

Vatican Officials Greet Myron Taylor On Return To Post

VATICAN CITY—(N. C.)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII on Sept. 19 received Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of President Roosevelt in a private audience which lasted 90 minutes. A brief announcement of Mr. Taylor's audience with the Pope was carried, without comment, on Page One of *L'Osservatore Romano*.

VATICAN CITY—(NC-Radio)—Extending their usual warm hospitality, Vatican officials are making every effort to make Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of Pres-

ident Roosevelt at Vatican City, as comfortable as possible during his stay within the confines of Vatican City. Mr. Taylor has taken up residence in the apartment occupied by Harold Tittmann, who has been in charge of affairs in Mr. Taylor's absence. Mr. Tittmann moved from Rome into Vatican City following the outbreak of war between the United States and Italy.

Mr. Taylor arrived in Lisbon Sunday noon, Sept. 13, from the United States. He remained in the Portuguese capital incognito for four days. His Excellency the Most Rev. Pietro Ciriaci, Papal Nuncio to Portugal, welcomed Mr. Taylor to Lisbon and offered him every assistance during his stay there. On his journey from Lisbon to Rome, Mr. Taylor was accompanied by Monsignor Egidio Vagnozzi, Counselor of the Apostolic Nunciature in Lisbon. Monsignor Vagnozzi was Counselor of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington until this summer.

First word of Mr. Taylor's imminent arrival spread in Vatican City Wednesday, Sept. 16, and was received with pleasure among his many friends made during his previous residence. His arrival was confidently expected Wednesday evening, but when it was deferred, due to bad weather, it heightened speculation as to when he would come. When word of Mr. Taylor's expected arrival first became known, European correspondents began to speculate as to the purpose of his mission. Mr. Taylor himself issued no statement upon his arrival. His arrival was quiet. Among the Vatican representatives who greeted him at Littoria Airport was the Rev. Dr. Walter S. Carroll, American priest attached to the Papal Secretariat of State.

The motor escort passed through the streets of Rome. A detail of the colorful Swiss Guards presented arms as the cars entered the Vatican. Members of the Diplomatic Corps of many nations assembled at the Tittmann apartment to greet Mr. Taylor. At that time President Roosevelt's personal representative expressed his pleasure on his return to Vatican City and his appreciation of all the courtesies that had been extended him on his journey.

War Work For Mothers Scored In Australia

BRISBANE, Australia. (NC)—The Christian community is strongly and determinedly opposed to the employment of married women with children in war industry, until the last woman in non-essential work has already been absorbed, and to the spread of nurseries as a means of inducing mothers to leave their homes in order to increase the family income," says the Catholic Leader, official organ of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in an article commenting on the increased tendency to offer inducements to married women, with or without families, to engage in war industry in Australia. The article appeared also in other Catholic papers in this country.

Declaring that, while the men of the armed forces defend their homes and families at various military posts, the mothers of the nation must preserve, on the home front, the integrity of the family, the article states that there are two ways of approaching the fundamental problem of the employment of women in industry: the Christian way and the pagan way. It cites statistics to show that there were in March this year 79,483 women, most of them unmarried, employed in retail shops. Not until this reserve is exhausted, it contends, should mothers be even permitted to go into factories.

Peace and quiet are to be found in the entire resignation to the will of God.

Downs Nazi Plane



Lieut. Sam F. Junkin, Jr., of Natchez, Mass., who has been credited by Army officials with being the first United States pilot to shoot down a Nazi plane over Europe, is a member of the Natchez Council of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a cousin of the Mississippi State Deputy of the K. of C., August J. Stone. Lieut. Junkin has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart decorations. (N.C.W.C.)

It is expected that Mr. Taylor will remain here until Sept. 23. The apartment house in which he is domiciled formerly was a hospice for pilgrims. In 1940 it was converted into apartments for diplomats accredited to the Holy See who had made their residence in Rome prior to the outbreak of the war. Earliest arrivals included the representatives of Britain, France, Poland and Yugoslavia, together with their families. Each has a small apartment and staff of attendants. Provisions are supplied from the Vatican stores.

A particularly warm welcome was accorded Mr. Taylor by many friends of long standing in diplomatic affairs, who expressed themselves delighted to see him in such good health, recalling his serious illness when he was here in 1940.

Catholics' Protests Against Deportation Of Jews Acclaimed

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—In protesting the "inhuman mass deportations of Jews" and in sheltering Jewish children, Catholics of France are giving "a worthy example of strongly condemned."

It is to be expected that Pierre Laval, puppet of the Nazis, a man who sold his soul and his country to the barbarous German invaders of his land, would order the arrest of Catholic priests who have aided the Jews.

"We, in the United States, Catholic priest and layman alike, cannot condemn too strongly the well-known Nazi persecution of religion. We thrill to the knowledge that our Bishops and priests, broad, without fear, without concern for themselves, have taken up the cause of brethren whose sufferings under the Nazis have been horrible beyond human belief.

"Our prayers and our thoughts are with them. Truly, they follow in the path of Christ."

German Bishops Extend Comfort To Faithful

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—A Joint Pastoral Letter of the Hierarchy of Germany extending comfort to the Faithful of the Reich in this time of great trial was quoted in a broadcast in German from the Vatican Radio Station heard here by short wave Sept. 18.

(Annually the German Bishops meet at this time in the ancient city of Fulda, where is situated the tomb of St. Boniface. For many years it has been the custom of the prelates to issue a Joint Pastoral Letter. These Pastoral Letters have been issued even in wartime and some of them have been of tremendous importance, in giving the position of the Church in Germany. Seemingly this exceptional, brief message was issued at this time in accordance with this tradition, even though it refrains from examining the situation of the Church in Germany and contains just a greeting from the Bishops to the Faithful and an assurance that the prelates are thinking of and praying for them.)

An English translation of the text of the Joint Pastoral Letter dated Aug. 19, as quoted on the radio, follows:

"For the third time during this war your Bishops have assembled for their yearly conference at the Tomb of the Apostle of the Germans.

"In these days, your Bishops are thinking of German soldiers who, with such heroism and endurance, take upon themselves distress and danger without equal. Full of

grateful emotion, we are in spirit with those who, with serious wounds, have crowned their heroism and their loyalty to Germany.

"We pray from all our hearts for the many who sacrificed their lives for their nation and their country and no less for the missing and prisoners. We Bishops, spiritual fathers, are thinking of our spiritual brethren priests at the front, so many of whom have sacrificed their health and life for the fatherland.

"We are also thinking of the priests at home who, with prayer, sacrifice and by Sacraments, sometimes exhausting their last strength, augment and keep alive the courage and confidence of those under their care. We are also thinking of our spiritual daughters, numerous nuns who with admirable love and devotion look after the wounded soldiers.

"We all finally think of our many brethren and sisters who have suffered the deepest sorrow under terrible air attacks and are still suffering from them.

"We are mourning with the wives and mothers, brothers and sisters, who have lost husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. We are thinking of the millions of those who are working at home, sometimes to the limit of their strength.

"During these days we have been

Britain's Catholics Winning Acclaim For Support In War

By George Bernard

LONDON—(N. C.)—At the end of three years of war Catholic "stock" stands very high here, not only because Catholics have from the beginning thrown themselves with-

out reserve into the war against Hitler Germany, but because of a belief which seems to be gaining credit here that in the Catholics of Germany will be found the core of the resistance to Nazism.

There are not two opinions about who is the biggest man in England today. But after Churchill there are many people who would rank His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley Archbishop of Westminster, as the man who stands highest in public esteem. With Yorkshire force and bluntness, Cardinal Hinsley has called things by their right names in his broadcasts to the nation and in his speeches to soldiers and sailors on his visits to their camps and shore depots.

In the fighting, Catholics have shown up well and have captured awards for gallantry out of all proportion to their numbers.

Through Catholics are about one in 15 of the general population Catholic fighting men have gained one-sixth of the Victoria Cross awards, and though it is not possible to get accurate figures there is no reason to suppose that the situation is any different in the matter of less glittering awards.

The exploits of some of these Catholic warriors have been dazzling. There was Harwood who engaged the Graf Spee in the River Plate battle early in the war. There was "Paddy" Finucane, leading ace air fighter, whose thrilling day-by-day exploits made him the hero of every boy and girl in Britain and who fell to an unlucky bullet from a machine-gun hidden on a French beach.

Then there are the V. C.'s. There was Garland, a quiet youngster, not long from school, who volunteered to attempt to destroy a bridge over which the Nazis were pouring during the invasion of Belgium. When volunteers were wanted the whole squadron stepped out and lots were drawn. Garland was one of the winners in the lottery. He and his pals blew up the bridge but they did not come back. Garland was the R. A. F.'s first V. C. Though educated here he was born in Wicklow.

Lay Groups Active
Apart from these colorful contributions to the war effort Catholics are playing their part to the limit. The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of St. Columba have thrown themselves into canteen work for the troops. Before British troops had to leave France

there were C. W. L. women out there running canteens as close to the fighting zone as the military authorities would let them go. Even now there are C. W. L. huts in Egypt, staffed by Catholic women who volunteered to go out to help.

Catholics have organized committees for supplying books to the troops, and the many Catholic chaplains are helped by people who collect devotional objects for the men. I know of two people who between them have made 8,000 "new" rosaries from broken rosaries and odd beads.

A notable point is that hardly any Catholics have claimed exemption from service as conscientious objectors. When one Catholic claimed exemption some time ago the presiding officer of the tribunal said it was the first such case he had met.

All these things add up, and they completely counteract any feeling which might have risen out of the fact that several largely Catholic countries are fighting on the side of the Axis.

Helpful, too, in the formation of a pro-Catholic feeling here is the fact that the German Bishops have, by several recent statements, shown themselves to be opposed to the regime against which we are fighting. Hence the growing feeling that resistance to Nazi aims may be sought among German Catholics.

On India Board

Madras, India. The Rev. J. C. Kappen, of Papanasam, Tanjore District, has been appointed a member of an advisory committee, which has been formed in the Madras Presidency.

Pearl Harbor Hero



Corp. Robert E. Baird of Barry, Ill., has recently received the Purple Heart decoration in recognition of "meritorious acts of essential service" performed during the Japanese bombing raid on Pearl Harbor on December 7. The 39-year-old enlisted man was riding a bicycle to Mass near Pearl Harbor when the Japanese planes attacked. Although wounded himself, he braved Japanese strafing to go to the aid of an officer. It is believed his prompt application of a tourniquet saved the officer's life. (N.C.W.C.)

occupied with serious questions and immediate anxieties and we considered it our sacred duty to turn, in this connection, to competent authorities.

"However, in this time of difficulties of war, we do not think it appropriate to give further details in this Episcopal letter."