

They are turning out leaders for the future, leaders for the Christian apostolate, leaders for the work which the Popes have assigned to us—the restoration of all things in Christ. And they are turning out not only leaders. They are turning out what may in the long run be even more important—followers. For the crisis of our times can be met only by Unity, Sanctity, and Action on the grand scale. Against Organized Atheism must be thrown the weight of Organized Godliness.

Activities

There is independence and self-government in the various Catholic youth movements—in the Catholic Youth Organization, the Newman Clubs, the National Federation of Catholic College Students, the Columbian Squires, the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Junior Catholic Daughters, Catholic Camps, and the rest. But there is unity, too—a unity typified by the fact that National Catholic Youth Week is sponsored by the Youth Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which is the instrument of all the bishops of the United States for the encouragement and co-

ordination of Catholic activities.

"At the heart of the crisis of our times," writes Whittaker Chambers in a memorable passage, "lies the cold belief of millions . . . that the death of religious faith is seen in nothing so much as in the fact that it has lost its power to move anyone to die for it."

Mr. Chambers, a very noble Quaker, does not, I take it, read the Catholic press. He has himself asserted that the secular press and radio "succeeded in dropping a distorting curtain between the nation and me" in the Hiss Case. Let me suggest to him that the secular press and radio have also dropped a distorting curtain, by their silence and their indifference, between the American people and the millions of martyrs of our time who have died rather than deny God and their Catholic Faith. That Faith has not lost its power to move people to die for it. It has prepared countless adults to die when necessary, and today, through the Catholic youth programs, it continues to prepare millions of young people in America to live for God or to die for Him—or to die while living as Cardinal Mindszenty did.

Will Rogers

"His great sweetness and unpretending face helped him put over on the American people more unpleasant home-truths than they would have tolerated from a smart man, a handsome man, or a Congressman."—Alistair Cooke.