

# Archbishop Spellman Arrives At Vatican

NEW YORK (NC)—His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar, is arriving in Vatican City today. He will be received by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, in audience about religious matters, it is expected here.

Information concerning the Archbishop's visit to the Vatican was contained in the following statement issued by the Chancery of the New York Archbishop:

"Archbishop Spellman has left New York and will arrive in Vatican City Thursday (today) for an audience with Holy Father about religious matters."

Dispatches from Spain reporting the presence of Archbishop Spellman on the Iberian Peninsula said that he had celebrated Mass last Sunday in the Church of San Isidro, which serves as the Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of Madrid; also that United States Am-

# Laud U. S. 'Action' At Dinner Honoring Matthews In London

LONDON (NC-Cable) — "The Catholic Action in the United States" was warmly praised and closer spiritual ties between the Catholics of the United States and the Catholics of England were earnestly besought as 60 guests, representing every phase of English Catholic life, bade farewell here to Francis J. Matthews of Omaha, Neb., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Catholic Community Service in the United States.

Mr. Matthews, who is Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, came to the British Isles on behalf of the trustees of the NCCS to inspect work being done by sister Catholic organizations for American servicemen. The NCCS is one of the member agencies of the United Service Organizations in the United States.



F. J. Matthews

Lord, and nine members of the House of Commons.

Addressing the diners, Cardinal Hinsley said:

"The peace and prosperity of the world depend in large measure on mutual understanding and close cooperation between America and the British Commonwealth. There is one bond that must be drawn closer than ever—the union between the Catholics of America and the Catholics of this country."

Cardinal Hinsley said he hoped the visit of Mr. Matthews would be the forerunner of other visits from other members of the Knights of Columbus and from representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. "We need," said His Eminence, "the inspiration which the Catholic Action so vigorously in operation in the United States would bring us."

His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, presided, and His Excellency the Most Rev. William Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate to England, attended the farewell dinner given here to Mr. Matthews. Five other members of the Hierarchy were present. Other guests included the Duke of Norfolk, who is the Premier Duke and Earl and Hereditary Earl Marshall of England; other members of the House of

# Trappists In Japan Forced To Move Monasteries

VATICAN CITY (NC)—According to word reaching the Foreign Missions of Paris, Trappist and Trappistine Monks of the Diocese of Sendai, Japan, have had to move their monasteries twice since that section became fortified zone—first, to the Diocese of Fukuoka and then to Tsunagi, to French Indo-China.

Two members of the Paris Foreign Missions who had to retire as Ordinaries of Japanese Seas because they were Frenchmen are remaining at the side of their Japanese successors as Vicars General. They are the Most Revs. Jean A. Charbon, former Bishop of Yokohama, and Albert Castanier, former Bishop of Fukuoka.

In Korea, the Most Revs. Adrien Larriveau and Jean Moussat, both members of the Paris Missions, have turned over their posts as Vicars Apostolic of Seoul and Taikoo, respectively, to Apostolic Administrators selected from the Korean clergy. New regulations in effect in Korea prohibit religious instructions during school hours even in minor seminaries.

The effects of the war are being felt more and more by the missions in China, but laborers in the vineyard lack neither courage

# First British Tank Driven In Tripoli By Catholics

LONDON.—The first British tank to climb into Tripoli to meet Kitchener's "Suez" army was driven by a Lancashire Catholic, Trooper Peter Higgins, who had named his machine "Dorothy."

"Dorothy" is Dorothy Watkins, a young Lancashire Catholic, who is in a factory somewhere in England helping to make tanks. She is engaged to the Trooper.

# French Clergy Liable To Nazi Censorship

ZURICH, Switzerland.—German Nazi authorities are compelling the clergy of France to submit for censorship all of their sermons and other texts before reading them to their congregations, according to a letter from France published in the *Journal de Geneve*. The clergy also is forbidden to make any mention of French reactions to international developments.

Every new book manuscript is vigorously censored by the Nazis, the letter states and every single copy of every book is re-read and numbered. The result of this is that the cost of publication has risen so high that the majority of publishing houses have closed.

Virtually all of the well-known French authors, the letter states, have ceased writing and are living in "voluntary exile."

# WAR REUNITES ARAB MOTHER, POLISH SOLDIER SON, 25 YEARS APART

PALESTINE.—In the bitter depths of war's misfortune, a middle-aged Arab woman and her Polish soldier son found a wealth of happiness—reunion after a quarter century of separation.

The reunion occurred in a town near Gaza in southern Palestine. The separation came about 25 years ago, in the other World War, when 7-year-old Hassan Abdul Kadir Kabaah, whose father had just died, became an errand boy for a German officer of Polish ancestry. When the Germans retreated before the advancing British in Palestine the officer fled and took Hassan with him. They eventually returned to Poland.

When World War II came along the Polish army had in its ranks Private Jacob Kaban, the errand boy of World War I. As war's bitter misfortune in the form of German conquest swept Poland, Private Hassan came to the Holy Land.

He chanced to re-enter his native village and a flood of memories swept him into visiting the scenes of his boyhood. He found the lane which led to the house where he lived as a boy. While he was seeking out the lane and the house, a middle-aged Arab woman watched him. With a mother's intuition she recognized the soldier as her son and the quarter-century separation ended in happiness.

# Report Founder Freed In Belgium

NEW YORK.—Information reaching Belgian circles here indicates that Canon Joseph Cardijn, founder of the *Jouvenes Ouvriers Chretiens*—the Christian Labor Youth organization which spread to other European countries and even to America and is popularly known as the J. O. C.—has been placed at liberty.

Canon Cardijn and three of his principal J. O. C. collaborators were arrested by Nazi occupation authorities at the same time charged with organizing the distribution of the protest addressed by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, to Governor General von Falkenhausen. In this letter His Eminence strongly opposed forcing Belgians to work in the coal mines on Sunday.

# Missions At Camp

Chicago.—Five priests of the Chicago Archdiocese Mission Band have just completed a series of missions for soldiers at Camp Chabersky, Ill. The missions were conducted simultaneously in the five post chapels.

# Heroic Polish Prelate Comes To U. S.; Hails Aid To Invaded Nation

WASHINGTON (NC)—"We are very grateful to your great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has always been a friend of invaded nations and a symbol of justice; we are very grateful to your Bishops, true leaders of their Catholic, democratic people; and we are grateful to all Americans, who throughout their history have sacrificed their blood and fortune for great ideals, and whom therefore the Lord will bless."

Thus spoke the Most Rev. Joseph Gawlina, Bishop Ordinary of the Polish military forces and Ordinary to all Polish exiles, who has just arrived in the United States from Russia and the Middle East where he has been visiting the Polish army and ministering to Polish refugees.

Bishop Gawlina, who served in the Polish army during the last war and was twice wounded, is also a distinguished journalist, founder of KAF, Polish Catholic Press Agency, and a former director of Catholic Action in Poland.



His Excellency traveled more than 1,000 miles on visiting the troops and refugees.

Conditions are still grave in Poland, he reported. He has recently learned of the death of the Auxiliary Bishop of Plock in a concentration camp and that the Auxiliary Bishop of Wloclawek was dying. In Chelmino diocese but 20 priests remain out of 700, a typical condition in the incorporated areas of Poland.

"Poland was the first nation to resist aggression," the Bishop declared, "first to fight in this war of liberation against totalitarianism and neo-paganism. America will finish the fight. America leads now in the great struggle and I have faith that after the war America will continue to lead in the work of reconstruction."

# Fr. Stemmler's Death Mourned In Diocese

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The beauty of Father Stemmler's soul, his nobility and simplicity of character, his zeal for souls and spirit of self-sacrifice have enriched Elmira and have overshadowed throughout the whole diocese" was the sincere expression of His Excellency, the Bishop on that occasion.

Born in Ellenhausen, Germany, Sept. 7, 1868, son of the late John and Mary Stemmler, Father Stemmler studied for the priesthood in the Diocese of Limburg, Germany.

He was ordained at Mainz, Germany, on Dec. 3, 1890, for the diocese of Buzio. After serving as assistant pastor at Dunkirk, pastor at Strykerville and Bennington, he was stationed in Wayland for six years before coming to Elmira in 1903.

Father Stemmler's record as a pastor of an Elmira church exceeded that of any local clergyman. In his 37 years as pastor, he made countless friends among people of all faiths. He had baptized nearly 800 children and converts in Elmira. He had administered the Sacrament of Matrimony to couples, baptized their children, and in turn married them and baptized their little ones.

Improvements Made

Many improvements to the church property were made by Father Stemmler. He purchased the present rectory and remodelled the church interior twice. His present beautiful condition is a tribute to him as the entire redecoration and remodeling along liturgical lines was his personal gift to the parish.

Four Years Ago

In his sincere, yet very simple way, Father Stemmler had instilled

deep faith in his people. He had been identified with the church so many years it had become known as "Father Stemmler's Church." The church has served the German Catholic people for over 70 years.

It was not until about 15 years ago that Father Stemmler, because of failing health found it necessary to have an assistant priest. The Rev. Raphael G. Haisel served as that assistant until transferred to Rochester last year.

Father Stemmler

Father Stemmler resigned his pastorate on June 7, 1942, and was appointed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney as pastor-emeritus on June 18, 1942.

At the Golden Jubilee testimonial dinner following the impressive Mass on Dec. 1, 1940, Bishop and priests and his beloved people paid glowing tributes to the Jubilarian.

Bishop Kearney said that the spiritual graces of Father Stemmler not only had been felt by St. John's parish, but throughout the city as asserted by Mayor Beers, and throughout the entire diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, V.C., speaking for himself and all the priests in the diocese, said that Father Stemmler had won the respect of the clergy and laity with his untiring efforts to spread God's word.

Speaking in a final vein, Father Stemmler thanked his "dear friends" for their confidence in him and confessed that "these nice remarks have pleased me. I thank the Bishop and pray that God will keep him with us many years. We are proud of him."

Father Stemmler's health was so poorly that he had not been able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the past five years.