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Summary Remarks On Atrocities.
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Many people have said, "Oh these atrocities are too awful to be true! It's all prop-
aganda like the Bryce Report."

Well, the Bryce Report was not ALL propaganda. I read with great care the charges and counter charges of atrocities in the war and got myself much disliked by ardent patriots for discounting much of it as anti-German propaganda. But the gravamen of the charges was true. There was a great deal of shooting of civilians in Belgium and there was also a considerable amount of franc-tireur activity on the part of the Belgians, which provided the Germans with the legal right to take reprisals under the rules of war. And, of course, there were excesses--on both sides. In brief, the charges which were supported by responsible witnesses proved to be true, and to these charges the Germans had a defense which may not have impressed those who believed that the Germans had no business in Belgium, but which was not unconvincing to those who envisaged the charge solely in terms of military law.

But throughout the war no responsible witness charged the Germans with behavior such as that which has been reported not once but scores of times in Madrid, Barcelona and in Red-infested areas. There was the story of the crucified Canadian which I investigated. I never met a Canadian who could give the name of a Canadian, who had seen the crucified Canadian, and this charge, never supported, was finally abandoned. No sane person dares deny the wholesale slaughter of priests and nuns and hostages in Spain, and the evidence that this slaughter was accompanied in many cases by appalling cruelty is overwhelming.

How can we account for the contrast between the worst brutalities of the Great War and these bestial atrocities committed by the Reds in Spain? I believe that the answer is to be sought in the contrast between standards of Christ and standards of anti-Christ.

If you wish to discover what the world owes to Christ read the social history of the world into which Christ was born. Horace was considered as a humane cultured gentleman, but one of his casual utterances reveals the gulf between the cultured humanitarianism of the pre-Christian world and the standards of Christian civilization. "If you have a slave crucified because he takes a sly taste of the dish he is bringing you, your are justly thought to be abnormally ferocious. But if you cut a friend for some slight offense how much worse an action!" There you have the Roman scale of values. It's tough to crucify slaves, but much tougher to quarrel needlessly with a friend.

It is no coincidence that in Russia, the one great country which has formally apostasized from the Faith, slavery should have returned or that the punishment inflicted on slaves in the Roman Empire should be routine among those who, in Spain, take their doctrines from Russia.

"Love men, hate errors," said St. Augustine. My object is not to incense the reader against communists, but against communism, to awaken them to the true nature of communism.

Msgr. Fulton Sheen's Lectures.

A few years ago Monsignor Sheen lectured to a packed house here on the campus. Those who heard him are still talking about the power and brilliance of the man. Next Monday night, at 8 o'clock in Washington Hall, Monsignor Sheen starts a series of five lectures. Here they are: Monday, Nov. 9, "The New Apologetics"; Tues, Nov. 10, "Philosophy of Communism"; Wed., Nov. 11, "Tactics of Communism"; Thurs., Nov. 12, "Personalities in Communism"; Fri., Nov. 13, "Apostleship and Communism." Get into Washington Hall early for these lectures if you want to find a seat!