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The Truth about Hitler and the Roman Catholic Church!

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"Facts are Chiels that winna' ding,
And daurna' be disputit!" *Burns.*

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INTRODUCTION

THERE never was a war in which our country was engaged but in what "Religion" took a part one way or another, and mostly history reveals that the Churches have sought to exploit war on every possible occasion. The present war is no exception. The wiseacres of Protestantism told us that the Kaiser and Germany had the Pope behind them at the Great War 1914-1918, and whilst that cannot be proved, it was perfectly evident that the Roman Catholic Church throughout Britain and the Empire was set dead against the British Cause. Anti-conscription campaigns were the order of the day with the Roman Catholics: rebellion in Ireland, with the R.C. Hierarchy solidly at the back of it, was an accepted fact, and in Australia, Canada, etc., the Romanists urged no co-operation with Britain in its struggle against Germany.

In so far as the present war is concerned, a complete face-about has taken place on the part of Rome. The R.C. Hierarchies of all countries, even of Germany, are now on the side of Britain and her Allies. The Roman Catholic Church has rallied to the British Cause with even greater vigour than have our Protestant Churches. Rome's spokesmen are everywhere urging a victory for Britain: the pulpit, the B.B.C., the press and even the cinema being widely used for this purpose.

One can fully understand the position of the R.C. Church in her attitude to the present war. But what of the attitude of the Protestant Churches? Where do they stand?

It is only when we come to examine *The Truth About Hitler and The Roman Catholic Church*, that Rome's present position is clearly understood, and that the attitude of what is termed orthodox Protestantism is unearthed for what it is: a blatant repudiation of Protestant principle, dragging in its unscriptural trail all the evils for which Roman Catholicism stands, misrepresentation, false witness, calumny, blindness and spiritual barrenness.

In the present war, our Protestant churches and organisations have shamefully allied themselves to the Roman Church.

This pamphlet seeks to put the Truth before the Public on the attitude of Hitler and the German Government towards Rome. The highest of authorities are cited. No guesswork is indulged in. *Hard and stubborn facts are carefully marshalled to meet the reader*, all of which the reader respectfully is requested to consider with due responsibility and impartiality.

The Truth about Hitler and the Roman Catholic Church!

SO soon as Britain had declared war against Germany, both countries being Protestant, our various Protestant churches and societies sought to declare themselves on the side of the Government, taking at their face value the solemn declarations of the politicians who, necessarily put the entire blame of the war on Herr Hitler, the Chancellor, or Prime Minister, of Germany. This is the usual procedure in an age where Religion becomes the serf of the State: where the things of God are willingly surrendered to Caesar, and where the Bible is put on the shelf *for the duration!*

Orthodox Protestantism did not hesitate: indeed, there was an exceptional rush on the part of our Protestant religious leaders to manifest a spirit of zeal for a war against Germany, for was not Hitler a "Catholic"? Was not Hitler urging his aggressions in the interests of the Pope of Rome? Was not Hitler exterminating Protestantism from Europe, and seeking to revive a "Holy Roman Empire" with the Pope as the spiritual king and Hitler as the temporal king? Even the most evangelical of Protestant bodies "fell" for the trap that was laid before them, and after three years, where are they? Would they to-day speak with the same voice? *Are* they to-day as zealous as they were in 1939? We happen to know of very many who since 1939 have had their eyes opened: have confessed that they were the victims of trickery, treachery and false witness.

So it was spread abroad by the Protestants that Hitler was a "Catholic" and the Romanists told the world that Hitler was an apostate Catholic.

"Hitler is an apostate Catholic. He persecutes the Church, murders and imprisons its priests and nuns..." "Catholic Herald," 5/9/41.

But whether "Catholic" or "Apostate Catholic," it is all one to the "Protestants" and "Catholics" who put their politics and religion before the Word of God. And so the fact that Hitler is a "Catholic," be he good or bad, gave impetus to orthodox Protestantism, and thus Protestant churches and societies went "all out" for a war against the Pope! False witness and exaggeration became the order of the day, and Protestant journals vied with one another in the art of stressing the importance that not only Hitler, but his full German Government, were "Catholics," and that they were all in the pay of the Pope! In Scotland, the boosting of Hitler being a "Catholic" was left to *Protestant Action* (now defunct); in Ireland, the *Ulster Protestant* conveyed the sensational news, and in England the *Churchman's Magazine* and the irresponsible *Protestant Times* served up the luscious dish! For a pretty specimen of the dishonest and anti-Protestant information set before the Protestant public as authentic news about Hitler and the Germans, the *Ulster Protestant* for October, 1939, is entitled to the biscuit. In that journal it was claimed that "Czechoslovakia was a

Protestant stronghold," and that "Hitler has the support of Papists in all his moves... his staff in Protestant Germany... are Papists with one exception, Goering."

Knowing those claims to be absolutely false, the writer of this pamphlet sent in a rejoinder. Naturally, it was not published, but instead, there appeared in a subsequent issue of the *Ulster Protestant* an impertinent screed which sought to heap contumely upon the head of this writer!

Czechoslovakia, with a population of over 14 million before Hitler invaded that country, had only a little more than 1 million Protestants. Also, of the 42 persons who constituted Hitler's Cabinet at that time (1939), only two, apart from Hitler himself, were known to be "Catholics," namely, Dr Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, and Dr Franz Gurtner, Minister of Justice (since deceased).

Protestant journals in Britain and America are still at it with their prejudiced and ignorant false witness in this connection, but when it is clearly pointed out that the British Government are swamped with "Catholics," that R.C. priests are the *first men on the spiritual* side of Britain's cause: that the R.C. newspapers every week are calling upon "Catholics" in all walks of life to work even harder for Protestant(?) Britain, those time-serving and surrenderist Protestant journals would remind us, quite respectfully, that the British are God's people: that we are fighting the "Battle of God" in this war, etc., etc., etc.

Hitler a "Catholic."

It has never been denied that Hitler was born a Roman Catholic, but that Hitler ever was a "good Catholic" has never been proved. No honest attempt has even been made to prove this. It does not seem to be known that quite a number of historical figures have been "Catholics." Luther and Wickliffe and Calvin and Knox were all of them "Catholics." We do not seek to compare the political struggle of Hitler with the spiritual struggle of the Reformers: far from it. But we do say that in spite of the Roman Catholic Church, many good and able men have been born within that communion. Hitler could no more help being born a "Catholic" than the present writer could help being born a Protestant. And it is not Hitler being, or having been, a "Catholic," that matters: it is what Hitler has shown his attitude towards Rome to be that is important for us to notice. For never since the Reformation has Rome been called upon to face up to such opposition as that which Rome has faced in Germany under Hitler.

Rome to-day is at war with Hitler, and Rome's support for the Allied Cause is only given to hasten the end of Hitler and Hitlerism in Germany. For Hitler and Hitlerism to-day stand in the way of R.C. progress everywhere in Europe. Hitlerism is the first political economy (if it can be called such), that has been so vigorously denounced and opposed by Rome since the Protestant Reformation in Germany, or elsewhere.

It has been said by the wishful thinker that Hitler must be a "good Catholic" because the Pope has not yet excommunicated him! But why should the Pope excommunicate Hitler? Hitler is not a King Henry, challenging the spiritual rights of the Pope of Rome! Moreover, the Pope is a wise man. The Pope knows that millions of Romanists in Germany have left the priest to side with Hitler, and naturally the Pope wants them all back again in the bosom of the Church. Again, excommunication involves the refusal on the part of the priest to "communicate" the person excommunicated: the excommunicated one is refused the "sacraments," even he is not allowed a "Christian burial." Hitler, being what he is, is not the least concerned about the superstitions and arrogant claims of the Papacy, any more than we are. And there are many converted Roman Catholics to-day within the Protestant pale who have not been excommunicated by the Pope.

One thing Hitler never did, and that was, when he visited Rome *he did not go to see the Pope*. The Pope gave Hitler no Medal, as he did give the late Mr Chamberlain, our first War Premier, and Lord Halifax, on *their* visit to the *Man of Sin* at the Vatican! *The Tablet*, R.C. organ, for 21st January, 1939, some months before war was declared against Germany, delights in its record of the Pope giving medals to Chamberlain and Halifax; one a *Unitarian*, and the other a *Ritualist*, one who, it is said, *is a half-baked Romanist!*

Hitler and Rome.

In the space at our disposal it is not really possible to submit all the documentary evidence that exists in support of our contention that Herr Hitler to-day is the greatest enemy of the Papacy which the world has seen since the Reformation.

Hitler has been denounced right and left by Rome, from the Pope down to most illiterate of Roman Catholics.

Rome's press in Britain since the war started, to go back no farther, is a living witness on behalf of Rome against Hitler and Protestant Germany. It completely surpasses our comprehension how Protestant societies and journals plead as they do: seeking to insinuate into the minds of their readers that Hitler is for the R.C. Church in this war. There is only one reason: the need of being on the popular side to keep their finances right. That is the only excuse they can have. For the past three years we have challenged most such journals on this matter of Hitler and the R.C. Church, but cravens who know they are in the wrong never accept challenges. Not one of these journals will allow this writer to refute their statements on this particular question. One and all, they fear that to lose subscribers would result, for Patriotism must come before Protestantism and Truth every time. Such is the deplorable mentality that governs the Protestant world in this time of war.

Rome's Press and Hitler.

The evidence which we beg to adduce to show that Hitler's attitude towards Rome is a Protestant one is convincing and bulky... In *The Vanguard* month by month since the war started, we have reproduced consistently the most authoritative of statements by Cardinals, bishops and priests of Rome, and by leading R.C. laymen: all of them in open and frank denunciation of Hitler personally, and of Hitler rule in Germany and elsewhere. We still continue so to quote in the journal referred to, and we must beg of our readers to be excused from inserting such quotations in this pamphlet. Our space will not permit of this.

Of special importance, however, is the fact that the Pope and the Vatican are against Hitler's National Socialism in Germany. The R.C. *Universe* for 22/11/40, carried the report of a Vatican radio message in this connection. The *Catholic Herald* for 24/9/42, reports a theological professor of the R.C. Church as stating that "Nazi-ism is a Contemptuous Imitation of the Mystical Body of Christ," and many other such quotations could be made, hundreds of them, from the R.C. press, stressing that Hitler and Hitlerism are not for the "good Catholic." In a R.C. pamphlet which lies before us (distributed, by the way, at a meeting addressed by this writer in Leeds in November, 1942), entitled "Where Does the Pope Stand?" it is emphasised that Rome is the bitter foe of Hitler Germany, and that both the present and the late Pope, Pius XI, denounced Hitler's Nazi-ism. The evidence in this connection is so overwhelming that it becomes pitiful to witness the futile attempts made by some so-called Protestants (even ex-priests being drawn into the bewildered and bewildering faction!), to present to the Protestant world that Rome is behind Hitler!

The late Pope's *Mit Brennender Sorge* to the German R.C. bishops was called by a writer in the *Quarterly Review* for January, 1940, "the greatest indictment of Nazi revolutionarism which has yet been written," and both that Pope and the present Pope have issued *Encyclicals* in which Nazi-ism has been denounced and exposed from the R.C. viewpoint.

There can be no doubt about the attitude of Rome towards Hitler and Hitler Germany.

At this stage we beg to submit other evidence of a most trustworthy and substantial kind which no person would dare question. For who can question the authenticated written word?

That Rome is the sworn foe of Protestant Germany under Hitler is proved from the following publications:-

Religion in The Reich, by Michael Power.

National Socialism and the Roman Catholic Church, by Nathaniel Micklem.

The Persecution of the Church in the Third Reich, translated from the German.

The Heresy of National Socialism, by Irene Marinoff.
The Persecution of the Catholic Church in Poland—Reports by R.C. Bishops.
The Bishop of Munster and The Nazis, translated from the German.

"Religion in the Reich."

We take these six books in turn as they are published. *Religion in The Reich*, by Michael Power, a Roman Catholic, made its appearance in 1939 before the present war started. This book is a terrific exposure of the war between Rome and the Nazis: it commences at the very beginning of things, and indicts Hitler & Co. as the foes of the Papacy. Reference is made to the 24th Point of the Nazi Party programme as quoted in our *The Truth about Religion in Germany*, that the Nazi Party stands for "Positive Christianity," "without committing itself to any particular creed."

This book reports the statement of a Roman Catholic ecclesiastic in Hesse, Germany, that "no Catholic could honourably as a Catholic be a member of the Nazi Party" (p. 13), this statement being made before Hitler procured full power in Germany. But the writer goes on to trace the popularity of Hitler & Co. by both Roman Catholics and Protestants. On page 25 it is stated that, in January, 1933, Hitler assumed full powers, hailed with relief by practising Catholics, with genuine pleasure by the Protestants."

On page 21 a Nazi official is reported as having said, "The Catholic Church must be killed" and that Romanism is a "fetish."

On page 37 we are told how the German Romanists at the elections in March, 1933, turned down the R.C. Centre Party: how the bishops told the "Catholics" they were to vote for the R.C. Centre Party, the result being that "twelve and a half million Catholic electors" voted for Hitler, and "only five and a half million Catholic electors voted for the Centre Party," the bishops' party. And as a counterblast to Rome's effort to take away support from Hitler, we are told on page 38 that "Hitler and Goebbels publicly refused to attend the solemn opening Mass at Potsdam."

On page 84 we are informed that from 1933 to 1939, "some 7,000 priests and pastors have been arrested. Of these 1,300 have been Protestant, the remainder Catholic."

Let it be noted that in 1939 there were 46,000,000 members of the Protestant churches in Germany, and some 30,000,000 Roman Catholics. It will thus be seen that the religious opposition to Hitler is mostly from the Roman Catholic Church.

On page 176 we are given a few specimens of accusations made by the Nazis against Rome. We have this, "The Papacy is a swindle.... Popes were

always the worst possible people..... e.g., Alexander VI." And this, "The Catholic Church opposes the national affairs of the German people."

A special chapter entitled "The Rape of the Schools," deals with the manner by which Hitler & Co. have stripped the Roman Church of her power in educational matters.

In England at present a plot is now being hatched to put more educational power into the hands of Rome, with the ratepayers to foot the bill, *as in Scotland since 1918!*

The writer of the book in dealing with the position of Austria after Hitler had taken possession, says that "Those who are still Catholic are better Catholics than they ever were... But there is no Catholic education to speak of, and the Church is threatened financially." p. 214.

In regard to Nazi accusations against Rome, we have this statement as culled from a Nazi organ: "That is the pestilential stench of a putrefying world; it stinks to heaven. We are referring to all those scandalous proceedings in those Church circles, both within and without the monasteries, in the midst of which not one crime is lacking from perjury through incest to sensual murder. Behind the walls of monasteries and in the ranks of the Roman brotherhood, what else may have been enacted that is not publicly known and has not been expiated through the world's courts." pp. 226/7.

On page 231 we are told that on Hitler taking possession of Austria, "The priests in Vienna were spat on in the streets, the nuns were abused."

The conclusion of the book has this: "One day the Concentration Camps will yield up their dead... there will be gentians again *at the feet of Our Lady.*" pp. 239/40.

Notwithstanding all that, there are still Protestants who say that Hitler is a "Catholic," meaning a faithful member of the Roman communion, and that the Pope is behind Hitler!!!

"National Socialism and the Roman Catholic Church."

Our next authority is *National Socialism and the Roman Catholic Church*, by Nathaniel Micklem, R.C. Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. This book also was issued in 1939 before the war started.

This book is described as "*An Account of the Conflict between the National Socialist Government of Germany and the Roman Catholic Church, 1933-1938*".

This frank publication of 237 pages, with a helpful Index, is sanely written. It gives a true account of the Rome versus Nazi struggle in Germany for

the period stated. There are seven interesting illustrations, one of them being what is termed "The Parody of the Blessed Sacrament Enacted in Hamburg," the illustration is said to have been taken from the Vatican organ *L'Osservatore Romano*. The book also contains a photograph of the late Pope Pius XI, also taken from the Vatican organ mentioned.

This book is bulky to quote: one might quote too little or too much! And we must have regard to our limited space.

Readers can see this book at any good Library. It is worthy a serious study, for it aptly reveals that Hitler and his associates are the bitter foes of the Papacy: that so long as Hitler has power in Germany, Rome will never again enjoy her previous authority over the masses of the German people.

"The Persecution of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich."

Published in 1940, *The Persecution of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich*, 552 pp. and Index, must stand forth as the most voluminous *exposé* of Hitler "persecution" of Rome in Germany that ever was published.

The book is translated from the German, and as for the author of it, it is said in the *Translator's Foreword*, "As for the identity of the author, for obvious reasons he must remain anonymous. National Socialism has a short way with those who *bear witness against it*. In any case, *the truth of the evidence here presented is so compelling that the publication of the author's name would neither enhance nor diminish its authority.*"

It is also said "That the verdict is that the word *persecution* is applicable in its most exact sense to the treatment meted out by the National Socialists to the Catholic Church in Germany," and much more to the same effect.

This book is profusely illustrated with cartoons taken from German newspapers. The names and dates of the newspapers are given. Anyone who has read the late Dr Robertson's *The Roman Catholic Church in Italy* and other such publications by the same author, will understand what kind of cartoons this amazing anti-Hitlerite book contains. Cartoons show priests running over the German border to Holland; a German girl being "confessed" by a licentious priest (she tells "Father" *she does not know the meaning of the questions he is asking her!*). Readers should get our own "Rome's Immoral Questions to Women" and "Liguori the Filthy," and then they will appreciate the cartoon in the book we are now examining. Rome is the same *everywhere!*

There are also cartoons of a Cardinal embracing a Jew woman, the Cardinal's *name* is given: of an *adder* with a priest's head: of two priests surrounded with the spoils of the Church, etc., etc., etc.

Hundreds of quotations, some of them lengthy, in which Rome is exposed as the enemy of the German people, are freely scattered throughout the book. On page 407 we have this, "Now that we see in the courts depraved sexual

criminals dressed in the habits of monks and priests, we can understand how men of this nature, their wills undermined and their moral sense shattered, slaves of a powerful and well-organised system which aims at priestly domination, can still to-day, as in the Middle Ages, do endless damage if they feel themselves to be dealing with a weakened race..."

Rome's "Moral Theology" is also dealt with. (Let it be borne in mind that these passages we quote are from this book which quotes from German newspapers!)

On page 407 also we have this, "In order to decide 'in the name of God' what precisely is unchaste, what is mortal and what is but venial sin, these 'holy' celibates have put together weighty volumes of 'Moral Theology,' and in them with undisguised lasciviousness have evolved a collection of filth such as no specimen of pornographic literature can equal. The 'Moral Theology' of these monkish and priestly perverts can therefore be safely styled 'Instruction in the Art of Sinning' or 'Sensual Vice Systematised,' and all such books should be classified as 'Manuals of Sin.' "

It will be observed that the author of the book we are now examining does not deny the charges made against Rome by the Nazis! For why should he? All that is quoted in connection with the "Moral Theology" of Rome is true. The German newspapers were not exaggerating. They were only letting the German public know what we of the British Protestant League have been telling Britishers *for over twenty years!* We have these "Moral Theology" books in our possession. They are published in Latin: they are too filthy for publication in any known tongue. Thus they are in Germany as they are all over the world, and they are what these Nazis have labelled them, "Manuals of Sin."

Thus we observe how the Nazis are doing good Protestant work! Notwithstanding, we are told that Hitler is a "good Catholic," and that he has the Pope on his side in the present war!!!

We commend *The Persecution of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich* for the careful study of every true Protestant. That book not only exposes the war between Rome and Hitler Germany: it also exposes Rome for what Rome is, a sink of iniquity, and the vilest form of religious superstition which the world has seen.

"The Heresy of National Socialism."

Our next is *The Heresy of National Socialism*, by Irene Marinoff, a Roman Catholic. There is a Foreword by the R.C. Archbishop of Liverpool, Priest Downey. This book of over 150 pp. is published by Burns Oates & Washbourne Ltd., described as "Publishers to the Holy See."

Here we have another challenge by Rome to Hitler: here we have another exposure of the war between Rome and Protestant Germany under Hitler.

It will be observed that Germany's form of political rule is called a *Heresy*. "The Heresy of National Socialism." Thus *National Socialism* as it exists in Germany to-day is banned and barred to every Roman Catholic. Roman Catholics in *Germany know this*, but probably millions of Roman Catholics in Germany are now only "Catholic" in name. They have given up the Pope for Hitler; the Vatican for their native country.

Would to God that this would happen in every country in Europe and throughout the world: that the Roman Catholics would throw over *their Heresy* and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Priest Downey, in his Foreword, states that the book, *The Heresy of National Socialism*, is a "terrible indictment of National Socialism."

There is hardly anything new in this book, except that the author holds that "In the Catholic Church the National Socialist State met a far more formidable opponent than German Protestantism," which, of course, is perfectly natural, and true. Of some 46,000,000 members of the various Protestant churches in Germany, only some 3,000,000 have sought to oppose the Nazi regime, these being mostly the Niemoeller sect. Protestantism in Germany, as is shown in our other pamphlet, *The Truth about Religion in Germany*, is right at the back of Hitler & Co.

"The Persecution of the Catholic Church in Poland."

We have in *The Persecution of the Catholic Church in German-Occupied Poland* (over 120 pp.), "Reports presented by H. E. Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, to Pope Pius XII., Vatican Broadcasts, and other Reliable Evidence," with a Preface by Cardinal Hinsley, "Archbishop of Westminster."

This book also is published by Burns Oates, in 1941.

The book claims to be a record of terrible persecutions against the R.C. Church and clergy under Hitler occupation of Poland. On page 4 we are told of priests being shot. Detailed "atrocities" are given, of course the victims being priests, monks and nuns. On page 43 we are informed that "95 per cent. of the priests have been imprisoned, expelled or humiliated before the eyes of the faithful." (That is what happened at the Reformation throughout the British Isles!) It is said, "It goes without saying that the Nazi aim is to dechristianise as rapidly as possible these countries which are attached to the Catholic Faith." The author of the book means *de-Romanise!* Now, surely that's a good work in the interests of morality, culture and religion. Yet some good Protestant people will say that Hitler is out to *Romanise* the countries of Europe. They seem to know better than do the people who live in the countries where Hitler rules!

Page 43 also tells us that a Cathedral has been turned into a garage: the bishop's palace (what is a minister of the meek and lowly Jesus doing with a palace?) is turned into a restaurant: the chapel into a ball-room, etc., etc.

Page 91 states that "religious teaching by the clergy in the schools has been forbidden." And quite right too! But in Bonnie Scotland Rome's superstitions are taught by both priests and nuns to R.C. children *at the ratepayers' expense*: the rate-payers of Scotland having to pay large salaries to the priests and nuns who so teach R.C. children, *and this in our Scottish National Schools!!!*

The turn of England and Wales comes after we *have won the war*. Mark our words!

This book we are now at, is another indictment of Nazi-ism. It is plausibly written, and no doubt it contains many falsehoods and exaggerations, but the point is that it is an open and direct attack on Hitlerism, and it shows the true attitude of Rome towards Hitlerite Germany.

"The Bishop of Munster and the Nazis."

This book, *The Bishop of Munster and the Nazis*, translated from the German by one Patrick Smith, is a small volume of some 50 pp. published at 2s. and sold in Roman Catholic shops as the latest challenge to Hitler. Cards announcing this volume appeared in Burns Oates' shop in Buchanan Street, Glasgow, with the words, "Hitler Defied." It was first issued in October, 1942.

Priest Downey again writes the Foreword, in which he states that Hitler is "diabolic" and that his campaign is "especially against the Catholic Church."

Will our wishful-thinking Protestant editors who would like to believe that Hitler is a "good Catholic" kindly note? And as they say that Hitler is fighting *for* the R.C. Church in this war, will they kindly come down from the clouds and seek some other excuse for boosting the Allied Cause; Rome's Cause!

For this last publication which we now have before us is not only a denunciation of Hitler and Protestant Germany: it is also the Protest, carefully documented, of the present Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Germany against the Nazi regime.

The Bishop of Munster's sermons in defiance of National Socialism in Germany are recorded, and the book reveals that in Germany itself, Rome's loyal priests are 100 per cent. anti-Nazi. One chapter, "Nazi-ism versus Christianity," is meant to read, of course, "Nazi-ism versus Romanism," for Rome does not recognise any Christianity out of the pale of the Pope's Church.

The Bishop of Munster and the Nazis serves its purpose, for it carefully records the special "persecution" of Rome's clergy in Germany.

We could quote from similar books, but what the use?

Surely sufficient has been quoted to prove that Rome's attitude towards Hitler and Hitler Germany is that of a foe. Let us, however, quote from the *Glasgow Bulletin* for 5th October, 1939, just shortly after the war started.

A report therein states that the "secret German Freedom Station," probably at the time functioning from Paris, then in the hands of the Allies, states that the Roman Catholics of Germany are determined to end the Hitler regime.

It is said. "It is now the sacred duty of every Catholic to do everything in his power to overthrow the present German regime." Wishful-thinking, of course, for the same "report" from the same so-called "German Freedom Station" also said "The second German revolution is already stirring." No doubt an invention of the times! How often since 1939 have we been told that the "second German revolution is coming"?

"The Truth about Hitler..."

Now that we have submitted so much evidence in support of the generally-accepted fact that Rome is terrifically antagonistic to Germany under Hitler rule, what is *The Truth about Hitler and the Roman Catholic Church*?

It specially has to be noted that at no time has Hitler sought to criticise the theology of either the Roman Catholic or Protestant Churches. On no occasion has Hitler found fault with the *spiritual teaching* of any church in Germany. As we seek to stress in our *The Truth about Religion in Germany*, at no time has Hitler attacked (this also refers to Hitler's Government) Christianity in any form. It has already been pointed out that the 24th Article of the Programme of Hitler's National Socialist Party affirms belief in *Positive Christianity*, and this is conceded by nearly all of the books from which we have quoted in this present pamphlet.

The position of the German Chancellor, Herr Hitler, to both Protestantism and Romanism is submitted in Hitler's own book, *Mein Kampf*. And it cannot be too much stressed that that book does not contain a single condemnation of Christianity, or of Protestantism, or of Romanism, as such. We ourselves have been attacked for saying a good word for *Mein Kampf*, but it should be noted that mostly those who condemn *Mein Kampf* are Jews, Roman Catholics, and churchless Protestants, especially British so-called Patriots and Imperialists. Also, we must not omit the class of persons *who have never read Mein Kampf*. Such foolish people do not seem to know that *Mein Kampf* before the war got quite a favourable reception in this country, and that it was only on the declaration of war that *Mein Kampf* became a *bad book*. Bad or not, it has

had a tremendous sale, and the latest edition issued is priced at a guinea! It is thus that the money-making classes in our anti-German Nation circulate the opinions of the Great Nazi Ogre. For a more harmless book was never printed!

Hitler in his *Mein Kampf* commends Protestantism, and he is prone to adversely criticise Roman Catholicism: not the spiritual doctrines of that system, but its political claims. Hitler's whole life as German Chancellor, and even before, has been to deal with the Church of Rome in an honest fashion, but all will agree that it is somewhat difficult for an honest person to deal with the dishonest. It would seem that Hitler has had Rome suspect even long before his name was known, and this is fully borne out by the books from which we have just been quoting.

Hitler's greatest offence, in so far as his attitude towards the Roman Catholic Church is concerned, is that he always has complained that the priests of Germany, like Rome's priests everywhere, always have put the laws of the Pope before the laws of the Nation. *Therein lies the true attitude of Hitler towards the Roman Catholic Church.*

The vast masses of the people in any country where Rome holds certain power do not see this. Even in our own Britain it is not known that Roman Catholics must put the laws of the Pope before the laws of King George. This attitude of the Roman Catholics of Britain passes un-noticed: it is snuffed at: in fact, it is encouraged by our civil authorities. For we have all over Britain to-day the ecclesiastical laws of the Pope of Rome over-riding the political laws of King George. Rome's priests in Britain to-day are allowed by the law to oppose the King's laws, and Roman Catholics in Britain to-day are permitted by the law to perpetuate the laws of the Pope, the laws of the priest, against the laws of the Country. This is mostly seen in Rome's Marriage legislation as affecting Roman Catholics all over Britain. A perusal of our *Rome, Marriage and Divorce* (post free from the author, 3d.), will convince any British citizen of this.

Now, in Germany, Hitler and his Nazi and Protestant Government will not stand for that kind of thing. Hitler demands that it is the function of the State to educate, and to make laws in regard to marriage, etc., etc. Hitler will not have Rome's priests' snatching control of what is purely civil legislation. Hitler will not have Rome over-ruling the State in the matter of education for the child. Hitler will not have the Roman Church interfering with the physical and moral education of the German people. For Hitler demands of Rome, and also of the Protestant Churches, that they attend to their own business, *which is Religion*. For it is false to say that the German Nazi State teaches Religion of *any kind* to the German people. The arrangement made with both the Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches on Hitler procuring power was that the things of the State were for the State, and the things of the Churches were for the Churches.

Thus not long after Hitler did get power, there was enmity between Rome and Hitler Germany, for it was Rome's priests that were the cause of the smashing up of the *Concordat* previously made between the German State and

the Pope of Rome. Rome's priests at once began their treacherous work against the State, interfering in things which were purely political, and seeking to influence Roman Catholics away from their loyalty to the German State.

The same old story! The same experience would be that of the present Churchill Government were the Government to assert itself and put Rome in her right place throughout the British Isles. But what our British rulers are afraid to do, the German rulers have done! Thus war between Rome and Hitler Germany! Thus the present war, with its principal aim the destruction of Nazi-ism in Germany, *so that Rome again might be restored to power in the German Reich!*

For it is only the smashing up of Hitler Germany that will put the Pope back in power on the Continent of Europe.

And it is for *that*, that we are fighting Germany *now!*

Hitler Neither "Catholic" nor Protestant.

To our mind, Herr Hitler is neither a Roman Catholic nor is he a Protestant. That is to say, we firmly believe that Hitler has never had the opportunity to examine the creeds of Protestantism and Romanism. Hitler is a politician: his life is for his Germany. He is a German patriot who believes that Germany must have her place in the Sun.

But, and also to our mind, there are many worse than Hitler! In our own country have we not a great lot of *professed Protestants and Roman Catholics*? And what are they in their private lives? If their public lives are a guide, they are no better than all the Hitlers in the world. To *profess* religion, merely for the sake of presenting a decent front, or for respectability, is surely a mockery, and are Churchill, Eden, Halifax, Bevin, Morrison, Greenwood, Attlee, etc., etc., any better in *their* lives than Hitler is in his? Who can say? When false-witness, prejudice and misrepresentation run riot, how is the man in the street to get at the truth?

Rome Hitler's Menace.

The Roman Catholic Church is considered by Hitler and his Government to be a menace to the German State. Germany's history since 1933 has proved this. The very books which we have quoted from in this pamphlet constitute proof *that Hitler has found out the Roman Church for what she is!* And is it not to the credit of Hitler and his Government that they have had courage to deal with Rome with an iron hand? Rome herself has a *velvet paw*, but the claws concealed can be put into action. This has been the experience of our own Country in the years that are gone.

Hitler sees in the Roman Catholic Church the one, great, threatening power that challenges his rule. And why should the Protestants of this Country

side with Rome against Hitler? Are the people of this Country not aware that Rome helps us in the present war for the express purpose of smashing up Hitler, so that Rome may again be restored to influence and power? *How often are we to stress this fact? When will the Protestants of Britain face the fact?*

It is the duty of all true Protestant patriots in Britain to oppose Rome *everywhere*. Some people speak about *after the war*, and of the lovely time we are all to have when Hitlerism is no more. Remove Hitlerism, and what do you have? You have *Romanism*, a far worse "ism," the worst "ism" at present upon the face of the Earth.

After all, Hitlerism, be it good or bad, is but a ship that passes in the night. But *Romanism* is an ancient plague; the root of most evil under the Sun!
