

Cites Pope's Warning Peter's Pence Offering Here Protests Against Nazi War Excesses Heartening To Holy Father

WASHINGTON (NC)—Horror of war unleashed by Germany's invasion of Poland have caused profound grief to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who has raised his voice in warning protest against these excesses.

This was asserted in a broadcast from the Vatican City radio station which has been monitored by the Federal Communications Commission and made public by the Office of War Information.

Believed in Germany for Germany, the broadcast said "the demon of war" has been made "a theater of all imaginable cruelties," including the persecution of religion, the desecration of holy places, disregard for human dignity, enslavement of human beings, the disruption of families and the deportation of workers, the slaughter of innocent and guilty alike, and the extermination of venerable cultural values.

"There is a lack of economic, political, social and moral steadiness and discipline, an excess of instinctive and sensual sensibility, and too small a measure of firm principles and strong convictions," the speaker on the Vatican radio station declared. "The Pope sees all that and raises his warning voice of protest. Above all he suffers with the tortured people."

The Work for Peace

Recalling with what joy the world was relieved four years ago that Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli had been elected Pope and reviewing the constant striving of His Holiness Pope Pius XII during his reign toward peace, the speaker said in part:

"One thing is certain, the Holy Father is not aiming at peace for its own sake, he proclaims and

works for a just peace in which the nations can really live. The light of his love is shining through the night of hatred.

"As he could not prevent war he wants at least to alleviate its painful consequences; the charitable activities of the Holy See during this war are an irrefutable proof of the victory of love. A Church which is able to do all that—even though within the limits set by humanity—must conquer the hearts of men. Letters of thanks are arriving at the Vatican in the hundreds of thousands.

"They all mention the work of the Papal office which works for all those without any distinction who have suffered through this war. The Pope again and again asks the people to pray—he knows that this power avails more than anything else. Prayer is a factor in history.

"The Holy Father's personal confidence in an example not alone to those who suffer. His call is 'Do not despair, but look upwards. Believe in the crusade of a new era, proclaim a true and genuine crusade: a crusade of love and work, for a sheltered better human society, however difficult and distant the road may be that leads to it. Yes, the sufferings of the Vatican are no smaller than those of other countries.

"The days are not over yet, a hard lot still awaits the Holy Father, but he will remain at his post and lead his flock."

That the \$16,706.66 Peter's Pence offering from the Diocese of Rochester has brought "joy and consolation" to the Holy Father's "saddened heart" is gratefully stated in an acknowledgment received from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

The offering to be used for war victims' relief is declared "a very generous gesture in His regard by the beloved clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Rochester." The acknowledgment states:

From The Vatican, Jan. 12, 1943

Your Excellency,

It is my pleasant duty to acknowledge once again, in the name of the Holy Father, a very generous gesture in His regard by the beloved clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Rochester. Their devoted and unselfish participation in the Episcopal Jubilee of His Holiness, as manifested by the extraordinary generosity of the Peter's Pence offering of \$16,706.66 which you sent Him recently has brought joy and consolation to His saddened heart and He bids me tell Your Excellency of His profound gratitude. The anguish of His paternal heart was relieved by the knowledge that through the thoughtful generosity of His more fortunate children He is enabled to extend to those of His loved ones who are the victims of this terrible war a measure of comforting succor and relief.

Praying that God may reward a hundredfold all those who contributed with such selflessness to this magnificent gift, the Sovereign Pontiff, from a heart full of paternal affection and gratitude imparts to Your Excellency and to the priests and people of the Diocese His special Apostolic Blessing.

Gladly availing myself of this occasion to renew to you the assurance of my high esteem and cordial regard, I am, Your Excellency,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
L. Card. Maglione

Tells of Persecution Of Clergy In Norway

NEW YORK—The Catholic clergy of Norway, suffering equally with the ministers of the Norwegian (Lutheran) church, deserve "the prayers and the admiration of all the Christian world," it was stated in a British Broadcasting Corporation message in the Italian language monitored by the Federal Communications Commission.

The message cited instances of the arrest of priests and stated that the Most Rev. James Mangers, Vicar Apostolic of Oslo, had appealed in vain for their release.

In their persecution of the people of Norway, the broadcaster said, the Nazis have made use of sterilization, which was termed "the law of the assassin" who wishes to drain the fountain of life itself, and which is opposed to "the Divine Law" calling upon men to "grow and multiply." The Nazi sterilization decree, the speaker said, applies not only to those who are incurably diseased but to loyal Norwegians who have been condemned to jail.

Catholic Judge

Poona, India—J. A. Sequiera, former Assistant Government Pleader and an alumnus of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, has been appointed Sub-Judge of Nasik. The newly-selected judge was guest of honor at a meeting of the Kanara Catholic Association to celebrate the appointment.

Archbishop Spellman Carries Special Altar Cloths To Chaplains

CHUNGKING (NC-Radio)—The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Army and Navy Diocese of the United States, is coming to Chungking, according to a secular press report made public here.

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who has just completed a twelve-day visit to the Vatican, will have visited three continents before his return to the United States, according to present plans.

The Archbishop, who is also Military Vicar of the armed forces of the United States, left Rome by plane last Wednesday for Seville, Spain, whence he was to go to Gibraltar and then to Algiers. He is expected to spend some ten days in Algiers before heading for the Far East. In his capacity as Bishop Ordinary, Archbishop Spellman is distributing to American Catholic chaplains in Europe, Africa and Asia special altar cloths—called antimensulums—which may be used in place of an altar stone for the celebration of Mass. His Holiness Pope Pius XII, through the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, has granted to American Catholic chaplains serving outside the United States the special faculty of using the antimensulum.

The antimensulum has attached to it, sewed in a small linen envelope, relics of Saints and must be solemnly consecrated by a Bishop before it is used.

Those chaplains who are entitled to use the altar cloth in place of an altar stone, and who do not receive the antimensulum from the hands of Archbishop Spellman, will receive them through the Military Ordinate of the United States.

The Holy Father received Archbishop Spellman in a farewell audience on Tuesday last week and charged the Archbishop of New York to take back with him to the United States, the Sovereign Pontiff's special blessing for the hierarchy, clergy and laity of the United States, and his renewed expression of gratitude for American support of the charitable works of the Holy See, particularly the assistance of war prisoners and refugees.

Although he was under police escort Wednesday, when he drove from the Villa Gabrielli to the Guidonia airport in Rome, Arch-

bishop Spellman had the chauffeur of his car pass by the North American College in downtown Rome, which has been closed since 1840 because of the war. The Archbishop paused to invoke the intercession of Our Lady of Humility, whose picture hangs above the altar in the college chapel.

The Archbishop also had his route changed so that he could pass by the cemetery where American College alumni and other friends are buried. Before the gates of the cemetery the Archbishop prayed for the repose of the souls of former Rectors and alumni of the College.

2 Passionists In Army

Dunbarton, N. Y.—Two Passionist Fathers stationed here have been selected to serve in the Army chaplain corps. They are the Rev. Justinian McLaughlin, C.P., who has been serving as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church for the last twelve years, and the Rev. John Francis Poole, C.P., who has been a member of the faculty at Holy Cross College.

Nazi Court Condemns Two Catholic Girls

ZURICH, Switzerland—(NC)—(By Cable). The population of Alsace-Lorraine has become incensed greatly, according to reports of the Journal Geneve, over death sentences passed by the German Court at Strasbourg on two young girls of well-known Catholic families.

The girls belonged to a group of young people who were aiding French refugees in their return to France. The group had been working quietly and was discovered when one girl was appre-

hended enroute home after escorting a refugee. The girl overstept on a train and missed her station.

In a subsequent roundup, eleven young persons were arrested. They were imprisoned for ten months without trial. Last week, five of the group, including the two girls, were sentenced to death and life imprisonment sentences were imposed on the other six.

In pronouncing the sentence the court declared they were exemplary sentences imposed "as punishment for anti-German public sentiments in Alsace-Lorraine."

CHAPLAIN IN THE JUNGLE



Bringing the consolations of religion to remote positions of his regiment, "Somewhere in the Jungle," Father Alfred Hietpas, formerly of Green Bay, Wis., and now an Army chaplain, is pictured in these views. (N.C.W.C.)

Terms Church Attacks 'Gravest Error' Of Mexican Politicians

MEXICO CITY (NC)—The gravest of all the errors committed by Mexican politicians has been that of declaring the Catholic Church and the Catholic Religion "the number one enemy of the Mexican people," Dr. Rodolfo Brito Foucher, Rector of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, says in a statement which he has given to the press.

The greatest Mexican statesman, he asserts, will be "the one who manages to find a formula for conciliation between Church and State."

Dr. Brito Foucher's statement was made in answer to charges made against him by certain persons—among them Leftist members of the Chamber of Deputies—who branded the Rector the "visible head of creole Nazi-Fascism."

The attack on the Rector was intensified after he protested the violation of the autonomy of the University of San Nicolas de Hidalgo at Mexico by the Governor and State Legislature of Michoacan.

Anti Dictatorship

Assailing the Latin American type of dictatorship, in which, he asserted, "falsehood, disloyalty, deceit, alarm, contradiction, anarchy and endemic revolution are inherent," Dr. Brito Foucher said:

"When the mechanism of Latin American dictatorship and international influences are combined, the result is a mechanism capable of disintegrating any race. That the Hispano-American people still exhibit such lofty and vigorous moral worth after a century of disintegrating activity is due to the fact that these peoples possess an enormous ethical wealth and great spiritual force. Of all the errors committed by Mexican politicians, the gravest has been

the declaration that the Catholic Church and the Catholic Religion are the number one enemy of the Mexican people."

"I believe," the Rector added, "that the greatest Mexican statesman would be the one who manages to find a formula for conciliation between Church and State. Such conciliation is an indispensable requisite for establishing a democratic republic in Mexico and for enabling culture and social assistance to flourish in this country again, as well as true peace of mind."

This error on the part of the Mexican politicians, the Rector said, produced six serious consequences: civil strife, the establishment of a permanent anti-Catholic welfare institutions with resultant hardship on the poor and fatal restraint upon private initiative in the field of education; inevitable persecution and cultural havoc, unparalleled persecutory legislation which is still in force; and bloodshed.

Open Sports Center

Buenos Aires—The Federation of Catholic Workers Circles recently inaugurated an athletic field and sports center as part of its recreation plan for labor youth in and around the Capital. It was built especially for the use of the "Vanguard" the junior branch of the Catholic Workers. The swimming pool is a featured attraction.