

C O N T E M P O R A N E A

CATHOLIC WORLD (Nov.): Much on the war. The Editor defines neutrality; Fr. Stephen J. Brown, S.J., defines patriotism; Judge Crabitès and Dr. J. E. Uhler dispose of 'wishful thinking' regarding alleged Nazi weakness; Robert Sen-court states for the benefit of Americans his interpretation of the Allies' case.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION (Nov.): Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., makes a fervid appeal for American neutrality, and urges that 'every Catholic citizen should seriously weigh the question whether he can conscientiously participate in a war that is entirely unnecessary for us Americans and which he regards as morally wrong.'

CITÉ CHRÉTIENNE (Oct. 20): Canon Leclercq, developing his reflections on the ethics of the war, rejects the 'Paxist' position, and maintains that, 'la guerre, telle que la France et l'Angleterre l'ont entreprise, est une guerre juste, en vue de défendre les intérêts les plus sacrés des peuples . . . mais ce n'est pas une guerre religieuse.'

COMMONWEAL (Nov. 3) celebrates its fifteenth birthday with a bumper number.

EASTERN CHURCHES QUARTERLY (Oct.) continues Dom Lialine's *Concerning the Eirenic Method*, and includes some distinguished book-reviews.

NEW ENGLISH WEEKLY should be watched these days as a forum for intelligent and independent opinion, and especially for its shrewd and sober *Notes of the Week*.

THOMIST (Oct.): *The Idea of the Church in St. Thomas Aquinas*: Fr. Congar's London Aquinas Society Lecture. *The Interpretation of the Conjugal Act and the Theology of Marriage*: Fr. Lavaud, O.P., enlarges on his vindication of Dr. Doms' 'personalist' interpretation of marriage.

VIE INTELLECTUELLE merges with **REVUE DES JEUNES** in a 'Série de Guerre, No. 1.' *Silence de Dieu* in the war discussed by P. Boisselot, O.P., in the light of the Hebrew prophets. *Le milieu de travail* by D. Mesnard recounts the findings of J.O.C. 'inquiries' into factory conditions and their implications for morality. *Ce qui est en cause* by P. Vignaux: the meaning of 'security' as a war aim.

VIE SPIRITUELLE (Sept.): The Priesthood is the *leitmotif* of a good number. Also a useful article on *How to pray at Benediction*.

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