period, be it understood, will not be pre-law, pre-med or anything bent towards a specialized goal. It will be a course designed to guarantee the Engineer, Doctor, Lawyer that they will be at home outside their profession. Each will have an understanding of the problems in other fields. It is a guarantee for social stability and economic order.

Unquestionably the greatest obstacle that can be cast in the path of our idealistic plan is the question of expense. It might be argued that we are putting education into the hands of the wealthy—that our average students could not afford six or seven years of college. True enough, but what is the government doing to subsidize its greatest of all resources—human resources. Education has always and will ever be a paying investment. The small percentage of Canada's population that has managed to obtain a College education has yielded eighty percent of our leadership, and the amount of government assistance that has been granted has been relatively small. Canada has neither the traditions and wealth of the European educational system, nor the vast endowments of the American system. Aid for Canada must come largely from one source.

Would it not be to the advantage of the government to subsidize the above plan, or something similar, if the dividends realized were citizenship, leadership, and nationwide elevation of all professions. We think it would. We realize the country demands the specialist, but let us give it a cultured specialist—a specialist who has had time to develop a philosophy, a perspective, and to absorb a working knowledge of his country's problems. Let us develop our leaders, not wait for them to develop themselves.

In conclusion, this delegation voices one need of which we are all

menced in January or even earlier, but not two or three weeks before the playdowns.

We must remember that hockey is a Maroon and White tradition and that during a few years of unfortunate circumstances considerable effort was made by others to keep that tradition alive in St. Mary's. If we are to reward their efforts and bring back to St. Mary's the hockey fame that rightly belongs to her, then next year we must all make a concerted effort to resurrect the spirit that once carried Santamarian hockey teams to the pinnacles of success.

OBSERVER

A subject of current interest to every Canadian, and one that has evoked widespread discussion, is the question of Canada's possible neutrality in any future war. Some authorities claim that existing laws compel Canada to go to war whenever England does, while others say Canada is free to decide for herself. Whichever is the case, most Canadians feel that a definite statement, by the government, of Canada's actual position would help to clarify the situation. If we are free to decide, they say, all well and good. If not, if we are ipso facto at war when England is, we at least want to know it. Some prominent Canadians recently expressed the view that if we are automatically at war, then Canada should have a voice in England's foreign policy, since England's policy would be the policy of the British Empire. In a time of crisis England will naturally consider her own needs first, so if all the members of the Empire must follow England willy nilly in war or peace, it certainly is not being displayed to demand that Canada should have a voice in the policy that will decide her fate.

Bern, the capital of Switzerland, has for its heraldic emblem the bear, several specimens of which have been carefully kept by the city since the Middle Ages. It has been suggested that Halifax should have some such live symbol. The question is what? The spider? or?

Although we are rather accustomed to hear of "liquidation" taking place in countries like Russia and Germany, we nevertheless have a profound abhorrence for such a heavy and often unjust punishment. We were rather surprised, therefore, to learn that loyal Nova Scotians advocated the introduction of the practice. The scene was Yarmouth. Householders were very much annoyed by hens and roosters kept by business men behind their premises. They protested to the Town Council and advocated liquidation of the feathered offenders. The mayor promised "steps would be taken to eliminate the nuisance". It is rumored that some St. Mary's students were seriously interested in obtaining the job of "liquidator".

A United States Senator from North Carolina advocated a few weeks ago that Great Britain cede parts of Canada to the United States in return for American friendship in world politics. It is not so long ago that much the same attitude was taken by an American Senator who demanded that Great Britain cede a part of Canada in reparation for war debts. Evidently these gentlemen think that Canada is a pawn on the international chess-board, to be bartered around by England and the United States. Will somebody please tell these ill-informed Senators that Great Britain has not the power, even if she were so minded, to cede any part of Canada

aware, that is, vocational schools, in which institutions our provinces are sadly lacking. There is a shortage of skilled labour in industry and a surplus of unskilled workers. It would contribute to economic stability and social benefit to take the unconditioned generations from the unproductive areas in which they dwell, and educate them vocationally in some trade. Aside from this altogether, we are all aware that our colleges are cluttered with energetic individuals who desire education, but along more practical lines. Let us give it to them, not only for their personal welfare, but also for the benefit of Education, which must needs to return to the broadness, the completeness, that it has lost with time. Train the worker skillfully, train the leader completely, and let each realize his dependence on the other.

to any country. Control of Canadian territory is a question for Canadians alone, who do not feel like making any contributions to a new American Empire.

The esteem and regard with which the world held His Holiness Pope Pius XI was amply demonstrated by the marks of respect paid to the memory in practically all countries. Even Germany, which is persecuting the Church of which he was the earthly Head, lowered its flags to half-mast. What Germany gave with one hand, however, it took away with the other. The German press wanted to know when the Pope would learn that Communism will not be overthrown by encyclicals. Where the Germans got the idea that the Pope believed it would be so conquered is hard to imagine. The Pope did believe that Communism would be overturned by removing its causes, and by applying Christian principles to the social order as he explained in the encyclicals. The Germans, on the other hand, seem to think that the Pope should take a more physical form of opposition, like sending the Swiss Guards off to storm the Kremlin.

Pan-American Airways are reported to have asked government approval of their proposed trans-Atlantic passenger service, scheduled to start in April. If the service actually goes into operation as planned, the giant clippers will make the hop from Port Washington, Long Island, to Southampton, England, via Botwood, Newfoundland, and the River Shannon, Eire. Originally Pan-American Airways had agreed to cooperate with Imperial Airways of London in making this trans-oceanic service. Imperial Airways, however, seem unable to start operation, so Pan-American will undertake the job alone for the time being, without, so they claim, breaking their agreement with Imperial. Every time announcements of this kind are made, all progressive-minded Halifaxians wonder if Halifax will have any place on the air map. "and if not, why not?" At present the new Trans-Canada Airlines is operating from Vancouver to Montreal at least sometimes, with the promise that the service will be extended to Moncton next year, and from Moncton "feeder" lines will run to Saint John, Halifax, and Charlottetown. With T.C.A. flying coast to coast and Pan-American spanning the Atlantic, surely Halifax will get some of the new trade.

FIRST CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1) cannot escape. The only solution of our whole economic problem is that employer and wage-owner co-operate to form a just distribution of wealth." Following this, the general discussion lasted for almost two hours. Many of the delegates advocated Unionism, others supported the C.I.O., while the great majority emphasized the need of developing leaders and educating the worker.

On Tuesday evening the delegation was addressed by A. B. MacDonald, Asst. Director of the St. F. X. Extension Society, who traced the history and development of the Co-operative Movement. He briefly touched each phase of the movement, pointing out the many benefits derived so far, and going so far as to say that the future of Maritime Industries might depend upon the Co-operative Movement. Following this, the delegates were invited to attend the Intercollegiate Hockey game between Acadia and St. F. X.

On Wednesday afternoon, Education was discussed. Gerald Scallion of St. Mary's, read a paper on the subject and many of its proposals were adopted by the Conference. Perhaps the most important outcome of this discussion was the entire support of the conference for National Scholarships. A proposal was passed that a letter be sent to Ottawa recommending these National Scholarships.

On Thursday morning Canada's Foreign Policy was discussed bringing forth keen arguments. The delegates from King's maintained that participation in a Pan-American Union would tend to the American monopoly of Canada. Mount Saint Bernard believed that Canada would surrender her autonomy if she were to be Imperialist and advocated Collective Security as a Foreign Policy. It was generally agreed that Canada should pursue a peace time policy and promote economic justice. It was also advocated that Canada must defend where she trades and for that reason she must act in accordance with England in time of war.

On Thursday afternoon, final reports and resolutions were adopted during a somewhat stormy session. The main resolutions adopted were: A Maritime University Press Association should be formed. Co-operative study groups should be instituted. An Economic Research Council was recommended. Canada should act in accordance with England in a crisis. A voluntary C.O.T.C. should be instituted in all Canadian Colleges. National Scholarships should be awarded. Government subsidies should be granted teachers. College graduates should have a special teachers license.

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