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VATICAN PAPER HITS INVASION
WORLD CORRESPONDENTS AND BEATUS

Flays Invading Neutral Lands

Paper Repeats Pope's Stand

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI

VATICAN CITY.—(NC)—The invasion of Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland by German Nazi forces has brought a strong denunciation of aggression from Osservatore Romano, which proclaims again His Holiness Pope Pius XII's declaration of "the sure right to life and independence of all nations, big and small, powerful and weak."

Asserting that Belgium and Holland have always safeguarded their neutrality, Osservatore Romano directs attention to the many official statements, measures and protests with which Belgium and Holland have sought to remain aloof from the present conflict.

"The last confirmation of this attitude," says Osservatore, "was had in the words of the President of the Belgian Council at Charleroi, which have been re-echoed repeatedly in Holland, namely: 'We shall preserve the most absolute neutrality, taking up arms only in case of attack.' There was never any question of Luxembourg. The assurances of respect for neutrality on the part of Germany as well as of the Allies are well known.

'Explanation' Scored

"Therefore, there is no explanation of the German invasion on this score. Today Germany crosses the frontiers of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg as she already has crossed the frontiers of Denmark and Norway, asserting in one of its memorandums that the action was taken to prevent a similar movement on the part of her adversaries. News confirms the sad experience of all similar precedents. States occupied against their will for any motive will become sanguinary battlefields, and their peace and prosperity are overpowered and destroyed in the name of their own welfare and that of others.

"War breaks other dikes, enlarges and sweeps on in a torrent; elsewhere it lights bigger fires. It is frightful, and the most intimate sense of humanity and Christian charity, and the Christian conception of peoples living together cannot but be wounded and sorrowfully rise and protest."

Osservatore said that "in this terrible hour we are with the Vicar of the Prince of Peace, who, in his Christmas allocution, declared these things to be irreconcilable either with the principles of positive natural right or with the principles of humanity." The paper pointed out that the victims are "small, industrious, peaceful peoples," and reminded that Pope Pius XII has declared inalienable the sure right to life and independence of all nations, big and small, powerful and weak," and has made it plain that "the will to live of one nation must never be the equivalent of a death sentence for others."

'Ruin of Nations'

The paper adds that "we are with the Common Father" in his most solemn and ardent deprecation of murder, the ruin of nations, the terrification and devastation of towns and villages, the eviction and killing of unarmed citizens, even the infirm, the feeble, the aged, and innocent children.

Recalling then the invocation of Pope Pius XII just a few days ago at ceremonies in the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome, where he declared that this is an hour for prayer and invocation, Osservatore said: "We are with him, we pray with him, that God, Who in pardoning makes manifest His power, may disperse the tempest of death that press on humanity which He redeemed, may safeguard and defend Italy, may triumph and make peace return in the midst of peoples and nations."

FORESEE OUSTING OF RED TEACHERS IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY.—(NC)—A plebiscite is to be conducted among members of the S.T.E.R.M., teachers organization affiliated with the Mexican Confederation of Work- to rectify or ratify the designation of General Secretary, and to eliminate Communist elements. It is believed Communist cells within the organization will be eliminated and that the selection of Professor Pena of Sonora as General Secretary will not be confirmed. Indications are that the vote will be nine to one in favor of the non-Communist Flores Fuentes.

Catholics' Protest Stops Indecent Movie

BUENOS AIRES.—As the result of protests by Catholic Action members here, judicial authorities raided teh Comedia Theater, seized lewd films which were being exhibited, and placed the manager and certain of the personnel under arrest.

Get local news into the CATHOLIC COURIER by Tuesday.

CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo

Sight-Readers—Group of children from St. Andrews School, Rochester, do sight-reading from the "Plain Song Book." Catholics possess a musical heritage which musicians the world over acclaim as the highest form of art. Both the sacred and secular receive proper emphasis in the Catholic School.

Professor Upholds Taylor Status

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with the Vatican State, as a sovereign nation." There is no positive obligation to do so, but if they decide it will be of benefit to themselves in any way, they may do so.

Of course the objection is urged that the Pope is head of the Catholic Church. Would not recognition of the Pope as a temporal monarch be tantamount to recognizing, officially, the Roman Catholic Church? The facts show otherwise. If this were true, then all those nations represented officially at Rome would have inevitably "bowed their necks for Rome to tread upon," Nazi Germany and Anglican England among them; if this were true then the United States, officially represented at the Vatican from 1797 by a consul and from 1854 to 1867 by a minister resident, would have been during that period "completely and ignominiously committed to the recognition of the Pope's spiritual dominion."

The absurdity is evident, Father McNamara went on to say. Diplomats are too matter of fact for that; they are always able to make and keep the distinction between the Pope's temporal and spiritual prerogatives. By way of proof he quoted President Buchanan's letter of instruction of April 5, 1848, to Jacob L. Martin, our first charge d'affaires at Rome, in which it was said: "Your efforts, therefore, will be devoted exclusively to the cultivation of the most friendly relations with the Papal Government, and to the extension of the commerce between the two countries. You will carefully avoid even the appearance of interfering in ecclesiastical questions . . ."

But though these facts stand proved, the Seminary Professor added that there was still evident a more basic reason for the objections offered, namely that any such appointment or relations added to the prestige of the Catholic Church. It is too bad that this argument was not used alone without depending on the church-state separation argument. For Protestants have never uniformly upheld the church-state separation even in America. As instances Father McNamara pointed out that Protestantism was the established religion in Connecticut until 1818, in New Hampshire until 1819, in Massachusetts until 1835, and that the New Hampshire State Constitution excluded Catholics from its chief offices until 1877.

But as for the objection against the prestige of the papacy. There would, the speaker admitted, be some prestige added, but not much. Furthermore such prestige would be only accidental to the conferring of a greater benefit on American and international welfare. To object only on this ground would unreasonable, petty, and even un-American.

Father McNamara concluded by commending the recent approval given in the Episcopalian Convention of the Rochester Diocese, of Mr. Taylor's appointment, for thereby the delegates show their realization "that no political government in the world can survive if it does not provide for the spiritual well-being of men."

POLES PROTEST SEIZURE OF CHURCH TREASURES

ANGERS, France.—The Polish Government has sent a strong protest to the Allies against the seizure by German Nazis in Poland of Church goods and the transporting into Germany of art treasures from Polish churches.

The organ of the Polish Government in Paris, Glos Polski, makes known that the protest also was forwarded to the Vatican.

Notes 60th Year

Toronto.—Brother Daniel Murphy, S.J., has observed the sixtieth anniversary of his religious life, here at the Jesuit Seminary.

Novena Cures Seminarian's Illness

HANKOW, China.—Lumen Service reports the remarkable cure of Lawrence Fang, second-year theology student from Hanyang at the Regional Seminary here.

Mr. Fang suffered serious hemorrhages in February. As the plates showed positive advanced tuberculosis of the lungs, the attending physician ordered therapeutic treatment and a year's complete rest. Some two weeks later, finding that the case did not yield to treatment, the physician recommended the patient be sent home.

At this juncture the seminarian began a novena in honor of Pope Pius X. On the second day of the novena, Mr. Fang asked and obtained permission to get up and on the seventh day he declared that al pain in the chest and back which had afflicted him had ceased. He attended Mass the last day of the novena and on the following day further examinations showed such marked improvement that the physician felt the patient might be completely cured. Another novena to Pius X was made and the physician declared no trace of the malady could be found. Mr. Fang resumed his studies.

Honor Blessed Mother Rose Duchesne

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their feundress was expressed by the Religious of the Sacred Heart on Monday. Their statement follows:

"The Beatification of Mother Philippine Duchesne, on May 12, brings before us the first missionary of the Religious of the Sacred Heart to come to America. She may well be called an American Beata, for although French by birth and training, it was love for the soul of America that drew her from France and made her live for 36 long years of toil and suffering in the midst of its people.

"From childhood she had dreamed of the missions and yet God asked her to wait until she was 49 years old before He allowed the dream to become a reality. After months of stormy sea travel, she reached her 'Land of Promise,' and kissed its soil in gratitude to God for the privilege of being at last, an American Missionary.

"With her four companions she founded the first Convent of the Sacred Heart in America, and the first free school west of the Mississippi River, at St. Charles, Missouri. Thence—north, south, east and west—Convents were established from Canada to Mexico and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. So did the 'Oak,' from the French of her name, Ducheane, spread its branches until the vigor of its sap and the warmth of its shade was felt, far and wide.

"As she saw her life, it was one of failure—as God saw it—as we see it now, it was a glorious success. She has been called the Francis Xavier of the Society, she might also be called its John the Baptist for the constant cry of her soul was, 'He must increase, I must decrease.' She met with understanding, adversity and suffering both physical and moral, but she never wavered. God and souls—she saw nothing else.

"Under the strong but gentle direction of St. Madeleine Sophie, her virile character became as wax in the Hands of God and she was made a worthy instrument for Him to use. The absolute surrender of every faculty into His keeping bore its fruit, and human failure was merged into a divine success. What she could not do, God did, and what He made of her is revealed now that His Vicar in the name of the Church, has risen up 'and called her Blessed.'"

Scouts Field Mass

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God whose story is commemorated on a bronze table at the entrance to the grounds. The tablet recalls that Father Hennepin, a Franciscan missionary, said Mass in a bark chapel there 261 years ago.

"They were the fearless scouts of Him who said 'I Am the Way'," the Bishop said. "In this very valley they bent their knees in prayer as you do today. For we are gathered here before this altar not for dress parade, not for a pageant, but to pray to our God."

The Bishop was assisted in the Mass by the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey and the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti.

Beautifully decorated, the altar atop the promenade was the center of a colorful scene. Window sills of the upper floors were decorated with spring flowers. The colors and standards of the Scout troops, boys on the left and girls on the right, were massed below the altar.

Sacred hymns sung by the Scouts and the Mercy High Choir added to the splendor of the ceremony. The Rev. Benedict Ehmann was at the organ.

Scout chaplains, Scoutmasters and Scouters were interspersed in the throng before the altar accompanying their respective troops.

Catholic Women Aid Canada's Red Cross

MONTREAL.—It was reported at the annual meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Mount Royal that 365 pieces of knitting and sewing were made by club members for the Red Cross Society since the outbreak of war.

Donations also were made to the Catholic Federated Charities, the Knights of Columbus, Army Huts, Finnish Relief and Red Cross.

Joint Fraternity

San Antonio.—St. Mary's University here has been granted membership in the newly formed national scholastic honor society, Delta Epsilon Sigma.

Newsmen Seek Bl. Martin Aid

War Reporters Wear His Image

NEW YORK (NC)—A remarkable story of devotion to Blessed Martin de Porres, saintly Peruvian Dominican lay Brother, among American war correspondents in Europe, Catholic and non-Catholic is told by Edward Doherty, himself a correspondent, in the current issue of The Torch, published here by the Dominican Fathers.

Mr. Doherty relates that "strange as it may sound, most of the American newspapermen, hard-boiled cynics, Catholic and Protestant, are friends of Blessed Martin." He asserts that the devotion to the Beatus is genuine and accompanied by frank admissions of assistance rendered the correspondents through the intercession of Blessed Martin.

It seems this journalists' devotion to Martin was initiated by a Catholic correspondent at a restaurant in London where several prominent war writers were gathered. Since that time, Mr. Doherty says, when Americans read the war dispatches from the European fronts, they may think of Blessed Martin, "for his image probably dangles from the watch chain of the man who wrote it, or it may be hung on a cord around his neck, or fastened to the identity disc about his wrist, or his relic cards may be in the writer's pocket."

Famed Reporter Accepts

"There were a number of us at the table. One of us, the head of a European bureau, a reporter famous throughout the world not only because of his news stories but also on account of the books he has published, was going to France the next day to serve as correspondent with the British army.

"'Before you go,' said one of his friends, a newspaperman distinguished in his own way 'I'd like to give you something that won't do you any harm, and may do you some good.'

"'I know—a bottle of Scotch.'

"'No. But it'll give you just as much kick as Scotch—if not more.'

"He held out to the laughing correspondent a bronze medal of Blessed Martin. The other took it, looked at it curiously, and asked 'What is it?'

"'Just a picture of a grand guy who has been helping mugs like you and me for over three hundred years,' was the answer 'Maybe you think it's all superstition, but—'

"'Nuts,' said the other. 'I know how Catholics feel about these things. I know you don't believe there's any juju in this thing, but it's not an Aladdin's lamp that you wish on and rub—and get your wish. What I meant was 'Who is he?'"

"The story of Martin was told in a few words, as only a newspaperman talking to other newspapermen could tell it.

Their Own Language

"'He was a guy named Martin de Porres. His old man was a Spanish Don. His mother was a colored woman. The kid was born in Peru, half a hundred years after the Conquest—about the time you, you pup, began working as a cub. He became a great 'doc.' He cured everybody in his own home town. He became a wizard. He fed all the poor people out of baskets that never seemed to get empty. He could be eight or nine places at once. What a reporter he would have made! And ever since he's been dead he's been helping everybody. Ask him most anything, and you'll get it.'

"'What do I do with it?' the correspondent asked. 'Put it on a chain and wear it around my neck?'

"'Just keep it in your pocket if you want to. Talk to the guy once in a while. Ask him for favors—especially when you need em. If he doesn't help you — throw the medal away.'

"'I won't throw it away. I'll keep it as a memento of you,' said the correspondent. He fished a key case out of his pocket, and fastened the medal to one of the key rings. 'Thanks. And just for that, I'll pay the check.'

"'Hey,' one of the other newspapermen cried, 'what's the matter? You love this guy? Why don't you give me one of those medals. Don't I rate?'

"'Holding out on us,' another accused the donor. 'We're going to the wars too.'

"'That's the only one I have with me, but I'll get one for each of you, and for your friends too, if you like.'

"'Tell us some more about this guy Martin,' said the war correspondent, passing the key case to the man on his right who had been itching to get a good look at it.

"'I'll tell you something about him,' I said—though nobody had asked me—and I related some of the modern 'miracles' performed through Martin's intercession.

"They were as interested, getting the story of the long dead lay Brother, as they would be in digging up the latest story of war-torn Europe.

"I met a number of big-time newspapermen later, in various parts of England, on the sea, in the air, in France, in Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Belgium and Italy, who were wearing the medal of Martin de Porres, or carrying one of his relic cards. They were all friends of mine, and of the newspaperman who had supplied them."

Stage Veteran Dies

Los Angeles — Sidney Hayes, veteran of stage and screen, who with his wife formed the vaudeville team of "Hayes and Hayes", has died here at the age of 75. Funeral services were held in St. Thomas' Catholic Church.

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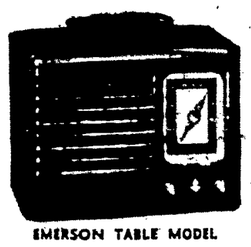

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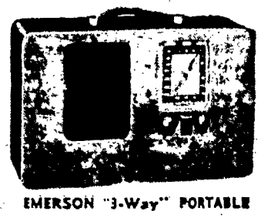

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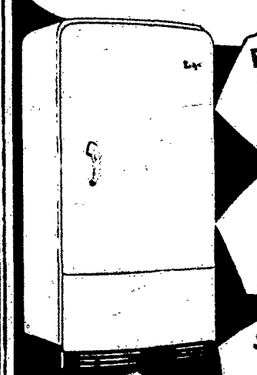

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