

physically impossible for any man or any government to control hundreds of millions of people scattered over the world, and interfere with their daily lives in all important matters, in the way the Pope is supposed by his critics to do. I receive a copy of every document issued by the Holy See to the Bishops of the world, and I declare that no Papal instructions in reference to the war have been received other than those which have been published.

When a country, or an integral part of a country, has been in a state of unrest or of internal division during two to ten generations, it inevitably shows weakness in time of war. It is possible, and it should not be surprising, that Italy as a nation has suffered from the conflict between the Church and the State, not because the present Pope has done anything to add to the unrest, but because fifty years of such conflict have depressing and disintegrating effects. Anything that weakens Italy weakens the Allies. The next Peace Conference will probably have to admit that the Pope's position in Rome is a matter of international, and not merely of national, importance.

Is it patriotic to conduct a campaign which tends to make the Catholics of Canada expect to be harshly treated in case the Allies win the war? The basic fact is that our cause depends on close and loyal co-operation between Catholic nations and Protestant nations, as well as co-operation between Catholics and non-Catholics within each of the Allied Nations. Now, in this co-operation the Catholics are not merely private soldiers or in the position of Russian peasants. General Petain, Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies. General de Castelneau, who saved the day at Nancy and became Chief of Staff, General Foch, at present Military Adviser of the French Government, and thousands of officers of all ranks, have the welfare of the Catholic Church at heart as truly as they have the defeat of the Germans.

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