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**INTERNATIONAL ILLEGAL ELECTION — SCANDANAVIA  
PRIEST RESCUES BODY**

**Nazi Invasion Now Imperils Remaining Catholic Life In Norway**



In Norway, latest victim of Nazi invaders, the tower of the new Catholic Church at Hamar reminds the passer-by that the Faith is not dead in Scandinavia.



A few steps away the picturesque ruins of St. Torfinn's Cathedral recall the vanished splendor of early Norwegian Catholic life. Catholics there comprise only 2,000 of the population, with six native priests. (NC-Files photo)

**Confirms Illegality  
Of Red Spain Regime**

MADRID — The "Opinion" of the Commission on the Question of the Legality of the Government in Power in Spain on July 15, 1936, has been published. The conclusions of the voluminous report are:

1. The Cortes assembled in 1931 was unconstitutional because of the falsification of acts and the proclamation of deputies not elected by the voters. In an arbitrary manner the legal election of various deputies was annulled and the vote of the Popular Front candidates increased until its majority in the Cortes was assured.

2. The legislative texts and decrees emanating from this Government demonstrate in themselves not only violence of origin but also illegality since they are in contradiction with the legality clearly established in the Constitution of 1931.

3. The illegality is even more apparent in the suppression of the constitutional organs intended to preserve the equilibrium of Government the Cortes, through its fraudulent election; the Court of Constitutional Guarantees, first by annulment and finally by its definite suppression on August 25, 1936; the Executive, by the arbitrary removal of the President of the Republic by act of the notorious Cortes on April 7, 1936.

4. Aside from violations of the Constitution, the Republican State lost all right of authority and sovereignty when it divided its authority by placing itself, from February 19, 1936 on, in the sectarian service of violence and crime.

5. This deviation, already apparent before July 15, 1936, was patently in the crime of the State committed in the assassination of Jose Calvo Sotelo, as the authorized representatives of Parties demonstrated on July 15 before the Permanent Commission of the Cortes.

**Conflict Rages In See-Area  
Founded By English Pope**

STOCKHOLM—(N. C.)—With British and Norwegian military and naval forces united in the struggle against the invasion of German troops into Scandinavia, it is recalled here that the Diocese of Hamar, the See City of which is located just north of Oslo, scene of the current war actively on Norway, was erected as a diocese at the suggestion of the only English Pontiff, Pope Adrian IV.

Hamar was elevated as the fifth diocese of Norway in 1152 at the instance of the Cardinal Legate, Nicholas Breakspere, an Englishman. It was almost immediately after his return from Scandinavia that he was elected to the Papacy. The Legate also was instrumental in the establishment of the Archdiocese of Trondheim in honor of St. Olaf whose remains reposed in Trondheim's Church. It is recorded that no foreigner who ever went to Norway won as much honor and esteem as Cardinal Breakspere and that he aided in bettering the civil as well as the religious conditions of the country.

At least 25 Ordinaries have occupied the See of Hamar since its establishment. Hamar is near the ruins of St. Torfinn's Cathedral, the Gothic structure which graced the city in the Middle Ages. Ruins of the former city, the episcopal residence and Dominican cloister, also are nearby. Hamar was rebuilt in 1848.

In the extension of the theater of war to the northern countries of Europe, world-wide attention is being focused on ancient nations that have long been prominent in the early spread of Christianity in the Old World as well as in the special accounts of pre-Christian history.

The invasion of Finland by Russia a few months ago served to recall how Catholicism flourished in the country long before the so-called Reformation, and the blitzkrieg of Hitler's German troops in Denmark and Norway this week have thrown the spotlight upon the historical backgrounds of the other Scandinavian countries.

Similar gains the Poles, until the outbreak of the war, enjoyed a spiritual prosperity curtailed by the infusion of Protestantism from the European continent.

Viking expeditions in the eighth and ninth centuries brought the Scandinavians in contact with Christian civilization, many northern lands being taken under the aegis of Catholicism, which prepared the way for the preaching of the Christian Gospel in their native lands.

The Danish Chief Harald and his whole retinue received baptism on a journey to Rome before the so-called Reformation, and in national internal turmoil in 1014 King Canute added four dioceses to the four existing ones and brought Bishops, priests, monks and nuns from England and Germany for the foundation of monasteries and schools. Impetus to the advance of Christianity was given by King Olaf and by 1104 Scandinavia's Metropolitan See was transferred to Lund in Sweden from Hamburg-Bremen.

**Along The  
War Front  
Machine-Gun Use  
Saves Officer's Body**

PARIS — Roland Dorgles, in Gisors, tells the story of the heroic death of an officer who, cited for bravery in the World War and having retired to civilian life, reentered the service at the call to arms despite the fact that he was the father of five children and of the dramatic recovery of his body.

This officer, Lieut. Felix Agnely of Nice and Lieut. Darnand made frequent reconnaissance excursions into many territory accompanied by a small group of volunteers. On one of these expeditions Lieut. Agnely was killed. Lieut. Darnand was finding it difficult to get the remains of the band back to the French lines, but he did not forget that he had promised his friend and brother-officer that he would never leave his body in the hands of the enemy. Having crept back to an advanced post, he and three resolute soldiers returned to get the body of Lieut. Agnely cost what it might.

They would not have succeeded in their attempt, Dorgles recounts, had it not been for the voluntary and unexpected aid of Sergeant Francis Julien—a Marxist Father professor at a Catholic school at Toulon—with a machine gun. The writer talked with the priest-officer, who said:

"Since it was necessary to neutralize the fire of the Boches, I decided to bring back the body of the four men in danger. I began to recite a Hail Mary. But I could not get to the end 'Ga-ta-en-ta.' I had to reply 'Then I resumed my prayer.' Holy Mary, Mother of God, Quick give me another round. There it is on the firing step! I never did get to the amen."

Father Julien has received the following citation: "An officer of magnificent devotion to duty, in the course of a particularly violent engagement, thanks to his sublime qualities and his moral influence over his soldiers, he led them to the aid of a seriously wounded section, enabling some volunteers to bring back the body of their commanding officer. Then, while covering the return of the patrol into our lines, despite enemy fire, he brought back one of his seriously wounded men."

**Bishop Confirms 95  
Senegalese Marksmen**

PARIS — The Most Rev. Augustin Simons, Bishop of Fribourg and Apostolic Inspector of the French Navy, has administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 95 Senegalese sharpshooters, most of whom were baptized and made their First Communions as a result of an association with zealous priest-soldiers and also the efforts of Religious assigned to instructing the Blacks.

The 95 soldiers marched to the church two by two, chanting canticles. In the church were assembled high military authorities, a brilliant assembly of officers, and many soldiers and civilians.

**Need For Cool Heads  
Stressed In Capital**

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pressing subversive activities. Some members of Congress are asserting that the Department of Justice has been lax in prosecuting communist agents who have infiltrated American laws.

**Laity Organize**

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The League of Catholic Men has held an organization meeting, electing Henry J. Palmeri president, Leo J. Conditine vice-president, Thomas J. Brett secretary and Joseph L. Kosmicki treasurer.

**Drippings Used In Baptism**

YEUNGKONG, Kwangtung, China—On one of her recent calls during the rainy season here, Sister Mary Richard, R.N., Superior of the local Maryknoll Convent, found that a pagan woman who had long desired baptism and whose family refused permission for the ceremony, was at the point of death.

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**IN EGYPT**  
St. Mark the Evangelist, whose feast is kept on April 25, was the first Bishop of Alexandria, in Egypt. The Christians of the Coptic Rite are the descendants of those to whom he ministered. Unfortunately most of the Copts have been separated from the Catholic Church for fifteen centuries, but there is a strong movement back again. In fact Egypt now presents a promising field. We have zealous Bishops and priests but they labor under great handicaps. They need new chapels to take care of their converts. One can be built for Five Hundred Dollars. Such a chapel will help to bring a whole village into the Church. We ask you to help in this.

**FIRST COMMUNION DAY**  
Remember the little ones in the mission lands who are preparing for First Communion. Dress one child for us. Three Dollars will take care of everything.

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When you ask the missionary to offer Holy Mass for your intentions, you help his work. He appreciates your thinking of him.

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Every week many write to us for our pamphlet on Gregorian Masses. It explains the old custom of offering a Mass every day for thirty days for one who is deceased. Write for a copy.

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