

Swiss War Reaction Told By Nuns Returned To U.S. On Drottningholm

WASHINGTON—(NC)—Amid the throngs about Pier F, Jersey City, as the Swedish liner Drottningholm docked to discharge 400 Western Hemisphere passengers who had been stranded in Europe, two Dominican nuns, the last American Sisters to leave Switzerland, found two Sisters from their community's house in New York waiting to welcome them.

Thus ended the final phase of a long period of uncertainty, during part of which the Sisters' only timely connection with their homeland was through the short-wave radio in their convent at Fribourg. The two Sisters are Sister M. Rodolpha, O.P. and Sister Marie Louise O.P. of the staff of the Institut des Hautes Etudes, Fribourg. The Institut, at Villa des Fougères, is a branch of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., and is maintained by the Dominican Sisters to enable American students to pursue the studies of their junior year abroad.

War-Time Conditions

Interviewed at the headquarters here of the National Catholic Welfare Conference where they visited before proceeding to the West, the Sisters told of wartime conditions in Switzerland and Portugal and of the nine-day crossing in which 1,000 North, Central and South American and West Indian nationals returned to their homelands in the first diplomatic exchange with Axis nations.

The entire building of the Institut des Hautes Etudes, where there have been no American students in residence since the war started, is now converted to purposes occasioned by the war, the Sisters said. The first floor is an infirmary for the use of Swiss troops, the Swiss Army now being partially mobilized at all times. On the upper floors the Sisters housed as many students and refugees as they were able to accommodate. Had the villa been closed, the Government would have reopened it for military and Red Cross use, officials told them.

While in Switzerland both Sisters studied at the University of Fribourg which has moved into new quarters blessed in July of last year. They had gone to Switzerland together in 1913 and one or the other of them had been there ever since. Each of the Sisters had spent a total of 14 years at the Institut.

Wartime changes came swiftly to the landlocked Alpine country, but after two and one-half years the people have become accustomed to them. Work is proceeding quite normally even amid heavy rationing, some shortages, high prices and mobilization. There seems to be no fear of invasion at present.

Communication with the world outside of Switzerland was difficult after war started, the Sisters said. In the last months, since Dec. 7, Clipper mail from the United States usually took four to seven weeks to reach Fribourg. There



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CONGRATULATIONS to the 1942 Class of Nazareth College are extended by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who presided and Hon. Michael F. Walsh, N. Y. Secretary of State, (right) commencement speaker, through Betty Riley, (left) class president at graduation ceremony, June 12.

Nazareth College Confers Degrees On 50 Candidates

Diplomas and awards were presented to 50 graduates of Nazareth College by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, in the first commencement exercises on the new East Ave. campus, Friday afternoon, June 12.

The commencement message given by Hon. Michael F. Walsh, LL.D., Secretary of State for the State of New York, cited the need for Christian womanhood. He told the graduates their Christian education had given them a sense of justice and a natural and spiritual charm to help fill that need.

Dr. James N. Eastham, Nazareth College mathematics professor, announced the academic awards.

The academic procession, headed by the Class of 1942, wound its way to the northern part of the grounds, where a special canopy had been erected.

Degrees of Bachelor of Education were given also to four members of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, all graduates of Nazareth Normal School.

The magna cum laude citation was given to Katherine M. Leckleitner for her work as secretary in the Science Department.

Honors conferred were:
Department of Religion—Betty Hendrick, cum laude; Mary Elizabeth Brennan, Kathleen Lyons, Dorothy Walkers.

Department of Philosophy—Cecilia Wegman, cum laude.

Department of English—Mary Elizabeth Brennan, cum laude; Jane Buicko.

Department of History—Harriet Walton, cum laude.

Department of Latin—Rita Brennan, cum laude; Rita Ferrara.

Department of Biology—Kathleen Lyons, cum laude.

Department of Chemistry—Betty Hendrick, cum laude.

Department of Sociology—Helen Harding, cum laude; Cecilia Wegman.

Department of Music—Helen McCormick, cum laude.

Department of Secretarial Science—Katherine Leckleitner, magna cum laude; Bernadine Hiler, cum laude; Louise Welch.

Given in recognition of outstanding mission service and leadership, the Paladin award was conferred on Margaret Moore, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jane Buicko, Rome, N. Y., Editor-in-Chief of the College Quarterly Publication, Verity Fair, was given the Catholic School Press Association Honor Award.

The following girls were elected to the National Catholic Honor Society, Kappa Gamma Phi: Katherine Leckleitner, Mary Elizabeth Brennan, Cecilia Wegman, Jane Buicko and Harriet Walton.

The degree list:
Bachelor of Arts—Mary Elizabeth Brennan, Rita Brennan, Jane Buicko, Helen Dalton, Evelyn Costantini, Margaret Moore, Kathleen Lyons, Jean M. Dugigan, Sandra Foster, Elise Foler, Janet Gilkey, Helen Harding, Catherine J. Mezzanilli, Madeline M. Murphy, Rita Ferrara, Rita Ferrara, Patricia Quinn, Florence Ryan, Jane Kilmington, Harriet Walton, Cecilia Wegman, Sr. M. St. Mary Mahon, S. S. J., and Sr. Rose Adelaide Frick, S. S. J.

Bachelor of Science: Helen Collins, Margaret Moore, Helen McCormick, Roberta Miller, Monica M. Sitt, Helen Wierck, June E. Arnsperger, Betty Hendrick, Marie E. Johnson, Kathleen Lyons, Nancy McCaffrey, Betty Quethenbook, Frances M. Keefe, Elizabeth M. Moran, Lucy Arnsperger, Bernadine Hiler, Jean Daines, Constance Di Pasquale, Josephine Gilda, Shirley Lane.

Katherine M. Leckleitner, Rosemary Miller, Jeanne Palma, Grace Pomeroy, Elizabeth A. Ritter, Katherine Rose, Jane Scallion, Dorothy Walker, Louise Welch.

Bachelor of Education: St. Agnes Clare McGrath, S. S. J., Sr. Anne Vincent Egan, S. S. J., Sr. Florence Louise Grant, S. S. J., and Sr. Marie Margaret Merkel, S. S. J., cum laude.

Bishop To Dedicate 5 Churches in See

SCRANTON, Pa. — In the next few weeks the Most Rev. William J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton, will dedicate two new parish churches and three new mission chapels. Four are in the rural parts of the diocese. For years many former city dwellers have been moving to the country and in many instances facilities for attending Mass have not been available.

There was a short-wave radio at the convent and United States broadcasts were extremely welcome, they said. Always Plenty to Eat

There were no air raids, but belligerent planes often flew over, sometimes very close to the roof of the Villa. Raid alert signals were given but they grew to be a mere formality and no one bothered to take cover.

"While food is rationed, we always had plenty to eat," the Sisters said. "There was less variety and prices were higher, but there was enough to go around. The Swiss are using every available square foot of ground for war gardens. Transportation is scarce. Private cars have practically disappeared because of heavy rationing of gasoline, and many trains have been withdrawn. More and more people are taking to bicycles, shoes, leather goods and cheese are hard to get, because although they are plentifully produced in Switzerland the country must export them in considerable quantities to support itself.

The people of Fribourg were sorry to see the "Good American Sisters" leave their villa and their charitable work of wartime hospitality. They left on May 8.

Portugal seemed at first a "land of plenty." Food was plentiful, though costly, in Lisbon. All prices were high and the city was crowded. Under Portuguese agreements with the belligerents no one may enter the country without a ticket for passage. But the precaution becomes ineffective when occasionally ships fall to sail, and many persons are stranded in Lisbon. The Sisters found the city literally "bustling" with agents of belligerent nations.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE CLERGY

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Rev. Richard G. Stanton has been transferred from St. Mary's Church, Elmira, N. Y., and is appointed to St. Anne's Church, Palmyra, and St. Gregory's Church, Marion, N. Y.

Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan has been transferred from St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, N. Y., and is appointed to the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. William D. Tobin has been transferred from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, N. Y., and is appointed to St. Patrick's Church, Corning, N. Y.

Rev. Francis H. Vogt has been transferred from St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, N. Y., and is appointed to Holy Family Church, Rochester, N. Y.

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

Rev. Henry F. Adamski is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Charles E. Bauer is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Boniface Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Thomas K. Cleary is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Francis Assisi Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Joseph M. Egan will undertake post-graduate studies.

Rev. Walter E. Fleming is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. John's Church, Clyde, N. Y.

Rev. Clarence W. Gardner is appointed Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, N. Y.

Rev. Paul J. Gibbons is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Monica's Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Joseph L. Hogan is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Elmira, N. Y.

Rev. John D. Hurley is appointed Assistant Pastor at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Edward A. Shamon is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Michael's Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Richard T. Torney is appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, N. Y.

Society of Jesus Takes Over Scranton University

SCRANTON, PA. — The University of Scranton, a diocesan institution which has been conducted by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, has been taken over by the Society of Jesus, the Most Rev. William J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton, announced this week.

The Bishop's announcement, published in the Catholic Light, official organ of the Diocese of Scranton, states that the change has been necessitated by the fact that the Christian Brothers have been unable to spare enough of their members to staff the university adequately and that the change has been motivated by the desire to maintain "the high standards of the University" and to enable the institution to prepare for the program of expansion "planned when war has ended with a victory of peace."

The Bishop's announcement points out that not only will the Jesuits of the Maryland-New York Province of the Society of Jesus staff the university but the control of the institution will be vested in the Province. The transfer of administration marks the fourth group to conduct the university since its founding in 1862. Diocesan priests staffed the university when it first opened and they were followed in control by the Xaverian Brothers. After a year under the Xaverian Brothers, the Brothers of the Christian Schools took charge. Until now, however, it has remained a diocesan institution.

In his statement, Bishop Hafey pays tribute "to the many years of devoted service rendered to the Diocese of Scranton by the Chris-

tian Brothers," adding that the memory of their untiring labors for the youth of the diocese will ever be cherished by the alumni, students and their parents as well.

The Rev. W. Coleman Ross, S. J., former President of Georgetown University, has been appointed Acting President of the University.

Risley Opening Street Talks Extols Papacy

ST. BONAVENTURE. — Beginning his seventh year of street speaking last Monday in Buffalo, Martin Risley, St. Bonaventure College graduate student, led a Catholic Students Guild audience that "the papacy is the most remarkable phenomenon in human history. It endures through the centuries, and will stand when present dictators are dead."

"St. Augustine in his sermons to the fathers of families used to call them 'bishops' because of their duty to guide their charges in the truth. In this sense," Mr. Risley said, "every father is a pope of the Italian word *papa*, for he acts as teacher, lawyer and judge for his children. Apply this familiar concept not to one family but to the entire Christian family headed by the Holy Father of Christendom, and you have the Catholic Church, with one important exception. We may err in teaching our young, but the Pope cannot falsely teach his children, since he is protected by God from error in teaching of fact and morality. This is infallibility."

Mr. Risley will also give a series of illustrated talks throughout the summer, beginning with a set of 75 colored slides on the Mass.

DIRECTORS ATTEND MASS FOR CARDINAL BOGGIANI

NEW YORK—(NC)—The Holy Name Society, Spiritual Daughters of the Archdiocese of New York, and the Diocese of Brooklyn and Trenton united last Sunday in the celebration of a solemn Mass of Requiem at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church here for the repose of the soul of His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Boggiani, Cardinal Protector of the Holy Name Society who died in Rome, Feb. 28.

Ohio Ballot Bars 2 Parties

COLUMBUS, O. — The Communist Party and the Socialist Labor Party have been barred from a place on the Ohio ballot by John E. Sweeney, Secretary of State.

Declaring that the people of Ohio "have a right to know that the ballot in this State shall be used as a means of American expression and not as a lever for un-American interference," Mr. Sweeney assailed "blop systems whose deliberate purpose was to create confusion." These groups, he charged, "used the machinery of democracy for the sole end of destroying democracy."

"To give a party a place on the ballot," he added, "is to grant a political charter. The immediate question then is should a group whose end is subversive be raised to the dignity of an accepted American party. Suppose a group of bundists petition for a place beneath a swastika emblem. Should such a group be made to stand upon its record in the past or be quietly accepted upon the blind assurance of its own affidavit that it is really quite harmless?"

"I hereby rule that the Communist Party and the Socialist Labor Party are both banned from a place on the ballot of Ohio. This opinion is the result of public record and extensive personal investigation."

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