May 1! On this day Communists celebrate an international holiday. They have reason to celebrate, to shake clenched fists in tune with the INTERNATIONAL. In 1945 the Soviets dominated 200,000,000 people. By the end of 1949 they controlled four times that number—800,000,000!

However formidable this expansion may seem, it is not so much their numerical strength that bothers us. The real peril today lies in the weakness of the West. Communism has one aim and purpose. It is therefore united. We who are of the West are not united. But the Holy Father has been struggling to unify the West, pleading for Christian unity, pleading for prayer and sacrifice on the part of each individual Catholic the world over. We make the world better by making ourselves better first. The Pope emphasizes the individual as the key to world peace: "Peace cannot come to society unless it inspires and guides the heart of each individual."

What The Christophers Are Doing.

Father James Keller, founder and director of the Christophers (Christbearers into the marketplace), has announced that the prayerful observance of May 1 this year will be the most significant ever held. Special prayers will be said in the Marketplaces and Churches of the world for the conversion of Russia and for lasting world peace.

"This year's observance...may also serve as a timely occasion to reemphasize for all the fact, of which probably only a few are aware, that, according to the instruction of Pope Pius XI more than 20 years ago, the three Hail Marys and other prayers after each Low Mass should be offered for Russia. These prayers, it is believed, might be said with even greater fervor if all realized the important intention attached to them."

Because of the Holy Year and the ever increasing spread of Communism throughout the world, the clenched fist of the Soviet will be counteracted only by the folded hands of the Christian joined in prayer. "Their goal of engulfing the world can only be thwarted by a most extensive prayerful observance of May 1, Our Lady's Day, and by an unceasing wave of supplication throughout the rest of the year."

"Gentlemen Don't Blow Their Knocks."

We'll by-pass this sage advice for being a gentleman and ask you to give your know-how a blow. Get together: Student Activity Council, Knights of Columbus, Young Christian Students, Liturgy Club and the Third Order of St. Francis. Work out a feasible plan. Within your representative organizations are enrolled students from every hall on the campus. Through combined efforts there is no reason under heaven or any excuse this side of Purgatory why a fitting, appropriate, prayerful observance of May 1 should not be held on this campus, dedicated to the Mother of God. May is the month of Mary, and she is very much interested in the Russians.

May Adoration.

In the years past daily adoration during May has been a problem. Asking gay young blades, with the smell of spring in their nostrils, to keep a vigil before the Blessed Sacrament from 8 in the morning till 5 in the afternoon, may be expecting too much. Instead, an Hour of Adoration, Monday through Friday, 4:30 till 5:30, is suggested. This will enable everyone to honor Mary by adoring her Son—everyone, that is, who is not unduly occupied with golf, swimming, lolling around the lakes. An old tradition is not being dropped, just modified to suit the genial weather and your more than genial dispositions.