

# Nazi Horrors Worse In Poland Bishop Radios Fellow-Bishops

LONDON (NC) — Revelations of continued and further persecutions of Poles by the occupying Nazis were made in a notable address by the Most Rev. Charles Radonski, Bishop of Wloclawek, Poland, broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company to the Catholic Bishops of the world.

Bishop Radonski, who is a member of the Polish National Council of the Polish Government-in-exile here, described conditions in his native land pointing out that the German persecution of his countrymen has been progressive and overwhelming. Saying that the oppression staggers the imagination, the Bishop declared the Nazis first set about eliminating the educated classes and the nation's spiritual leaders and then followed these acts with liquidation of the Jews.

Now our peasants' turn has come, he said. Between Nov. 25 and Christmas, the Germans expelled the entire population of 54 villages, depriving over 10,000 farm-holders of their entire property in order to make room for German colonists imported from Rumania and Russia. The victims of this expropriation have been massed in special camps behind barbed wire, where special selection takes place. The healthy are sent for slave labor in Germany and the weak and ill are taken to an "unknown destination."

Dean Paloutowicz, of Konstantynow, Monsignor Rybus and Bonczek, of Lodz, and Father Konecki have died in Osviecim concentration camp. The same fate is reported to have befallen the Rev. Roman Dutka, Rector of the Theological Seminary in Tarnobrzeg.

# Russia's Stand On Religion An Enigma Says Swiss Daily

FRIBOURG, (NC)—La Liberté, Swiss Catholic daily, in a consideration of the status of religion in Soviet Russia, reduces the essential problem to the question of whether "the situation of the Christian churches and other confessions has improved since the outbreak of hostilities," or "have freedom of conscience and the free exercise of worship ceased to exist except on paper?"

occasions to establish contact with the Holy See. The Vatican, as well as Catholic circles in both England and America, remains somewhat sceptical about the inferred revision of the Soviet's anti-religious policy.

by the Soviets. That is something, but not so much. If it is true, as they pretend, that Stalin himself has directly addressed a letter to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, would this suffice to efface the memory of thousands of Bishops, priests and faithful who were executed, deported and oppressed?

The Swiss daily analyzes the matter from the viewpoint of a neutral nation and, in doing so, presents eight points:

Orthodox Reversal First, the Swiss paper points out that the Metropolitan Serge who, on June 22, 1941, made a stirring appeal to the faithful to "defend the country and follow the directives of the civil and military authority," and who ordered public prayers for the success of the Red Army, is the same one who, formerly, had protested against the Encyclicals of Pope Pius XI which denounced communism.

'ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

# Note Import In Naming Of Spanish Bishops

VATICAN CITY. — The recent nomination of five new Bishops for Spain is regarded here as a most significant event in connection with Vatican-Spain relations, whose functioning was complicated after the June, 1941, agreement regarding the naming of Bishops and the protecting of the rights of the Holy See.

At Christmas, 1941, and Easter, 1942, the remaining Moscow churches were filled with faithful and the curfew was lifted to permit a numerous crowd to attend nightly services. Officers and soldiers of the Red Army may attend Mass.

AFRICA He left a parish to serve as a chaplain in his country's armed forces. Now, although with the American Army in North Africa, he is back in parish work.

# THE HOLY FATHER BROADCASTS



The worries and cares of a world at war are evidenced in the countenance of the Holy Father, pictured here in his recent broadcast to Portugal, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Pictured with the Pontiff are the Most Rev. Giovanni Battista Montini, Papal Undersecretary of State, and Dr. Antonio Faria Carneiro Pacheco, Portuguese Ambassador to the Holy See. (N.C.W.C.)

# Pope Sends \$20,000 For Relief of Malta

LONDON—To help to rebuild the ruined churches of Malta the Holy Father has sent \$20,000 to the Bishop of Malta, Archbishop Caruana, says a message received here from the Island.

This is the Holy Father's second recent donation to the people of "unsinkable" Malta—a fortress in the Mediterranean which has endured more bombing than any other spot on the war map. Last July the Pope sent \$40,000, through the Apostolic Delegate here, for the relief of those who had suffered in the raids.

# Pontiff's War Aid Reviewed By FCC

NEW YORK, (NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent \$20,000 to finance the reconstruction of the churches of Malta that have been damaged or destroyed by Axis air raids, according to a report broadcast by the Algiers radio and monitored by the Federal Communications Commission.

# SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

"We had four midnight Masses scattered over the island," writes the Rev. John P. Mahoney, a chaplain from the Diocese of Burlington, to the Military Ordinate. "I had about 75 natives who sang the Christmas music in their own language and really outshone our own choir."

# CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Solemn Midnight Mass was celebrated here in the Field House—with a 25-foot boxing ring as a sanctuary, reports a chaplain there. More than 3,500 persons, mostly soldiers, attended and Communion was distributed to about 1,000. The music of the Mass was sung by a choir of 24 soldiers who had rehearsed for six weeks.

# CAMP CARRABELLE, FLA.

Midnight Mass here was celebrated in the Post Theater, reports the Rev. John J. Kenny, CSSR, chaplain there. A total of 1,800 attended.

# SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald, Navy chaplain from the Archdiocese of Chicago, writes that in the Solomon Islands he managed "to build a chapel" with "the little we had."

# CAMP TANFORAN, CALIF.

"I say Mass in a grandstand of a race track, Tanforan was once a big place for races," So reports the Rev. Leonard Cuellar, C.M.F., Army Chaplain.

# NORTH AFRICA

"Said Mass one afternoon in a shelter made of ammunition boxes with a shelter half over the top."

# 'CHINA CALLING VENTURA'; RADIO LINE KEPT OPEN BY CALIFORNIA DENTIST

ST. COLUMBAN, Neb. Maintenance of a direct line of radio communication between station XGOY in Chungking, China, and Station W6GRL, operated 7,000 miles away by Dr. Charles E. Stuart, dentist of Ventura, Calif., is described in the current issue of "The Far East," monthly publication of St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society, published here.

When you are at peace, use the time profitably, making constant acts of meekness and seeing to be calm, even in the most trifling things.