

Minister.

You may wish to see this telegraph report from the Ambassador to the Holy See. I have written him regarding the time of the Minister's formal call on your return visit.

MS. 19/2

Draft message of filial devotion from you to Holy See

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Miss Murphy, you have taken up MS. 21 20/2

Secretary

The Ambassador phoned about the telegraph and asked me to put you the following message.

The three main Government and other following papers are making use of the following defects for their own purposes. The telegraph is "average" advertisement.

And value has not found low a "larger" (I mean even a traitor)

Deliberate advances toward democracy after 16 years of clerical oppression. The press despatches below after reading are quite inoffensive, being factual British agency messages.

Article in both Revue (an official anti-clerical paper) are also expressing just doubts that Ireland is at least rid of clerical tyranny.

The Ambassador says that the Vatican Post. + Italian Catholic generally are very worried about this in view of the existence of clerical political influence in Italy. He thinks it will be very desirable that the National should be one of the first among National newspapers to through as possible we fear that

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his plan is based upon the Christian principle laid down by St. Thomas and his predecessors.

The direction may be made what it is not worth bothering about. The distinct papers, but the Ambassador feels, even if we cannot do anything about it, it is to be very important. The Christianism has been described above with its aim to achieve in hundreds of years provincial left wing people.

MS. 18/2/48

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Minister:

The following is a draft of a telegram to the Ambassador to the Holy See. It would seem better, and more in accordance with usual practice, that the message should emanate from the head of the Government.

Draft Telegram

25. "Minister desires you to convey following message to the Holy Father as soon as possible. Message begins.

On the occasion of our assumption of office and our first Cabinet meeting, my colleagues and myself desire to repose at the feet of Your Holiness the assurance of our filial loyalty and devotion as well as of our firm resolve to be guided in all our work by the teachings of Christ and to strive for the attainment of a social order in Ireland based on Christian principles. Signed, John A. Costello, Prime Minister.

Message ends. * Hope message will have publicity in Constitutional Review.

The question of publishing the text of the message will arise, and, in that connection, there are a number of considerations which I feel I should lay before you verbally before the message is despatched.

Miss Murphy, appd. by Minister. Re. have telegram despatched in ordinary code. MS. 20/2

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