

PONTIFF WARNS COUPLES SEPARATED BY WAR

HOLY FATHER CITES DANGERS, ADVISES WRITING REGULARLY

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 LONDON (N.C.)—In an audience to newly married couples, His Holiness Pope Pius XII warned against the dangers of what he called a temporary widowhood brought about by the war, according to broadcasts of the Vatican Radio heard here.

Separation from home carries with it a danger, the Holy Father said. The brief little by little becomes accustomed to separation and one grows sad. There is a temptation to seek or accept illegitimate palliatives for the loss of loved ones. Temptation may come from a desire to provide distraction from the melancholy of separation. A kind of affection may develop for those in the house in which they had been placed.

Such affection must be governed by reason, counseled His Holiness. It must carry with it a certain austerity and be accompanied by a dignified bearing of manner. He warned people in such a position against sentimentalism and urged husband and wife to strive to preserve their memories of each other by every means in their power.

Thus the Pope continued a husband and father will have in his room photographs of the loved ones from whom he is separated, mementoes of his Baptism and first Holy Communion and of his marriage. Books and various odds and ends about the place will serve constantly to recall memories of his own home. He will people his room with those who are awaiting his return.

The Pope advised husbands and wives to write regularly to each other, but to keep back little worries and mishaps which are apt to become magnified by separation. They should, however, share real worries, as love is strengthened as much by difficulties as by mutual love.

Returning to letter-writing His Holiness pointed out that handwriting alone will recall as nothing else the characteristics of the loved one.

French Protestants Laud Catholic Stand

LONDON (N.C.)—Militant Catholics in France were paid high tribute for their underground anti-collaborationist activities, in an article in the last issue of Feuille, clandestine paper which was published by French Protestants.

"The militant Catholics in our country," Feuille wrote, according to The English Catholic Newsletter here, "have taken a place which is important and, we do not fear to say, preponderant at the head of the movement of resistance, in which very often they have taken the initiative and of which they remain the inspiration."

"The Catholics have not feared to affirm themselves in the sphere of positive action," the Protestant publication continued. "It is they who most often are the soul of the secret associations of resistance and who publish anti-collaborationist papers."

The now famous Châliers du Tenouage Christian, copies of which have reached the N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE in recent months, "draw together Catholics and Protestants in a common affirmation of Christian friendship and dispose of technical and financial means far superior to our own," the Feuille article said.

MONKS, NUNS REPORTED EXILED FOR FORCED LABOR

LONDON—Monks and nuns from several Polish dioceses have been deported to Germany for forced labor in war factories and for agricultural work, it is asserted in information reaching here.

The Religious come from the Pisan Archdiocese and the Diocese of Lodz, Pomorania, Silesia, Wloclawek and Plock. All monasteries and convents in these areas have been closed.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN WAR AREA



The United Nations offensive in the Solomon Islands brings to the attention of the Catholic world the work of American missionaries there. Pictured: Interior of the largest church in the North Solomons, of which Bishop Thomas J. Wade S. M. of Providence, R. I. (upper left), is Vicar Apostolic; Very Rev. George E. Bergeron S. M. of Haverhill, Mass. (lower left), Provincial of Marist Missions in Oceania; among the missionaries ordained at the Marist College in Washington, and laboring in the Solomons (far right), Rev. Arthur Duhamel, of Lawrence, Mass.; Brother John Slagle, of Emmettsburg, Ia., and Rev. Michael McMahon, of Toronto, were last reported at Florida Island, Guadalcanal Island and Makin Island, in the South Solomon group, where United States forces have made landings. (N.C.W.C.)

Calls Jap Plan To Seize Philippine Schools Blow Aimed At Christianity

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—An announcement made over the official Japanese radio that the educational system of the Philippine Islands is to be completely organized under Japanese military administration makes known a crime "primarily against the defenseless children of a noble, peace-loving nation." William F. Montavon, former Superintendent of Schools in the Philippines and now Director of the Legal Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, declared in a statement issued here.

Such action by the Japanese war lords, Mr. Montavon said, "would reduce to ignorance and slavery a whole people that has a heritage of Christianity centuries old."

"From the earliest days of American control, the people and the Government of the Islands have had a large and increasing measure of control over education," Mr. Montavon said. "An established and supported by the Filipino people, that school system has been teaching the principles of Christian morality which are the necessary foundation and safeguard for true democracy."

"What will the Japanese set up in place of the schools they close? What will they substitute for the Christian moral principles that are the foundation of Philippine culture? Will they attempt to indoctrinate their victims with the savage spirit which fills the Japanese with envy of their neighbors and led them, without cause, to assault and despoil a free, peace-loving people?"

"The overwhelming majority of the Philippine nation is Catholic. This blow against the Philippine educational system is a blow against Catholicism which we in America cannot help but measure alongside Japanese avowals of good will to Christianity and especially to the Catholic religion."

"We see in this act the real attitude of the Japanese aggressors towards our Faith. We know that they as well as their Nazi allies have made one of their aims the destruction of Christianity among the people under their control. This was particularly evident in the unwarranted and deliberate bombings of Philippine Catholic institutions."

'RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE' BY JAPAN IF IN ACCORD WITH HER POLICIES

NEW YORK—Cooperation with its policies is the price Japan demands of religious groups in the co-prosperity sphere, "if they wish to enjoy 'an attitude of tolerance' from the invaders, it is asserted in a radio broadcast from Tokyo heard here.

Representing the editorial comment of the Japanese Times and Advertiser on "the religious problems in the co-prosperity sphere," the broadcast said the attitude shown by the United Nations toward religious groups in East Asia "fell into two categories." They either deliberately adopted an absolute indifference with the view of avoiding needless friction among the inhabitants," the editorial said, "or they carried on large-scale religious propaganda campaigns in pursuit of strong policies." The paper added that "the works of a hostile character in East Asia by Britain, the United States and the Netherlands must be rectified."

"However," the editorial continues, "toward those religious bodies willing to cooperate with the Japanese authorities the latter will adopt an attitude of tolerance or give them necessary aid for freedom of religious faith if in accordance with Japan's established policy."

Diocese In Britain Buys Historic Estate

LONDON—A link with "pre-Reformation England has been forged with the purchase by the Leeds Diocese of the Nansledon Estate, ancient home of the Vasaurs where Mass was first said in 1286.

The Catholic chapel has always been used by Catholics, even when the estate passed to non-Catholics 40 years ago.

Instructed En Route, 40 U. S. Soldiers Confirmed In Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia.—(N.C.)—A group of 40 American soldiers who had received religious instruction while making the journey from the United States in army transporters have just received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Most Rev. Matthew Beovich, Archbishop of Adelaide. Chaplains arriving here have told of being edified by the conduct of American troops on the voyages from the United States to Australia. Ships with Catholic chaplains have daily Mass with large attendance and an encouraging number of daily Communions, they report. "You can get any three missions together and they have not produced the revival of faith I found among the men on the boat," one American Catholic chaplain said.

First Impressions of U. S. Missioners In Bolivia Told

NEW YORK—First impressions of the vanguard of Maryknoll Missioners who have recently reached their new mission field in Bolivia are highly colorful and optimistic regarding the future of the Church in the jungle region to which they have been assigned.

Excerpts from the first diary received from this newest Maryknoll Vicariate, written by the Rev. Thomas J. Danahy, M.M., of Manitowish, Wis., follow:

"First impressions may not be lasting, but at times they are pleasant things to have, particularly when they concern the people among whom one is going to work. We have found the Indians delightful and charming.

"Difficult of access by all other modes of travel except by plane Riberalta is centered deeply in the north woods of Bolivia, with the Beautiful Blue Beni rushing heedlessly by. The town itself is a facsimile of many a Chinese village, save for its grass covered streets. Cattle and horses keep the grass well trimmed, rendering absolutely useless such modern conveniences as lawnmowers and shears. The church is typically South American.

"While at present the church easily accommodates the Sunday and week-day congregation, we hope that in a short time it will be far too small for the needs of the people. But that will depend on God's grace primarily and our own efforts.

"We have met a fine missionary Padre here who will probably remain with us a little time. He is 38, and has been here but a year and a half covering the whole territory of Pando. Since January of

POPE ORDERS 50,000 COPIES OF GOSPELS IN POLISH FOR WAR VICTIMS

LONDON—Fifty thousand copies of a Polish edition of the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, together with a small prayerbook, altogether 50 pages have been printed by the Vatican at the express wish of the Holy Father for distribution among Polish prisoners and refugees, says Radio Vatican.

The book contains a photograph of the Holy Father. The dedication on the opposite page, a reproduction in the Pope's handwriting, is a prayer that through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa the sufferings of the Poles may be lightened.

Mrs. Jones: "I want a tape measure." Clerk: "Want a steel one?" Mrs. Jones: "Do you think I am a thief?"