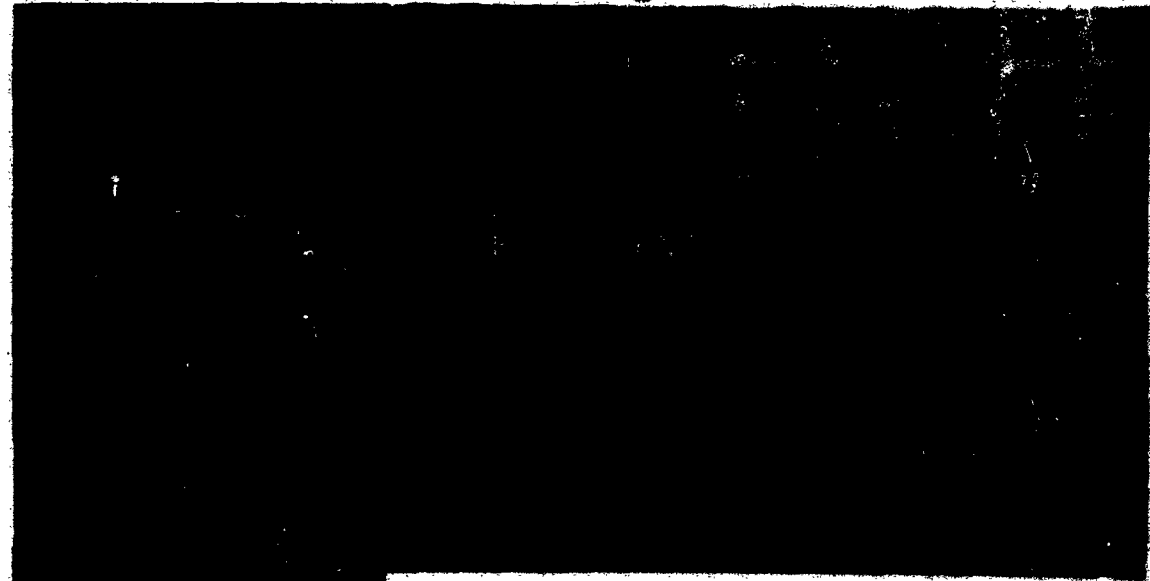


NINE AMBULANCES GIFT OF DIOCESAN WOMEN



Nine ambulances were presented to the Government for war use by the Cleveland Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, as the result of a six weeks' campaign intended for the purchase of only one ambulance. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., has acknowledged the generous gift, costing approximately \$1,500. The ambulances are pictured on display in downtown Cleveland shortly before formal presentation ceremonies, at which Col. Frederick Starr Wright represented the Surgeon General of the Army. (N.C.W.C.)

Biblical Sunday To Stress Reading of Testament

NEW YORK—The encouraging of the faithful to read the New Testament daily, particularly during the Lenten season, is to be stressed in the observance of Biblical Sunday, which will take place on Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 21, it is announced by the Rev. Joseph L. Lilly, C.M., Secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association of America.

Special attention has been called to the observance of Biblical Sunday this year since it will mark the golden jubilee of the famous Scriptural Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, *Providentissimus Deus*.

The Catholic Biblical Association has prepared—and will distribute to parishes and to Catholic institutions posters to remind of the observance. The Confraternity Edition of the Revised New Testament, accompanied by the recently published "Commentary on the New Testament" also are to be made available.

To supplement the private reading of the Scriptures, the Catholic Biblical Association also has prepared a program of instructions for the use of the clergy during the Lenten season. A letter has been sent to principals of all Catholic schools suggesting that students be made acquainted with an outline of daily reading from the New Testament.

HOLY CROSS CONGREGATION MARKS SECOND CENTENARY

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Two centuries of the Congregation of Holy Cross are observed in the publication by the Education Brothers of Holy Cross of the record of their seventeenth annual meeting.

This publication, observing the founding of the Province of the United States on Sept. 14, 1841, and of the University of Notre Dame on November 18, 1842, contains a historical review of the Brothers of Holy Cross presented by Brother Adria, C.S.C. Also in this booklet is contained an article by Dr. John J. Fitzgerald, former professor of philosophy now on leave of absence as an Ensign in the Navy, in which he discusses "Teaching To Learn and Learning To Teach."

Italian Prelates Killed In Air Raid

VATICAN CITY—The death of the Most Rev. Enrico Montalbetti, Archbishop of Reggio-Catania in the extreme southern part of Italy, and of his Chancellor, Monsignor Rocco Trapani, has been reported here. Full details are not yet available.

Observatore Romano reports that the Archbishop and the Monsignor were killed during an air raid, while they were making a pastoral visitation at Melite Parlo Salvo.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII and His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Magliocco, Papal Secretary of State, have conveyed condolence to the bereaved archdiocese.

The antependium in the decorative curtain reaching from the table of the altar to the floor.

Youth Over 14 Denied Religious Training

BURCH, Switzerland.—The declaration that it is virtually impossible to teach religion to the youth of Germany after they have attained their fourteenth year is contained in the pastoral letter on religious education of the Most Rev. Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, according to *Das Neue Volk*, Swiss Catholic periodical.

The Swiss publication quotes Archbishop Frings as saying: "The clergy has been prevented from including religion in the curriculum of the State schools. Religious instruction of youth, therefore, has been reduced to a minimum or entirely excluded. It is impossible to maintain any system of instruction since more and more children are being sent to the country to work."

The publication stated that the Archbishop had announced the organization of religious instruction classes by the clergy outside of school hours.

Children Forced To Supply Food For Wounded Germans

LISBON.—Latest reports of Nazi practices prevailing in Poland to reach here are to the effect that the Germans are forcing Polish children, by the thousands, to provide blood for transfusions to aid wounded German soldiers.

We know an ex-motorist, now a pedestrian, who still looks over his shoulder to see if a traffic cop is trailing him. — *Savannah News-Press*.

FEBRUARY 28 NAMED RED CROSS SUNDAY

Eminent leaders of the several religious faiths of the United Nations, at the request of the Red Cross, have designated Feb. 28 as Red Cross Sunday and Feb. 27 as Red Cross Sabbath.

Identification of these two days with the Red Cross will herald the opening of the 1943 Red Cross War Fund campaign for \$125,000,000 which will be conducted during March. Norman H. Davis, chairman of the organization, has announced.

With the support of the various faiths, spiritual leaders the country over are being requested, through Red Cross chapters and by letter, to urge their flocks to give full support to the War Fund campaign and thus make provision for the humanitarian work of the Red Cross throughout the year.

Compassion, pity and aid are the essential qualifications exemplified by the Red Cross, and it is hoped that every pulpit in America will be an interpreter of these eternal verities on the days set aside for this purpose, the Red Cross stated.

To the extent that the public appreciates the nature of the need and the magnitude of Red Cross tasks, support of the War Fund campaign will be forthcoming. In spreading an understanding of these facts and the deeper mean-

ing of sacrificial service, the clergy and spiritual leaders will be of immeasurable help.

The past year has seen a tremendous expansion of Red Cross services. Its representatives are with our troops abroad and at home.

It is operating servicemen's clubs in leave areas abroad to provide our boys with wholesome entertainment and recreation while away from camp.

Its Blood Donor Service is maintaining an ever-increasing flow of blood plasma to the armed forces.

Its volunteers, many of them working in parish halls, church parlors and other facilities provided by America's religious establishments, are making thousands of surgical dressings and other articles, and in conducting a widespread educational campaign to train our people in first aid, home nursing, nutrition, and other subjects.

The support of all is needed to assure the success of the 1943 Red Cross War Fund.

Missionary Survives Torpedoing

SILVER SPRING, Md.—The Rev. Martin Bane of the African Mission Fathers, a native of Millville, Mass., spent ten days at sea in a small lifeboat with 34 other refugees after the freighter on which they were traveling to this country was torpedoed in the Atlantic by a German submarine.

Arrived now at the Queen of Apostles Seminary of his community here, Father Bane has little to say of his harrowing experience, and subsequent suffering, but much to say of the generous hospitality of those who gave refuge to the refugees, first at Barbados, and later at Trinidad.

Father Bane told of kind treatment received from the Sisters at

the Ursuline Convent on Barbados and of the generous aid of the Church authorities in Trinidad. And then he told a little of those ten days—days when there were two "meals" a day served in the greatly overcrowded lifeboat. The "meals" consisted of "an inch of water, and inch of candy, and biscuit" and—"it rained all the time."

Governor At Rites

WILLSTAD, Curacao.—Funeral services have been held here for the Rev. Irenaeus de Bruyn, O.P., secretary of the Catholic Vicariate here. Among the notables who attended was Gov. Piet Kaatse.

Italian, Swiss Papers on Church and Russia

VATICAN CITY.—Comment regarding the Church and Russia appearing in recent issues of the Italian and Swiss press have included the following:

Luciano Pannofino, organ of the Labor Movement, in its Jan. 31 issue, criticized the Italian Catholic Press for failure to emphasize sufficiently the accomplishments of national revolution, especially in the social field. It declared that the church is still showing national reactions to the change from Vichitvostok to the Atlantic. "Russia, God bless, the paper says, 'is cooking other nations than ours.'"

lack of Christianity and moral authority as a hindrance to the war are taking with disregard interest against Bolshevism, according to Berlin's failure to understand the situation. "We have succeeded in many points and people in many respects, even though it is never too late to get a general word and give logical questions."

Commenter: "What kind of a word is this?"
Waitress: "Bolshevism."
Commenter: "What is the word in that?"
Waitress: "We get all we have into it."

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