*Osservatore Romano*, June 19, 1934, article about Papen’s speech at Marburg

<p>“The Political and Spiritual Problems of Germany in a Speech by von Papen at the University of Marburg”

<p>Vice Chancellor von Papen gave an important speech on the internal situation of Germany at the University of Marburg, highlighted “by his devotion to Hitler and all his work.”

<p>Von Papen emphasized the anti-Marxist and anti-collectivist character of the revolution and the necessity of a satisfactory solution to the dualism between Party and State. In a State of true national community, internal cries of fighting must cease.

<p>The Vice Chancellor sought to demonstrate the duties of the German revolution in a decisive period in which the press must be courageous and sincere. The Government is strong enough to tolerate constructive and loyal criticisms. The Vice Chancellor deplored “young and over-zealous revolutionaries” who consider as reactionaries even “those conservatives who are conscientiously dedicated to their duties. The one-party system is all the more justified to the extent it is necessary to assure regime change, and until the new system has become fully operational.”

<p>Education for service to the State is natural, but it has its limits.

<p>Speaking of religious discord, the Vice Chancellor exhorted “those Germans who demand a unitary religious foundation to remember that Christian doctrine is the religious force behind all Western thought.” The unfolding battle will decide if the new Reich is Christian or if it will be lost in a pseudo-religious idealism.

<p>The Germans do not have the right to rule themselves out of the ranks of Christian peoples. That would impede them from acting within the European sphere and would endanger the Reich.

<p>Von Papen affirmed that there exists currently an abyss between intellectual tendencies and the daily realities of the German revolution.

<p>No one has the right to judge religious life with intellectual disdain. “On the other hand, the concepts of humanity, liberty and equality under consideration are German Christian notions, not expressions of liberalism. The Reich Government draws itself up against only false concepts of personality cult. The nation will know how to overcome serious sacrifices, provided that all criticism is not interpreted as malice and patriots who think differently are not stigmatized as enemies of the State.”