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# INTERNATIONAL

### A DEMORALIZING SIDE OF WAR BOMBS BURST ON MISSION

## Bishop Yu-Pin Home Bombed

### Raiden Wreck His Catholic Daily

(Local Troup—Bishop Paul Yao... mentioned in this dispatch... former Director of the... in January, 1938. A native of China, he visited here with his family, Bishop Kearney and addressed an audience at... Bishop Yao-Pin also speaks in the... Club of Cornell University on the... problems of his native land.)

**CHUNGKING, China.**—(NC)—Catholic establishments in and around this city have suffered extraordinarily heavy damage since the resumption of Japanese aerial bombardments at the beginning of May.

Catholic institutions of learning, including universities, have been destroyed and professors and students have been killed.

The Cathedral and the Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Paul, St. Teresa and St. Joseph (the latter was bombed on July 9) have all been demolished together with the convents attached to them.

The residence of Bishop Louis Gabriel Janin, Vicar Apostolic of Chungking, and the residence of Bishop Paul Yao-Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, who are present in this city, have been damaged. Thousands of Chinese civilians are reported to have been killed.

**FRANKING PRISON.**—A particularly heavy blow for Bishop Yu-Pin was the damage which the air raids caused to the plant where his newspaper, The Catholic Daily, is printed. Since his return to China, Bishop Yu-Pin has thrown himself wholeheartedly into Catholic work and Catholic press work.

His work with the Catholic Press has been rendered extremely difficult by the conditions under which he has had to labor, but he has persevered his mission, in the face of all obstacles, to maintain the Catholic press. He says it is extremely important to spread Catholic doctrine among his fellow-countrymen in these very hard times.

Preventing the bombing of open towns and villages, Chinese Correspondence, a weekly news bulletin published here, says that in one day on bomb struck the Catholic asylum and orphanage at Shanghai.

It says the Church of St. Teresa at Kiangsi, which was struck on May 3, was bombed a year ago.

## Drug Traffic Spreads In China Area

**CHUNGKING, China.**—Chinese Correspondence, weekly news bulletin, charges that narcotics are being spread religiously in Japanese-occupied China. It asserts that all occupied sections of Shanghai are inundated with opium, heroin and morphine and that the fields to the north of Tientsin and Jinshih are covered with poppies, which are used in the manufacture of drugs.

In Suiyuan, it says, the people of Pankow are forced to plant the poppy and, as a tax, to provide the authorities with some 30 ounces of opium for each acre of land used for this purpose.

It is also reported by the paper that all previous regulations and prohibitions against opium traffic have been repealed in occupied areas; that in one city the daily revenue from narcotics is \$6,000 Mexican dollars; that of the \$80,000 inhabitants of the place one-fourth are poisoned by heroin consumption and death average 20 to 30 daily, and that 70 shops in Shanghai take in 1,000,000 Mexican dollars each month within the international concession from narcotic trade.

At some places, the paper asserts, it is easier to get "white powder" than to get rice.

## Dutch Catholic Press Harassed By Nazis

**LONDON.**—Nazis have begun to take control of the Dutch press, says the Catholic Herald, quoting an agency report. The paper says that "a council of enlightenment" has been formed for the enlightenment of instruction of the population and the mediation between the press and the authorities and the mobilization of all concerned with the press.

The Catholic Herald recalls that Dutch Catholics Forman a strongly organized minority of more than 40 per cent of the population and that they have a very flourishing Catholic Press.

## Indians Honor Kateri

**MONTREAL (NC)**—Led by their tribal chief, Poking Fire, Indians of the Coughnawaga Reservation near here in Ontario, Kateri, Mohawk, who died more than two centuries ago, Kateri's tomb is located on the Coughnawaga Reservation.

The Montreal Gazette reports that under the direction of Chief Poking Fire an elaborate open-air altar featuring a carved statue of the statue of the "Lily of the Mohawks" has been erected at the reservation in preparation for the annual religious festival to the Mohawk girl whose name is Kateri.

The altar was the special centerpiece in the altar in stone taken from the site of the St. Lawrence River and the site of the old mission of St. Francis Xavier, the sacred figure of Kateri, Thomas, the Lily of the

## POPE AT TOMB OF FIRST APOSTLE



His Holiness Pope Pius XII, on June 28, the vigil of the feast of St. Peter, devoced to the grotto of the Vatican basilica to pray at the tomb of the prince of apostles. Nearby are located the tombs of his predecessors, Pius XI and Pius X. (N.C.W.C.)

## Light Turned On A. Suppressed Vicious Aspect Of The War

Militarism, whether in times of peace or war, is responsible for incalculable evils. While death, separation of families and the waste of a country's substance are bad enough in themselves, the moral dangers, an inevitable accompaniment of a militaristic policy, are even worse to contemplate.

How great can be this evil is disclosed by an incident in France preceding the fall of the French Republic, viz., the institution of State-regulated and licensed brothels to serve the English and French troops. The Catholic press of England, once it had learned of the existence of these shameful conditions, demanded their abolition. It was the French section of the St. Joan's Alliance called the matter to the attention of Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of London.

"French Christian women," the communication asserted, "turn to you as a leader of the public conscience in your country, begging you from your high moral authority to oppose the very idea of opening licensed houses for a special use of our Allied troops."

Although no attempt was made to hide the facts from the people in England, the American press was strangely silent on the matter. The influential Christian Democrats, of which organ of the Catholic Social Guild, comments acerbically on the situation that: "One of the worst horrors of war, a formidable obstacle to the country's success in these times of danger, an evil which holds out the greatest peril for the times of peace to come, is the encouragement to vice which is offered to our young men in France."

The soldiers are attracted to the brothels, the article published in the Texas has continued, "by curiosity or by the agents employed. Actually little children are being used to show men the way to these houses. Many will there learn just for the first time; others will see any remaining powers of self-control."

Charging that the houses of prostitution for soldiers are conducted "by a powerful combine of owners, who use propaganda, financial and political corruption and threats either to forestall repressive legislation or to evade existing restrictions," the Catholic monthly contends the system amounts to slavery for the poor women "no longer belongs to herself but becomes merely a thing of the administration."

Reluctantly the author admits the presence of our troops in France has greatly increased the demand. Some French authorities have expressed themselves as shocked that British authorities should accept the necessity of brothels being available, and even reserved, for British Expeditionary Forces.

**Problem Here in '11**  
All efforts of a legislative nature to abolish the system failed. Cardinal Etienne considered his position he would lay the matter before the Prime Minister, assuring his strongest support. The British troops were evacuated from France before such a prohibition legislation could be enacted however. In the last war, the "Christian Democrat" affirms, it was not until 1917, "when a terrible brothel scandal enraged local French people," the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene succeeded in putting the infamous institution "out of bounds" in France.

## Says Russ Youth Trend Is Away From Communism, Even Toward Religion

**NEW YORK (NC)**—The Kom-somol, or Young Communist League, in Soviet Russia, which played such an important role in strengthening the Soviet regime, is rapidly changing into a stronghold of anti-Communism, trends, writes N. Zarin from China to Reshla, Russian periodical published here.

Mr. Zarin, who is living in China where he fled from the Soviets, writes that the young Russians, who at one time endured all sorts of hardships for the sake of the future Utopia promised by Communism are not only being attracted by new currents of thought, but are even showing signs of turning toward religion.

"The Kom-somol is leaving Communism," he says, "Russian youth is in quest of a lost ideal and involuntarily turns to God. Nothing can divert this attempt, for the spiritual souls of youth are crying for God."

"The time has passed when youth believed in the beautiful promises of Communism. They want a well-ordered life. The Communists cannot give that."

## Noted Catholics Reported Missing

**LONDON.**—Two noted Catholics reported missing in France are Capt. Thomas More Eyston, who is a direct descendant of St. Thomas More, and Viscount Gormanston, Ireland's premier peer.

Captain Eyston was wounded in the Flanders evacuation and had to be left behind. It is presumed that he is a prisoner.

Viscount Gormanston was last seen in France, slightly wounded, traveling on a truck towards Ex-reux.

## Pope Lauds Jesuits' 4 Centuries Of Labor

**VATICAN CITY.**—The origin, development and present position of the Society of Jesus is highly praised in a letter which His Holiness Pope Pius XII has addressed to the Very Rev. Vladimir Ledochewski, S.J., Superior General of the Jesuits. The letter is commemorating the fourth centenary of the Society's canonical approbation.

Pope Pius XII's letter recalls important events in the history of the Society of Jesus, describes its principal activities, blesses them, and wishes them ever larger fruits for the greater glory of God.

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Our own country was confronted by the same problem during the World War. A group interested in suppressing the white slave trade and prostitution tended to that the troops called to the Mexican border in 1917 and 1918 found brothels established in close proximity to their camp. The moral delinquency among the soldiers was astounding they declared. However, it should be pointed out that the Secretary of War during this period, Newton D. Baker, succeeded in preventing the establishment of official brothels for the American soldiers in France.

Mobilization of troops, whether in time of war or peace, assuredly gives rise to numerous moral problems. Young men are removed from the restraining influence of home and community. The regiment are composed of men from every walk of life, and the undisciplined are thrown into contact with the licentious, the degenerate, who are usually only too willing to teach their virtuous companions the ways of sin. In European countries militarism was frequently opposed on moral grounds. The barracks, it was said, exerted an evil influence on young men removed from an environment in which they had been protected against the temptations put into the way of soldiers and sailors by those human vultures who profit from human degradation.

Should mass conscription of America's youth prove inevitable Government and army must be reminded of their obligation to safeguard the morals of the drafted men. Above all, stringent legislation should be enacted to prevent licensed prostitution asserting itself anywhere near cantonments and camps. Local authorities must be made to feel that public opinion will not tolerate their connivance at the existence of saloons and brothels opened with the evil intent of attracting soldiers.

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