

July 4, 1954

TO: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SUBJECT: Classification of the Hierarchy of the Vatican, and its agents in the United States, as subversives.

In fulfillment of my oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, and within my duties as a responsible citizen, I present these charges against the secular, political Hierarchy of the Vatican in Rome, and its representatives in the United States, as subversive of our Constitution, and as a grave danger to our Republic and our free institutions. I imply no criticism of the Roman Catholic Religion as such, and stand willing to defend its freedom of expression as guaranteed by our Constitution.

1. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Vatican stand before the world as a secular, political state, ruled as a dictatorship by a secular ruler, an Italian politician - the Pope in Rome. It includes a leadership and an organizational population extending all over the world. Within the United States it constitutes a "state within a state", its doctrines diametrically opposed to American concepts of democracy and freedom.

2. This foreign dominated leadership, including membership in the United States - Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Priests - is bound by an oath of personal loyalty to the head of this political dictatorship, the Pope in Rome, and must obey his absolute orders, even though such orders conflict with the Constitution of the United States.

3. This foreign dominated dictatorship has openly declared war on the Constitution of the United States and the safeguards of liberty established therein. In two major pronouncements, which constitute the "party line" of this secular, political state - the "Syllabus of Errors of Pope Pius IX, and the Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII - every freedom written into our Declaration of Independence, and in the Preamble and Bill of Rights of our Constitution, is condemned, point by point. Every member of the Hierarchy, including those in the United States, is bound by his oath to the Vatican to like condemnation of our Constitution, thus aligning himself as an enemy of our nation.

4. Through the Hierarchy, the absolute orders of this foreign, secular ruler are carried down to every Roman Catholic in the United States, who must, knowingly or unknowingly, become party to the subversion of our Constitution. Our Roman Catholic brothers, indoctrinated from childhood in the philosophies of spiritual and intellectual dictatorship, find it an easy step to accept political dictatorship.

5. Every member of the Hierarchy, including those in the United States, has further sworn undying enmity toward all "heretics", every non-Catholic individual and government being included in the long-established pronouncements of the Vatican as being "heretical". This applies to every non-Catholic public official in the United States, from the President on down. These so-called "heretics" must, in the traditional practice of the "Spanish Inquisition", be rooted out by force and violence, which is the accepted technique of the Vatican.

6. The Vatican, and its foreign dominated Hierarchy in the United States, has established hostile, militant, and even semi-military organizations within our borders, its members likewise sworn to personal loyalty to the Pope in Rome or coming under the domination of this foreign

political dictator, and are the pledged to undermine our institutions - the Knights of Columbus, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), etc. It has infiltrated members of these subversive organizations, and other collaborationists indoctrinated in its anti-American ideologies, into public office, from lowest to highest, to undermine our institutions from within. It functions under its own Canon Law, and where inconsistent with public law, ignores our law.

7. This secular, political Hierarchy injects itself into both foreign and domestic affairs of the United States, as it has for centuries interfered with the external and internal affairs of other nations, most recently of Hitler in Germany, Mussolini in Italy, and Franco in Spain. It was an important influence behind the brutal, futile war in Korea. Evidence exists that it has been a powerful drive in the United States for war in Indo-China. It participates aggressively in the affairs of the countries of Latin America, and is one of the forces of reaction behind the violence in Guatemala. Through Cardinal Spellman, the voice of the Vatican in the United States, it has been a champion of Senator McCarthy (a member of the Knight of Columbus and trained in Jesuit schools, and thus drawing his inspiration from the Vatican rather than from our Constitution), in his program undermining our Constitution and of creating dissention and disunity from one end of the United States to the other. It has persisted, repeatedly, in invading the prerogatives of the United States by gaining, contrary to our Constitution, special privileges for its parochial schools, and in the face of repeated decisions of our Supreme Court, each instance becoming another overt act against our Constitution.

8. The Vatican and its Hierarchy in the United States stand in open enmity toward our Constitutional concepts of freedom of religion, deny religious tolerance where Roman Catholicism is accepted as the state religion (as in Spain, Columbia, and other parts of Latin America), and inflict reprisals against members of other faiths, or those who profess no faith. It is the age-old ambition of the Vatican, openly declared and vigorously promoted, to turn the United States into a Roman Catholic nation. Thus, its ambitions constitute an ever-present, dire threat against freedom of religion established under our Constitution. Whenever its subversive political acts are challenged, it takes refuge behind our Constitutional shield of freedom of religion, which it, itself, denies.

9. This secular, political Hierarchy of the Vatican possesses fabulous wealth in the United States, (Ten billion dollars since 1946 for schools alone), but permits no scrutiny of its financial records by public authority. It extracts huge sums from the American taxpayers annually. This wealth is used to maintain in luxury a foreign political ruler, in violation of our Constitution, and is expended locally to teach in its parochial schools and other institutions, philosophies contrary to our Constitution. Under the hypocritical guise of serving humanitarian purposes, it pays not one cent of taxes on vast sums of this wealth and this income, adding this extra tax burden to the shoulders of non-Catholic taxpayers - a truly astounding situation.

10. The secular, political ambitions of the Vatican constitute a threat to the peace of the United States and of the world. While pretending to preach world peace, it has engaged openly in a campaign to incite to World War III with atomic and hydrogen bombs, using the weapons, planes and soldiers of the United States to further its machinations, well knowing that such a war must result in the destruction of the United States and in the annihilation of world civilization. Thus, by its own acts, it establishes itself as a world criminal.

#### SUMMARY:

The above charges are voluminously and conclusively documented. As presented, they represent in briefest outline the danger to our Republic from the totalitarian power of the Vatican and its Hierarchy. These have made no attempt at concealment of their purposes, but have operated openly and arrogantly in their campaign to subvert our Constitution.

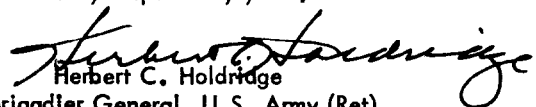
We are deeply concerned, and rightly so, over the dangers of Communist subversion of our institutions. But, as the Communists are ambitious of establishing a world government of Communism, a dictatorship under the control of the Kremlin, so is the Hierarchy ambitious of establishing a world theocracy, a dictatorship under the control of the Vatican. The Communists in the United States number some 25 thousand who have been under constant attack and who have been driven underground. The Vatican and its adherents, however, number some 30 million, and operate openly and arrogantly to destroy our institutions, yet NO ACTION has been taken by responsible public officials to protect our Constitution and our institutions against this powerful dictatorship which has already declared war against our freedoms. If the Kremlin were to wage its campaigns as openly, an atom bomb would be dropped on Moscow in short order, but we welcome to our bosoms this other powerful dictatorship which is equally dangerous.

Not only do high public officials not act to check this subversive force, but they actually fraternize publicly with its agents, lend them the prestige of their high office, and give aid and comfort to a declared enemy. Many officials of the United States, in violation of Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 8 of our Constitution, have accepted Papal decorations and honors, unquestionably being influenced in their subsequent judgments and actions in favor of the Vatican.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, unless and until they publicly reject all teachings of the Vatican threatening our institutions, the Hierarchy of the Vatican, including members in the United States, and including the Knights of Columbus, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Dominicans, Franciscans, Benedictines, and other confraternities of the Roman Catholic Church, be placed, forthwith, on the subversive list of the Attorney General, and subjected to the same restraints as are applicable to other subversives.
2. That a special committee of Congress be appointed to bring to light, and to publicize, the full record of overt and covert subversive activities of the Vatican and its agents, as is now done relative to Communists.
3. That representatives of the Vatican in the United States, including all who have taken an oath of loyalty to this foreign political ruler, be registered as agents of a foreign state, and that action be taken to cancel their citizenship in the United States as inconsistent with their oath to a foreign secular government.
4. That all officials, elected or appointed to public office in the United States, be required to reject, openly and publicly, all loyalties to any other secular, political state, including the Kremlin and the Vatican, otherwise to be disqualified for public office.
5. That the right to tax exemption shall be revoked of any eleemosynary institution of a sectarian character unless such institution qualifies for tax exemption by presenting its books for auditing, and such audit shall establish that no funds pertaining to said institution shall have been transferred to any foreign secular state or to the American agents thereof, or shall have been used for the purchase of newspapers, real property, or any commercial investment, to underwrite any campaign for parochial school tax exemption, or to nullify any provision of the Constitution of the United States.
6. That a program of education be initiated, on the order of the Voice of America, to inform the American people, and particularly our Roman Catholic brothers who may not be aware of the dangers to our freedoms of the Philosophies of the Vatican, of the facts of this threat to our Constitution.

Very respectfully yours,

  
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Documentation:

"Syllabus of Errors" - Pope Pius IX

Encyclicals - Pope Leo XIII

"American Freedom & Catholic Power" - Paul Blanshard (Beacon Press)

"Communism, Democracy & Catholic Power" - Same

"The People's Padre" - Emmett McLoughlin, former Roman Catholic Priest (Beacon Press)

"A Priest Speaks His Mind" - Rev. W.E.R. O'Gorman, former Roman Catholic Priest (private print)

"The Roman Catholic Church & Democracy" - Harold R. Rafton (Beacon Press)

"What do Roman Catholic Colleges Teach?" - Same

Fr. Edmund J. Walsh, S.J., Georgetown University School of Diplomacy, (promoter of the "hit Russia now!" school of military strategy), - "Total Empire".

Ques.: (p. 246) "Would the United States be justified in launching an immediate atomic attack against an enemy power before it could use that devastating weapon against our cities?"

Ans.: (p. 255) "In my opinion, consequently, use of the atomic bomb against an aggressor named as an aggressor by the United Nations, even though the invasion be not immediately directed against the United States, would not violate Christian morality".

Elexius M. Lepicier, "De Stabilitate et Progressu Dogmatis", Libreria Pontificia, Rome, 1910, p. 104.

"Ques.: Should heretics be tolerated?"

Ans.: As soon as anyone makes a public profession of heresy and endeavors to pervert others by world or example, not only should he suffer the greater excommunication, but also he should be justly put to death, lest he should destroy very many by his pestilential contagion."

S. D. Phelan, Editor, The Western Watchman (RC), 1912. "We of the Roman Catholic Church are ready to go to the death for the Church. Tell us that we think more of the Church than we do of the United States. Of course we do! Tell us that in the conflict between the Church and the Civil Government we take the side of the Church. Of course we do! Why, if the Government of the United States were at war with the Church, we would say: 'To Hell with the Government of the United States!', and if the Church and all of the Governments of the world were at war, we would say: 'To Hell with all of the governments of the world!'. Why? The Pope is the ruler of the world!."

From the Oath of Roman Catholic Bishops. "Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said Lord (the Pope) or his aforesaid successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose".

Cardinal Gasparri, to the Bishop of Concepcion, Chile, 7-17-22. "The opinion of those who wish to separate politics from religion is erroneous and pernicious".

From the purported Knights of Columbus Oath, Congressional Record, Feb. 15, 1913, p. 3216.

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare and swear that his Holiness, the Pope.....hath power to depose kings, princes, States, Commonwealths, and Governments, and they may be safely destroyed.....I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due any heretical king, prince, or State, named Protestant or Liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers.....I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage a relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth.....that I will, in voting, always vote for a K.C. in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, and I will leave my party to do so....."

Cardinal Manning, "Essays on Religion and Literature, p. 403. "The Church (Roman) has a right, in virtue of her divine commission, to require of everyone to accept her doctrine".

Hilaire Belloc, noted Roman Catholic author, 10-1-38. "The necessary conflict between the state and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy must still take place in the United States.

General Marquis de Lafayette, in his letter to Prof. S.B. Morse. "It is my opinion that, if the liberties of this country are destroyed, it will be by the subtlety of the Roman Catholic Jesuits; they are the most crafty, dangerous enemies of Civil and Religious Liberty".

Garibaldi, in his letter to Countess d'Ora d'Istria. "The Papacy is the most horrible plague that my country (Italy) is afflicted with. Eighteen centuries of falsehood and persecution have rendered that plague intolerable".

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