

# INTERNATIONAL

Stigmatist Interviewed — Pope's Mass Catholics In War Zones

## Pope Visits Basilica, Place of First Mass

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VATICAN CITY (NO.) — Surrounded by 21 Cardinals and all the members of the Papal Court, His Holiness Pope Pius XII made world peace his special intention Friday as he knelt in prayer in the Chapel of the Holy Virgin in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

The Holy Father's visit to the famous Basilica had a special significance for the Church of the Holy Virgin in which he said his first Mass 40 years ago. And, as the Holy Father knelt in prayer, the Schola Cantorum sang a motet "Ave Dei Patris," especially composed by Director Ludovico Ruffo and based on words inscribed on the souvenir card which the present Pope distributed on the occasion of his first Mass.

Pope Pius XII left the Vatican at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning. His ride in a motorcade of American manufacturers which was also the presence of the late Pope Pius XI. Members of the Sovereign Pontiff's entourage rode in eight other cars.

Crowds like Monte Carmine lined the route taken by the motorcade, especially in the vicinity of the Church of Santa Maria in Vallicella, which was the Holy Father's parish when he was a young priest. The motorcade was obliged to move at a very slow pace because of the number of people who crowded about anxious to receive the blessing of His Holiness.

It was nearly 10:00 o'clock when the Pope arrived at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he was received by His Eminence Alessandro Cardinal Alessandrini, Archbishop of the Basilica, and the members of the Basilica Chapter. His Holiness went first to St. Catherine's Chapel, where he received the obedience of the Basilica Chapter. The Canon Alessandro Alessandrini, Archbishop of the Basilica, and the members of the Basilica Chapter, His Holiness went first to St. Catherine's Chapel, where he received the obedience of the Basilica Chapter. The Canon Alessandro Alessandrini, Archbishop of the Basilica, and the members of the Basilica Chapter, His Holiness went first to St. Catherine's Chapel, where he received the obedience of the Basilica Chapter.

Addressing Cardinal Verde and the members of the Chapter, Pope Pius XII thanked them for the gift and recalled that he had said his first Mass in this very Basilica and at the altar over which hangs the highly venerated original of the miniature he had just received. His Holiness invoked the Blessed Mother's protection on the Chapter and all the Roman clergy, expressing the wish that they always shine out as examples of charity, zeal and purity. The Holy Father also invoked the Blessed Virgin's protection on all the Roman people, how enduring such trying times.

Following his discourse, Pope Pius XII passed to the Chapel of the Holy Virgin, where he knelt in prayer for ten minutes, surrounded by the Cardinals and the members of the Papal Court.

The Holy Father was carried to the main altar on the gasterial chair. The procession was warmly applauded by the great number of persons gathered within the Basilica, and was accompanied by the sounding of silver trumpets. The procession was rendered the more moving and colorful by the participation of members of the Sacred Congregation and entire Papal Court. Cardinal Verde pontificated at the Mass, and Pope Pius assisted on the throne.

Shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Holy Father went to the loggia on the facade of the Basilica, whence he imparted his blessing to an enormous concourse of people gathered in front of the Basilica and flowing in the main square into the adjoining streets. His Holiness spent some minutes in contemplation of the scene. All the while the great throng applauded the Holy Father enthusiastically. Withdrawing from the loggia, the Pontiff was greeted by the Cardinals and the members of the Basilica Chapter.

The return of the Papal motorcade to the Vatican again saw large groups of persons lining the route. His Holiness arrived back in Vatican City at 2:07 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and there, too, was a great throng to greet and applaud him.

Pope Pius XII was very deeply moved by the enthusiastic demonstration of filial love that was accorded him in the course of the day.

## Dr. Reid Heads Georgia Laymen's Association

ATLANTA, GA. — Dr. J. Reid Broderick was elected President of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia here at the organization's twenty-fourth annual convention.

Dr. Broderick, who is a prominent figure in the medical profession, succeeds Alfred K. Batteny.

## Many Trappist Monks in War Service

PARIS (NO.) — A reporter for the general was curious to know what the war had had upon a Trappist monastery located in a remote section of Brittany, so he rapped at the gate and asked to see the Abbot.

## Stigmatist Still Living Here



She needed no food whatever for herself at any time, declared Therese Neumann, the stigmatized peasant woman of Konnersreuth, Bavaria, when Nazi authorities called at her house (pictured above), to issue war-time food tickets. Interviewed here recently, Therese (below), who is now 43, was found in excellent health, and smiled when told of reports of her death. (N.C.W.C.)

## Therese Neumann Refuses Reich Food Tickets

KONNERSREUTH, BAVARIA — (N. C.) — When food rations were introduced in Germany after the outbreak of the war, Therese Neumann, stigmatized peasant woman of Kon-

nersreuth, Bavaria, informed the authorities of that 1,000-soul hamlet near the former Czechoslovakian border that she did not require any bread, butter, egg or meat (tickets as the needed no food whatever for herself at any time.

For twelve years Therese Neumann, who is now 41 years old, has been living with the Most Blessed Sacrament as her only nourishment. Likewise, she has not partaken of any kind of drink ever since she received the stigmata during the Lenten season of 1920.

Therese Neumann and found her in excellent health. She smiled when reports were mentioned to her that had announced her death. Though naturally she constantly endures physical suffering from the stigmata on her hands, feet, head, back and heart region (those on her hands this correspondent could clearly see in their square-shape form) and though she experienced added pains from a recent heavy pulmonary cold and rheumatism, the latter being complicated by bone inflammation, Therese Neumann looks quite hale and hearty and animatedly carries on conversations with her visitors.

This correspondent spent almost two hours with her in the modestly furnished drawing room of her father's house, but Therese did not show signs of fatigue for a moment.

Few Callers at Home  
There are very few people these days calling at Therese's home, the simple dwelling owned by her father, a former tailor who now engages in farming. That the number of callers has dwindled in recent months is, of course, primarily due to the war which interferes heavily with normal travel and particularly with journeys from foreign countries, but it is also due to the fact that Therese Neumann conforms with instructions by her Bishop that she should not receive visitors unless for very special reasons.

But Therese remains closely in touch with things just the same, as she is able to carry on a voluminous correspondence with her many friends through the world, including those in the United States. Her ailments often cause her sleepless nights which she devotes in the first place to prayer and meditation, but also to writing letters which are mainly meant to encourage her correspondents and to fan the flame of faith in their hearts.

The war engages Therese Neumann's active and charitable interest in that it offers her more opportunities than ever to do good in many ways.

Contrary to reports that had been spread abroad, Therese Neumann is not involved in political matters. In her heart she bears that true love for her country which is in keeping with the Christian faith.

## Friar's Dictionary in Mexico To Be Reprinted

MEXICO CITY. — Announcement of the reprinting of the Tarascan dictionary of Fray Maturno Gilbert has caused excitement in the works of the sixteenth century friars are still esteemed and, furthermore, that there is no one in Mexico capable of preparing a new dictionary of the Tarascan language.

Fr. Talbot Forum Speaker  
Harrisburg, Pa. — The Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S. J., Editor of the Catholic weekly review, will deliver the 14th address in the series of lectures sponsored by the Catholic Forum on December 11. Father Talbot's subject will be "Let Us Talk About Peace."

## Along The War Front

### Spain Flays Soviet Attack On Finland

MADRID — (NO.) — The Spanish Cabinet has issued a statement condemning the invasion of Finland by Soviet Russia.

"The statement, made public by Ramon Serrano Suner, Minister of Government, said: "The Government has considered with attention the international political situation, the gravity of which has been recently aggravated by the barbarous invasion of Finland by Russia, one of the natural consequences of the absurd set-up of the present European conflict and one foreseen by the heads of the Spanish State in the timely appeal he addressed to all nations at the very beginning of the hostilities.

"Spain, which fought as another nation in the defense of western civilization against Asiatic barbarity, expresses its profound sympathy with the Finns in this difficult and heroic hour."

### Bishop Of Pinsk Reported Slain

LONDON. — (NO.) — The Most Rev. Kazimir Bukraba, Bishop of Pinsk, Poland, and his Auxiliary, the Most Rev. Charles Niemira, have been executed by the invading Russian forces.

Witnesses who escaped from Eastern Poland and arrived in Italy, the dispatch said, tell of Soviet troops having destroyed the Cathedral and Jesuit residence after capturing Pinsk.

Another bulletin from the Polish Press Bureau told of the massacre of Polish and Ukrainian priests, army officers and property owners and stated that the killings continue daily.

The Polish Press Bureau told of a party of 200 Polish officers held prisoner at Pinsk was driven out of Lwow in a convoy of lorries. Three miles from the city of Jersina, the convoy stopped and the officers were ordered to form a line along a small stream. They were then shot dead from behind with machine guns, the bulletin said.

## Catechists Called To Colors—A Problem

LONDON. — (NO.) — The foreign missions may soon be in a very serious condition, declared the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Telford, National Director of the Pontifical Aid Societies, in an interview.

The chief concern of the Congregation of Propaganda Fide, he said, is the fact that many missionaries have been called up for service with their countries, and that many of the catechists are leaving. If the catechists go in bulk, he said, the position will be very serious indeed, because the missionaries can not carry on without them.

Monsignor Telford repeated that the British government, at home and overseas, are doing their best to give German missionaries every possible scope.

## Tells Of Propaganda Of Atheists In Poland

MOSCOW. — (NO.) — Jaroslawski, head of the Godless movement in Soviet Russia, has just returned from a visit to Poland. In a report presented at a meeting of atheists here, he says that in a number of cities abroad propaganda has produced "grand results in only a few weeks."

In all the cities of the Ukraine and White Russia, Jaroslawski reports, churches and synagogues have been closed and the larnams and sickle emblems placed on the doors; churchbells are mute and priests are no longer visible on the streets. The former Polish territory, he predicts, will soon be entirely atheistic. He attributes the success of the movement in Poland to lessons learned from experience by propagandists in Russia.

## Paper Describes Horror In Austria

PARIS. — (NO.) — Wholesale arrests; uprisings at Graz, Klagenfurt and in Steiermark and Tyrol; executions and the extermination of whole regiments; Cardinal Innitzer a prisoner in his own residence; hundreds of priests in concentration camps; all convents confiscated and all colleges closed.

This is an inventory of Nazi domination in Austria which appeared here in La Croix. In the confiscated convents and abbeys, whatever is of value is taken stock of to see what might be sent abroad for foreign cash. Innumerable cashboxes, crucifixes, censers, carpets have been taken away from the Abbeys of Melk, Grottwitz, Klosterneuburg, Heiligenblut and Lilienfeld. They are now ready for export and it is expected that hundreds of millions of marks will be paid for them.

Read what Father Gillis has to say this week on a timely topic on the editorial page.

## CHURCHES UNMOLESTED AS REDS BAN RELIGION IN LITHUANIA SCHOOLS

KAUNAS, Lithuania. As soon as Soviet troops had withdrawn from Wilna, press representatives, hurriedly arriving in that city, the new capital of Lithuania, learned the Russians had not interfered with church services during their occupation, but that religious instruction and prayers in the schools had been prohibited.

Although there are reports of the execution of some priests, in Wilna priests were allowed to circulate freely and to wear cassocks publicly.

The principal disturbances in Wilna seem to have been over the removal of objects from public buildings and machinery from factories, all of which were sent to Russia. When the workers protested, some were killed. Both workers and peasants, previously sympathetic to Bolshevism, have changed their views.

## Russians Publish Newspaper In Polish

AMSTERDAM. — (NO.) — The Soviet godless organization has started publication of a godless paper in the Polish language while the Soviet radio station in the occupied zones has started broadcasting godless propaganda of the worst kind. The godless organization insists that the Polish Concordat with the Holy See is no longer valid and that all the Polish laws directed against atheism should immediately be abrogated, and persons jailed for offenses against those laws released. Naturally the godless demand that all churches and synagogues be closed down and all priests and rabbis be no longer permitted to function.

## Exiled German Nuns Open School In Spain

MADRID. — German Religious from what was known as the "English Convent" at Munich have opened a school at Barcelona, which already has 300 pupils. A Nazi ban on their teaching caused them to leave Germany. If their convent at Barcelona were larger the enrollment of pupils would have doubled.

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