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This past July 7th His Excellency Dr. Frick, Interior Minister of the Reich, made official statements in Münster that our newspaper showed in an article, “Concordat Questions in Germany,” are irreconcilable with the Concordat concluded on July 20, 1933 between the Holy See and the German Reich.

Ten days later, the Prussian Press Office and the “German News Bureau” published a summary of a circular decree of His Excellency Mr. Goering, Minister President of Prussia and head of the Secret State Police, to the higher local authorities, which spoke of a supposed “political Catholicism” and exhorted them “to proceed with all legal means against those ecclesiastics who abuse their spiritual ministry for political ends.” . . .