

POPE IS EMPHATIC ABOUT JUST PEACE

His Stress on 'Indispensable Basis' for End of Hostilities Held Warning to Reich

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Pontiff in von Ribbentrop Talk Spoke in Behalf of Persecuted in Germany and Poland

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ROME, March 13—Twice in two days Pope Pius has gone out of his way to speak of the necessity for justice as well as peace, and Vatican circles take this as an emphasis of his stern demand to Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, that Germany right the injustices she has done before there can be peace. As the days pass more and more confirmation and details have been coming out concerning "Hitler's Canossa."

For one thing, Herr von Ribbentrop is reliably understood to have said that the present war is "absurd" and that it ought to end as soon as possible. He gave the impression that Germany was continuing the war unwillingly, but, by contrast, in Italian circles he seems to have left the impression that Germany was preparing to intensify her war and even launch a great Spring offensive.

The German Foreign Minister boasted about having worked for the end of the Russo-Finnish war. Contrary to reports published abroad, he did not ask for the Pope's intervention with President Roosevelt to obtain mediation, your correspondent is assured. However, he did speak of President Roosevelt with deference, indicating that Germany would take any eventual proposals of the President into consideration.

Defended Jews in Reich

It was also learned today for the first time that the Pontiff, in the burning words he spoke to Herr von Ribbentrop about religious persecution, also came to the defense of the Jews in Germany and Poland.

All authorities still agree that the

crux of the whole interview was the Pope's insistence that there could be no peace until Germany had righted the injustice she had done. The theme of "peace with justice" was clearly on his mind yesterday when he made an impromptu reply to the Cardinals who congratulated him on the first anniversary of his coronation. Incidentally, Adolf Hitler, who did not felicitate the Pontiff last year, sent a telegram of good wishes yesterday.

The Pope said his coronation seemed "as if it were yesterday," but the year that had passed "would have sufficed to fill a century of normal history." It was a little later that he spoke of "that truth which is the pedestal of justice and that justice which is the foundation of peace."

Today, in addressing 2,000 "Ladies of Charity" of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Pontiff returned to the same idea. He prayed that charity might "soothe this agitated humanity which no longer dares to believe in justice," and he concluded by saying that "if charity be ignored, the world has lost peace, and peace on the indispensable basis of justice cannot be reconstructed without charity."

One of the audiences the Pontiff granted yesterday was to Dino Alfieri, Italian Ambassador to the Vatican, who doubtless inquired about the results of the conversation between the Pontiff and Herr von Ribbentrop.