

Again TIME Magazine Offers Affront To U. S. Catholics.

"Against the widespread chorus of congratulations at the Holy Father's nomination of Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the NCWC to be the Bishop of Columbus, it has remained for TIME magazine to seize the occasion to affront Catholics of the United States. So far as is known, TIME achieved the unenviable distinction of being unique in this respect.

"The latest sneer of the publication against the Catholic body was to describe Bishop-elect Ready as 'a Catholic lobbyist.' Monsignor Ready has, during his long and important connection with the NCWC, many times appeared before Congressional Committees, mostly at the invitation of the latter, to express the Catholic viewpoint concerning legislation. This is, of course, the American way of openly finding out what the citizens of the country think about proposed legislation, and has nothing whatever to do with lobbying. Monsignor Ready also has not hesitated to speak out in statements, issued frankly for general publication, on various issues -- a method that has likewise nothing to do with lobbying.

"It is interesting that in the same week that the misrepresentation of Bishop-elect Ready appeared, the President of the United States was flatly denying as untrue, an assertion made by TIME which had caused concern among many groups in the country. It was taken to be significant that the TIME reference to the Bishop-elect particularly noted that he 'denounced the Spanish loyalists' and 'distrusted Russia,' offenses which the magazine seems to regard as unforgivable. This newest insult recalls that TIME magazine has been accused persistently of misrepresenting facts concerning the Church, while pursuing a devious scheme of following up an insult with an unctiously-worded report of some Catholic happening.

"Thus AVE MARIA has called attention to TIME'S 'spiteful and venomous attacks on the Catholic Church' and described these as 'purposeful.' OUR SUNDAY VISITOR has asserted that TIME is 'ever ready to evidence its liberalism by taking a crack at the Church or all Christianity. The INLAND CATHOLIC has said the magazine uses 'a hodge-podge of innuendo and misstatements about the Catholic Church.' Edward J. Heffron, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, accused TIME of 'irresponsible if not malicious journalism' tending to 'divide the American people in this hour of crying need for national unity.'

"Archbishop Schrembs of Cleveland described TIME'S treatment of a particularly sacred Catholic theme as 'flippant and insulting.' Categorical denials were made by the Montreal Municipal Council and the Canadian Dominion Government of assertions made by TIME against French Canadian citizens.

"Bishop-elect Ready himself has taken the magazine to task on earlier occasions and some persons see spite work in the description of the prelate at this time. In 1939, he protested to TIME'S editor that it has a 'notorious reputation for error and inaccuracy in reporting or commenting on Catholic interests.'"

J.J. Gilbert in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR.

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