

Father Misch will preach
at May Devotions tonight--
7 and 7:30.

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Richard Reid will lecture
in Washington Hall tonight
at eight. Hear him.

...New And At The Hour...



Majestically the Hindenburg floated once again at her mooring in Lakehurst. Ropes had been lowered to hold her to earth. Passengers stood in their wraps ready to land. Then at that last and happiest of moments, in a gush of fire, in a roar of anguish, Death came..like a thief...at the hour when least expected.

It will not be unusual if Death comes that way, unexpectedly, to you. You are a Notre Dame man, and Notre Dame men often die suddenly. Be ready.

For most seniors this will be the last May at Notre Dame. For many others--for how many, and for whom?--it may also be the last. These beautiful May mornings when you are tempted to lie in bed; these evenings when the church bell calls remember--if you are loyal as a son to Mary, she certainly will be loyal as a mother to you, now and at the hour of your death. That assurance is worth to you any inconvenience.

The Devil's Trick.

In cases of possession the devil sometimes resorts to blasphemous verbal attacks upon the exorcist, to discourage him from his work. The Nazi Government seems to employ the devil's tactics in Germany. Not long ago the Holy Father issued an encyclical charging the Nazi Government with certain important breaches of the concordat. What was the Nazi Government's reply--an attempt to show that the Holy Father was in error? Not at all. A fierce national campaign of vilification was the answer.

For this campaign the Nazis had prepared. According to a story in the New York Times "every cloister and every monastic center in Germany was systematically raided supposedly in quest of evidence of the improper transfer of funds." Correspondence and other private documents were seized. As a result, the German press claimed that a thousand priests were involved in criminal trials. But according to the Bishop of Berlin (as reported in the Chicago Tribune): "We have 25,000 priests in Germany. I do not believe there are more than 25 on trial. Ninety thousand persons belong to religious orders. If 900 of them were on trial it would mean one in a hundred. And until they are tried, their guilt is not established." But what of the justice of such trials? "There are means under dictatorships of obtaining testimony," continues the story in the New York Times. "...when the trials are staged there will probably be no lack of testimony...There may even be some startling 'confessions'...Then will arrive an occasion for new laws removing from the church and the church orders any vestige of control over education and for putting the church and monastic orders under state control."

The stage is set; the devil may have his day in Germany. But there is a Power against which even the forces of hell shall not prevail. The Nazi Government will learn by and by that the Holy Father is not to be discouraged by the devil's favorite trick.

PRAYERS: (ill) Fr. Hooyboer, C.S.C.; Chas Riden; Mrs. Whitney; friend of Dick Foley.