Whenever a calamity, an earthquake, an uprising, a hurricane or revolution happens in this world, there is always one group at whose door the evil may be placed. It is always popular to "Blame the Jesuits." All great intrigues have been attributed to the sons of St. Ignatius Loyola. If there is trouble in Germany, the Jesuits are expelled. If there is an epidemic of radicalism in Spain, the Jesuits are banished. If there is a revolution in France, the Jesuits are thrown out of the country. We heard, recently, of the case of a local woman who complained that, because of the seismograph at Canisius College, earthquakes occurred in this vicinity. It was at least sufficient reason to banish the Jesuits, from Father Sweeney down to our dear old friend, the lay Brother, that answers the door bell at Canisius High School.

Even the crowd of intellectual morons attending the communist meeting at the Eagles auditorium December 11, 1936, cheered when it was announced that the Jesuits were driven out of Spain. Such popularity must be merited. No group of men attracting such attention throughout the world are able to exist in a confraternity and attain a position where they become the target of monumental abuse from such sources without earning the distinction.

And the sons of St. Ignatius have earned a place where they are immediately made the prime cause of all evils that exist nationally or internationally. They have earned the place by their supreme sacrifices for the Church, their devotion to Catholic education and their efforts to spread the Word of God throughout the world. Such a crime becomes nothing short of heinous to the mob who are able to find nothing stronger or weaker to attack.

"Down with the Jesuits" has been an age-old cry. And the Jesuits, being good fighters, are downed but are never out. As an old professor said to the writer, many years ago, "Put the Jesuits out the door and they will come in the window."

Actually, the Jesuits, in the course of centuries, have seen most of their enemies buried without honor as the Jesuitical death lists have increased the number of their saints.

Complaints of varying kind and degree have been hurled endlessly at this great order. They have been blamed for infamous characters, graduates of Jesuit schools, whose sole claim to distinction is the notoriety these hopeless mortals receive when they fall from grace. Even then human society forgets that it is impossible to make a silken purse of a sow's ear.

Jesuit education is generally so thorough that, employed in the wrong direction, it is able to degrade the mind as low as, in others, it is able to elevate it.

And so the cry goes on "Down with the Jesuits" as if the blasting notes were capable of uprooting a great order of men that has added so much lustre to the Church and glory to the arts and sciences.

The Church is One.

The Church may be composed of secular and regular clergy, and of the laity; but the Church is essentially one.

There are different uniforms and different titles, but the one idea linking all together is love and loyalty to Christ the King.

The Church is in a ceaseless battle with the forces of evil. That battle is especially fierce at times; but it has to be won.

Each section or regiment in the Church has to do its part, its big part.

If we are not to play into the hands of the enemy, there must be no self-seeking, no subversive criticism, no quitting.

All must pull together, fight and fall together for the cause of Christ the King.

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