

U. S. Victory Will Uplift, Bless Oppressed Peoples Of The World, Says Prelate

SALT LAKE CITY — (N. C.) — Final victory for the United States in the present war will mean the uplifting and blessing of all oppressed peoples of the world, declared the Rt. Rev. Magr. Alfredo F. Giovannoni, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, here.

Colored and Indian Missions Served By 635 Priests In 1941

WASHINGTON — (N. C.) — A total of 390,011 Colored and Indians in the United States were ministered to last year by 635 priests, according to the annual report of the Commission for the Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians.

The Colored Catholics served were distributed over 68 archdioceses and dioceses and enjoyed the use of 312 churches. The Diocese of Lafayette having the largest number of churches for Colored with 35. The report adds that 8,873 Colored infants and 6,326 Colored adults were baptized, while 47,138 pupils attended the 244 schools for Colored.

The report's total of 89,544 Catholic Indians in 37 Sees for last year do not include large numbers of Indians scattered among white people, whose inclusion would bring the total of Catholic Indians to 100,000.

Priests who served the Indians throughout the country numbered 200 and there were 386 churches. Infant baptisms totalled 4,207, while 750 adults received the Sacrament. Pupils in the 68 schools numbered 7,234.

Public High Schools Grant Religious Instruction Time

ST. LOUIS — A ruling by Assistant Superintendent of Schools J. J. Maddox permits public high school students to receive religious instruction one hour a week. In the case of Catholics the instruction will be given at centers designated by the Archdiocesan authorities.

The permission, it was announced, will be granted each student on receipt of a request from his parents.

Named Club Chaplain

San Francisco — The Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Richard Hammond, Administrator of St. Ambrose's Church in Berkeley, as the new chaplain of the Serra Club of Oakland.

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War Casualty



Rev. Thomas A. Shanahan, S. J., of Waterbury, Conn., professor at the Ateneo de Manila, first American missionary reported wounded in the Battle of Manila. Father Shanahan has been removed by boat to Darwin, Australia. The faculty of the University had volunteered to help air raid victims. (N.C.W.C.)

Bishop Urges Return To Family Farm Idea

LAFAYETTE, La. — A return to farm ownership on a family basis, in contrast to the tenant system, was urged by the Most Rev. Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo and President of the Catholic Rural Life Conference, when he addressed agricultural, home economics and sociology students of Southwestern Louisiana Institute, a State college.

Two Newly Named Bishops Are Consecrated

Solemn consecration ceremonies for the Most Rev. Joseph C. Willingham and the Most Rev. Edward G. Hettinger took place respectively in Helena, Mont., and Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday.

HELENA, Mont. — (N. C.) — His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, on Feb. 24 consecrated the Most Rev. Joseph C. Willingham as first Bishop of the newly-created Diocese of Pueblo.

Assisting the Apostolic Delegate as co-consecrators in St. Helena Cathedral were the Most Rev.

Henry P. Rohlfman, Bishop ofavenport and the Most Rev. Joseph M. Gilmore, Bishop of Helena.

Twenty other members of the Hierarchy were in the sanctuary for the ceremonies, which were attended also by a large throng of local and visiting diocesan clergy, Religious and the laity.

They heard the Most Rev. Duane G. Hunt, Bishop of Salt Lake, preach the sermon, in which he asserted that the climax of the disintegration, and disaster which follow in the trail of disunity perhaps "is to be reached in our present day."

"Perhaps you and I shall be contemporaries of the final misfortune

accumulating from the centuries of disunion," he said. "The shock may be so deep as to threaten the very survival of civilization. But the world should know at least that God will not be mocked."

COLUMBUS, O. — The Most Rev. Edward G. Hettinger was elevated to the episcopate on Feb. 24, becoming the first Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus and Titular Bishop of Teos.

Bishop Hettinger was consecrated by the Most Rev. James J. Hartley, Bishop of Columbus, in ceremonies held at St. Joseph's the Most Rev. Francis W. Howard, Bishop of Covington, and the Most Rev. George J. Rehring, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati.

Preaching the sermon in the course of the ceremonies, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, declared the certainty that "God's plan postulates divine wisdom" is a consideration "supremely important today when not only proud rulers and self-centered individuals but also many sincere Christian men and women, disregarding the wisdom of God, reject without inquiry a divinely organized religion and consider everything, pertaining to the worship of God as a purely personal affair founded on sentiment and emotion."

SOUTHERN PUBLIC HIGH OFFERS RELIGION COURSE

GREENVILLE, N. C. — A course in religious instruction has been added to the curriculum of Greenville Public High School.

An elective with high school credit, the course is given one period a day. All of the nine Catholic pupils among the student body of more than 300 are all enrolled for the course and receive their instruction from the Rev. Charles J. Gable, pastor of St. Peter's Church here. Seventeen of the non-Catholic students are receiving instruction from the Protestant ministers of the town.

Tax Law Course

Cincinnati — Xavier University here has inaugurated a course in gift, estate and inheritance taxes to be given in the Evening Division for the spring term.

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Priest Commands Air Patrol



Rev. Celsus Wheeler, O. F. M., Superior of the Franciscan Monastery at St. Bonaventure College, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., who has been appointed commander of the Ocean Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. Father Celsus is well known for his interest in aviation and is coordinator for the C. A. A. civilian pilots training course at the college. (N.C.W.C.)

In a statement addressed to fellow Americans of Italian descent in Utah, Monsignor Giovannoni declares that "to our own United States, whose very existence is now imperilled, we owe all that we have and are." "We must be willing to give our resources; we must make sacrifices; we must offer ourselves in any capacity that we are needed," he added. "United with our fellow Americans, we must fight on to final victory, out of which all the oppressed peoples of the world may be uplifted and blessed. Such is my wish and my prayer."

"I address you as Italians merely so that I may identify you," Monsignor Giovannoni said. "However, the purpose of my letter would be defeated if I did not insist that you are Americans. You and I are of Italian ancestry; in that fact lies the only distinction between us and our fellow Americans.

"If you ask why I take it upon myself to thus address you, I explain that my position as a clergyman removes me from the sphere of politics. It gives me a position which I think cannot be misunderstood.

Fault Not With U. S.

"It is the cause of greatest sorrow to you and to me that our country, the United States of America, is now at war with the country of our parents. We had been hoping, since the outbreak of the European conflict, that such a calamity could be avoided. But the decision is now otherwise. And the fault for the break, we must frankly acknowledge, is not with the United States.

"It is only natural that we feel sentiments of attachment to Italy. The ties of blood tug at our hearts. For these sentiments we need not be ashamed; for them we shall not be blamed, certainly not by our fellow citizens. We must be careful, however, not to allow such feelings to compromise our loyalty to our own United States.

"The United States has been a splendid home to us. Here we have been welcomed by our fellow Americans. We have been well treated, so much so that we are part and parcel of this country. We hope, in turn, that by our presence here we have made some small contribution to the country's welfare.

Nothing Else To Do

"Concerning the war, we must recognize the true state of affairs. Our country was wantonly and cruelly attacked by the armed forces of Japan. For this attack there was not the slightest justification; it was criminal and immoral. Correspondingly right and just was the response by the Congress of our country, the declaration of war against Japan. There was nothing else to do. And then, as the tragic sequel, has come the endorsement of Japan's criminality by Germany and Italy, together with their declarations of war upon us. Again, there was nothing else for our country to do but to accept the challenge.

"It was an evil day for Italy when its government allied itself with Germany. The alliance was not natural; it was not welcomed by the Italian people. It has led them into one disaster after another. The Italian people are not warlike; no people in the world are more peace-loving than they are. The character of belligerency forced upon them does not become them. It makes them play a false role in world affairs. To the Italian people goes out our deepest sympathy. Without doubt they look to us today, not so much in hatred as demanded by their government, but with respect and hope. They long for peace; they hope to be rescued."

SCIENTIST'S DEVICE

Notre Dame, Ind. — High-speed, pace-time recording equipment designed and developed by Frank N. M. Brown, head of the aeronautical engineering department, University of Notre Dame, is serving the war effort in the landing gear engineering department of a major airplane manufacturer.

IRISH BISHOP DIES

Dublin — The Most Rev. Patrick McKenna, 74-year-old Bishop of Clogher, died here.