

# \$25,000 Sent By U. S. Hierarchy To Hawaii Comes In 'Most Handy'

## 'We'll Keep Flag Flying' —Writes Bishop Sweeney

SAN FRANCISCO—(N. C.)—Assuring his fellow Americans on the Mainland that "we will keep the flag flying high," and asking prayers "that God may not let me fail those He has entrusted to my care," the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu, gives a vivid picture of the Church in war-time Hawaii, in correspondence just received here.

The letters were written to the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco. Bishop Sweeney was Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Archdiocese of San Francisco prior to his elevation to the episcopate last year.

Bishop Sweeney, whose residence was so severely damaged by Japanese bombers on Dec. 7 that he has been living in a hotel, and only in recent days has been able to rent a house, says "of course we have martial law, but there is no interference with our daily lives."

### Bishop's Tasks Multiplied

It is evident from the letters, though, that the outbreak of war has seriously complicated the already numerous and weighty obligations of the first Bishop of Honolulu. Faced with the necessity of setting up the facilities and procedures for the administration of his See, Bishop Sweeney has seen these normally difficult works rendered increasingly hard by the exigencies of war.

All schools were closed and St. Louis College has been entirely taken over by the Government, Bishop Sweeney reveals. Some of the other schools were partially taken over.

This presented a two-fold problem to the Bishop of Honolulu. Not only did it represent an interruption to the processes of education, but it threw upon the Bishop the duty and the problem of providing for all the Brothers and Sisters on the island of Oahu.

The seminary of the Honolulu diocese has closed temporarily and the students have returned to their homes on the various islands. Bishop Sweeney is attempting to meet this problem by having the students attend schools near their homes, and by having their local pastors conduct daily instructions in Latin for them.

### School Becomes Hospital

One of the Catholic schools has been taken over for a hospital and another has been taken by the engineers, the Bishop says. He adds, however, that "the taking over of some of our buildings by the Government has not incapacitated us, and I feel that with a little sacrifice, we can continue to carry on the greatest part of our work."

The letters indicate that the National Catholic Community Service leaders conducting USO activities are in constant consultation with the Bishop, and that problems relating to the Army and Navy are presented to him every day. "Everyone is really looking to the Catholic Church for leadership," the Bishop says.

To meet the void in the Catholic educational system, resulting from two schools having been taken over entirely by the Government, Bishop Sweeney is planning to make use of neighboring public schools. In these cases the public school buildings will be operated on morning and afternoon shifts. The public school classes will utilize the building at one time; the Catholic school classes at the other. In another case, where the Catholic school has been taken over partially by the authorities, the Sisters believe that by staggering the hours of classes the situation will be met.

Bishop Sweeney says, "There is a marked return to religious duties here, and that Hawaii will not be found lacking or unwilling to make any sacrifice these days."

### Canada Retreat House Draws 1,909 In Year

THREE RIVERS, Que.—A total of 1,909 women and girls followed "closed retreat" exercises at the Maison de Marie Reparatrice here the past year. The retreats varied in length from three to eight days. The total was from 71 groups who met in the "closed retreat" house to follow their spiritual exercises together.

## Prelate Uses Fund For Aid In War Area

WASHINGTON—(NC)—A fund of \$25,000 made available by the Bishops' Relief Committee is presently bringing emergency assistance to the Hawaiian Islands, it was made known here today.

The Bishops' Relief Committee, the members of which are the Archbishops and Bishops comprising the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, made the money available as soon as possible after the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor touched off the Pacific war, which brought new and pressing problems to the Catholic Church in Hawaii. The Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of the Bishops' Relief Committee, dispatched the money to Hawaii, where it is being administered by the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu.

In making the announcement that the money has been sent, the Bishops' Relief Committee is also able to say that it has been safely received, and to quote the words of Bishop Sweeney that it has "come in most handy."

## Court Upholds Church Records As Evidence

BOGOTA The Supreme Court of Colombia has upheld the validity of ecclesiastical records as evidence. The decision was made in connection with a case originating in the Circuit Court of Bogota. The Superior Court of Cundinamarca, when the case was appealed, reversed the decision of the lower court on the basis of refusing to recognize the validity of ecclesiastical evidence as to marriage and baptism.

In upholding the sentence of the Circuit Court, the Supreme Court says that the Concordat in force between Colombia and the Holy See recognizes records of ecclesiastical origin as real demonstrative evidence as to the civil status of persons.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Los Angeles—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Old Plaza Church of Los Angeles, now continuous day and night for almost two years, is being carried on despite war and emergency regulations.

# Axis Radio Continues Fake Broadcasts; New Canard Exposed

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—The latest canard fabricated by the Axis propaganda broadcasters in their short-wave onslaught on listeners in America and the Far East tells how the "Papal representative in the Philippines" pledged "wholehearted cooperation with the Japanese forces for the creation of a new order in East Asia."

## Ruling Affects Mixed Marriage As Congregation Decreases On Children's Status

VATICAN CITY—(NC-Radio)—An important ruling affecting mixed marriages and concerning the children born of previous marriages has been handed down by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in a decree approved by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The Congregation had been asked whether the caution required by Canon Law regarding the Catholic education of children applied only to those who might be born of the mixed marriage or if it applied also to children born of a previous marriage. The decree stated that the caution refers only to children born after a mixed marriage, but it was explained that the intention is that the persons to be joined in a mixed marriage must be seriously informed of their grave obligation to educate in the Catholic religion children born previously to the mixed marriage.

The voice from Tokio even identified the prelate he chose to designate as "Papal representative in the Philippines," but he named the Bishop of a Diocese considerably removed from Manila, where His Excellency the Most Rev. Guglielmo Plani, who is Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, has his residence.

Much of the flurry of words emitted from the microphones of Berlin, Tokio and Rome is directed particularly to Catholic listeners. Were world conditions less tragic, the gross errors, obvious mis-statements and frequent absurdities the broadcasts contain would, probably, afford only occasion for amusement.

Here are samples of the phony broadcasts:

A voice from Tokio tells of a resolution adopted by a general meeting of Philippine Protestants in Manila, held through the "good offices" of Japanese authorities. In his bid for the Protestant vote, the propagandist tells his listeners that more than 50 leading Protestants, including missionaries and "priests" were present. And the resolution, he says, pledged cooperation with the Japanese forces. Roosevelt as "Second Moses."

Comes next a voice from Berlin advising that President Roosevelt is being hailed by the Jews as their second Moses. The speaker's heart is filled with sorrow for the plight of the people of the United States. The Jewish question, he says, has become the greatest problem a problem of life and death—for America to solve.

Tokio turns up again. The Japanese and Filipinos, it seems, are now just one big happy family. A "common trust and love" has developed between the people of the Philippines and the Japanese troops who fell upon them killing and despoiling them.

Once more, then, the broadcaster turns to religion; and he does it in this fashion: The Japanese soldiers act in accordance with the wishes of the "Heavenly Japanese Emperor." The voice from Tokio adds: "My friends, actions of a God are just and righteous. Actions of a people under God also are just and righteous. The Japanese people are the same as you. They were brought up on religion."

Earlier that voice had solemnly proclaimed that when the Japanese entered Manila, the assembled citizenry chorused: "The angels have come. The angels we have awaited so long have now descended."

And then, from Rome: A broadcast in Italian directed at Latin America states that while Anglo-Saxons had pictured Japan as the enemy of Christianity, the Spanish press reported atrocities supposedly committed by Chiang Kai Shek against the Catholic priests.

Tokio once more, and South Americans are told Protestants and Jews in the United States have united to "exterminate" the Catholics in Latin America.

## INDO-CHINA BISHOPS MEET; RECEIVED BY EMPEROR

VICHY—All the Catholic Bishops of Indo-China, with the exception of the Most Rev. Ange Gouin, M.E.P., Vicar Apostolic of Laos, met at Hue towards the close of the year, it has been learned here. The purpose of the conference was to discuss problems growing out of present circumstances which affect the Church.

The Prelates were received by Emperor Bao Dai who acknowledged the loyalty of his Catholic subjects, and decorated three of the Bishops with the insignia of Commanders of the Annamese Dragon.

## Heads Neurologists

New Orleans—Dr. Walter Otis, head of the staff of DePaul Sanitarium, which is directed by the Sisters of Charity, has been elected President of the New Orleans Society of Neurology and Psychiatry. He is a member of the Catholic Physicians' Guild.

## Strong Trend To Catholicism

### Noted In England By Father Orchard

MONTREAL—(NC)—"I remark in England a very strong tendency toward Catholicism and a sympathy each day more lively with regard to the Church of Rome," the Rev. William E. Orchard, of London, told reporters of La Presse, local daily French language newspaper.

"A third of the faithful of the Church of England are ready to adhere to all the dogmas of the Catholic Church, and the great majority of the others admire the Catholic Church. They wish, however, that the Pope would accept them en bloc and that the unity would be accomplished at one stroke."

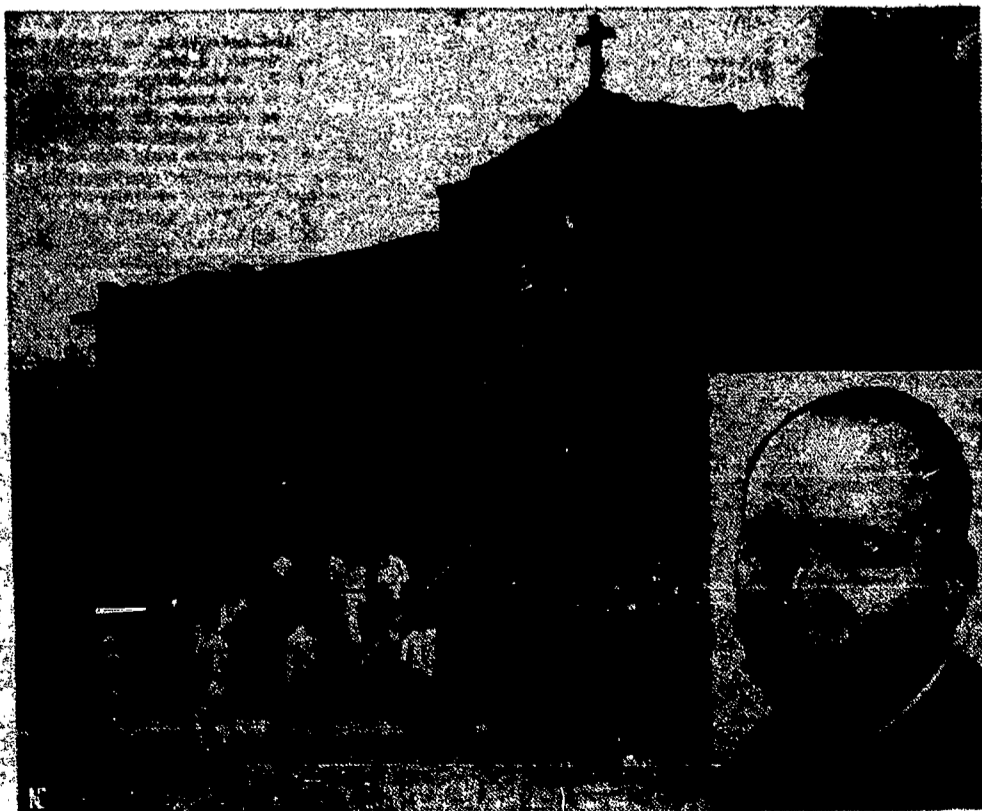
Father Orchard was a convert to Catholicism after having spent nearly 30 years in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. He had a very great influence among the Protestants during the 18 years he was pastor of the King's Weigh House of London, La Presse says.

"The Church is making progress in England. It counts about 10,000 conversions a year and these conversions are for the most part among the intellectuals," Father Orchard said. "Furthermore I know that the majority of sincere Protestants admit that the Catholic doctrine is the most firm, and that the Church's liturgy and her Sacraments alone can sustain the piety of the faithful."

## Warns of Protestant Endowed Propaganda

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—The 22-page Lenten Pastoral of the Most Rev. Victor Sanabria, Archbishop of San Jose, is devoted to Church unity and warns against the "well endowed and very astute Protestant propaganda in Costa Rica as constituting a social, cultural and even political penetration of the ideologies not of our tradition or lineage."

## Church Meets War Problems in Hawaii



Most Rev. James J. Sweeney (inset), Bishop of Honolulu, will administer a fund of \$25,000 made available by the U. S. Bishops' Relief Committee to bring emergency assistance to the people of the Hawaiian Islands. St. Louis College, Honolulu, pictured above, staffed by the Brothers of Mary, was converted into an Army hospital the day after the Pearl Harbor raid, according to a prearranged plan.