

Georgetown U. Honors Lawmaker, Professor

Dr. Tibor Kerekes, Hungarian-born chairman of the history faculty of Georgetown University, yesterday told the fall convocation of the university that in the struggle with communism "with Christ on our side we shall not fail."

Dr. Kerekes, at the ceremony held in McDonough Memorial Gymnasium, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, House Majority Leader, also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Kerekes, who delivered the convocation address, declared Hitler and his national socialism met ignominious defeat and death—"the tyranny of Russian Communism however is spreading like wildfire."

Aim of Total Conquest

He told his audience:

"It is not content with the extinction of human liberty within its own frontiers, but it extends its grasping fangs to all peoples of the Slavic world, to Asia and Africa and even to the countries of Western Chris-

tendom. Its aim is total conquest, its hope is total victory.

"Can the remaining free world, where Christian culture still dominates, where man's dignity is still respected, where liberty and freedom are still recognized and protected, remain complacent?"

"For us the answer is simple: We are committed to uphold the whole Christian heritage. With Christ on our side we shall not fail."

Dr. Kerekes told the gathering he came to Georgetown in September 1927 as an itinerant scholar, a man without a country. He said he found the university a comparatively small institution.

Lauds Georgetown Gains

"Look at Georgetown today," he said. "In less than 30 years: Copley Hall, White-Gravenor Building, McDonough Gymnasium, Poulton Hall, the Foreign Service annex, new Medical and Dental Schools, new hospital, completely rebuilt Law Center, the Institute of Languages and Linguistics, Alumni House and new Nurses' Home now under construction, not speaking of the complete remodeling of all the old buildings."

Dr. Kerekes was honored with the degree for his work with the

committee of Congress in investigating communism in Central Europe and elsewhere.

The apostolic delegate was honored for worthily filling his high office and as "the cultured gentleman, the exemplary priest, the inspiring prelate."

Representative McCormack received his tribute because of his sponsorship of legislation "tending to promote and enhance the wellbeing of all our citizens" and as "an exemplary Christian patriot and public servant."

