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Invaders Imperil Hallowed Catholic Shrines

Belgium, Holland Situation Told By Authorities

Added to the thousands upon housands of Catholics whose lives trionanties of Catriolies whose lives are in peril, as the Nesl jurgernant rolls over Belgium and Rolland, are countless hallowed shrines of Catholie faith and culture—famous cathedrain, universities and seminaries now menaced as Vanismitales control.

To get some idea of the entent of possible destruction to Catalolic institutions and organisations, the N.C.W.C. News Bervice haw called upon two noted authorilles but retently returned from the war areas to give their versions of what the situation is over there. The Rew. Dr. John F. Fizinegan, priest of the Archidocese of Detroit whe received the degrees S.T.D. and Ph. D. at Louwin University, writes of Belgium, with the Rev. Peter Mommerstong, Director of De Jenge Werksenn in the heavy Picconn. his native Discouse of Den Bosch, and a leading spirit of the Netherlands Catholic Youth Movement telling of what is transpixing in Holland.

Westlows of Belgium about which Dr. Finnegan writes have already fallen under German control. Referring to the Walkoon, or French-speaking section of the country, he writes:

ocuntry, he writes:
"Due to the inducate of the Jouncese Catholique (the Jocista), and to a more effective social programs, a large percentage of Walleania has been reclaimed to practical Catholiciam. The advance upon Brussels led directly through Louvain, home of perhaps the most celebrated Catholic university in the world. The University of Louvain was founded in 1625 and has a present enrollment of nearly 5,000 students.

"During the rectorable of the late of many Catholic of the late Mishop Ladeure, Louvaim added some 30 new buildings to its group, including the renowmed institute for Cancer Research and a the vicin where Father Damian, estitute for Cancer Research and a the vicin where Father Damian, the vicin shistry. The first American College for confederation study of Psychiatry, The first American College for confederation studies in SOVIET WRITINGS NOW 1867. It closed its doors only last prints.

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Burdys was founded at louwain in
1867. It closed its doors only last
Christmas in anticipation of today's war. The American College
survived the first World War. It
was scuupled by 800 Prussian
trespa en August 21, 1816 but they
withdrew when they were convinced that it was American property."

Doctor Finnegan recalls that a
new million-dollar library was
erected through American generosilly after the war. Duting most of
the war, while seven-eights at Belgium was ecoupled by the Germans, the American College served
as a Red Crois hospital. It is a
large brick building, five stories
high, and capable of housing 120
students.

Americans in War Zene

"Will it survive the present terrific aerial bombardments?" queries Dr. Finnegan. "Louvain is
only 15 miles or about five minutes flying time from the Brussels airdrome, the first object of
Naxi attack. Morsover, Louvain
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Catholic Shrines in War Area



The face of many Catholic shrines in Holland and Belgium remain uncertain as the German invasion of those countries gain force. Pictured are the Church of St. Joseph, in Masstricht. Holland, a town severally shelled before it capitulated to the Nazi advance. Right, the National Shrine of St. Joseph, at Louvalli, where Father Damian, "the Apostle of the Lapers of Molokai," is buried. This area is again in the vicinity of some of the wars severest shelling. (NCWC.)

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Brussels, was in that city when grade-schools in Holland, 53 per the west of May 77 to June

The Catholic school system is subsidized by the State. That made "In the tiny shrine of \$4 Joseph it possible for 90 per cent. of the Louvein his the mortal remains Catholic children in grade and

Along The War Front

rule of his Order in so far as this is possible in uniform: and at the front. It was told by a reporter for the Journal in an account of how the soldiers stood the bitter cold of winter in the trenches. Because he could not wear his mornastic sandais, this Capuchin refused shoes and wore only his soldier's socks with the thermometer collections of such material on monthly installment plans. Readers are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality immorality immorality published under the title "Monks Before the Court", the "revelations" of a former Trappist, books on the "Pope Joan" the ill-fament of the collections of such material on monthly installment plans. Readers are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality immorality on the notorious "immorality immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality books on the "Teophis, and the notorious "immorality immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality books on the notorious "immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality problems are particularly advised to buy a sensational and slanderous book on the notorious "immorality problems are p

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iack. It is an important range is is also an important military center, housing inversal barracks and samy supply depots. One large barracks is only and St. James, which is one of the most beautiful in the city, depots. One large barracks is only and St. James, which is one of the most beautiful in the city, and St. Giles. The latter was origing to a vow solemnly taken by the from the American College and from the adjacent Carmelite Convent.

Stop and think—but don't stop of Rishmond Diocese and at pressort Most Theology at thinking.

PRAGUE, — At Prague is ing Advent for three consecutives, ing drawn into the war, according to according to a vow solemnly taken by the intelligence of St. Gallen and his whole Catheron the adjacent Carmelite Convent.

Most Rev. Josephus Meele, Bishop of St. Gallen and his whole Catheron the adjacent Carmelite Convent.

"Monsignor Louis Smal, formerly style.

Stop and think—but don't stop Bishop Melle has addressed a Pastoral to the fallthrui of his diocese inviting them to attend week-to are two differences of the correspondent states, spoken." the correspondent states. ZURICH, Switterland. - A week Religious Freedom

the American College, is in Belglum, He was about to return to
Richmond when atricken by illhess, a few weeks ago,
Connor, assistant to the Superior
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spoken," the correspondent states,
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in Brussels, was in that city when the bombardment began.

"Other Louyain students were transferred to Rome, to St. Brieve in Brittany and to other seminaries some five months ago. Belgium has been in a state of almost complete moltilisation last summer 47 per cent. of the soldiers in the army were moltilisation in local institutions in Louyain. Dr. Filmegan refers to the Jesuit House of Studies in Regambove and the Benedictine Abbey of Mont Cesar. Numerous societies of missionary priests and nume have house in Louvain.

Tather Damien's Remains

"Among the children going to when the Rosary will be said.

"The week of May 27 to June 2 will be reserved for acts of pendace, by abatention from alcoholic drinks and tobacco. and similar means. Saturday of that same week will be a day of fast and abstinance. All the savings thus obtained are to be offered up for charities. The Sunday closing the week will be solemized as "Peace Studies."

The present war and the neopagalisms of the invadors will destroy all the wonderful Catholic institutions, which are the pride of Catholic Holland and which described by presting the week of penance would for the three years follows in Eaglist and nume have houses in Louvain.

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the Swiss people hope to be spared.

PARIS -- An unusual retreat has been held at Marienthall Monaster;

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ANTI-CATHOLIC BOOKS

Capuchin, in Trenches

Spurns Wearing Shoes

more Catholic books and periodical forbidden by the Geatago, propaganda for the sale of definitely anti-Christian and anti-Catholic literature has never been PARIS.— (NC) -A soldier, but as active as it is now. according to first and last a Capuchin!

This is the story of a Capuchin

This is the story of a Capuchin of the National Socialist Party are who, though mobilised, follows the advertisements which offer whole rule of his Order in so far as this collections of such material on Plaffemplegel (Parsons Mirror), by Corvin-Wiersbitzki, a history of the Popes by a neo-pagan and violently anti-Catholic

Women at the closing session of their national annual meeting here. Sterilization will lead to much abuse Dr. C. T. Fink told the meeting, adding it is totally inemcient and futile as a eugenic

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CHAPEL CHANGES THE VILLAGE

Bishop Tells of Changed Conditions

Bishop Joseph Kallas is the Buhop o. Tripol, in Syria. His Diocese is large. The Mohammedans form two-thirds of the population. Most of the Christians belong to the dissident or separated church, while Catholics re few:

Bishop Kallas writes: "An example of what a chapel nears is the village of Amar, some miles from Tripioli. The new chapel built by one of your friends has changed it from a dull hopeless spot to one of activity and zent. Now he Catholics count. They invite their Christian friends to the Chapel they bring their neighbors to the special sermons and functions. The priest is made welcome by the separated people, and it looks as though Amar petual membership is Twenty Dol-

"Our school is only a shack it is family membership is Twenty Dollars. The offering for perpetual a disgrace. We tried holding school in the chapel but this did not work.

Carrying desks and about the chapel but the the week seemed to lesse the children's reverence for the chapel.
"We should complete the work in
Amar and build a school. I know that the separated peop e will send their children to us immediately. Then we will grow in numbers our own children, and they are my frest concern, will not have to apologize for their Catholic School. The fovernment school makes our school look ridiculous

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