

LAUDS GERMANS PROFESSING FAITH DESPITE WAR SNAGS

VATICAN CITY. — These Ger- man faithful who profess their Catholic faith while surrounded by bullets in the other camps and in

the army are warmly praised by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Wettram, Archbishop of Breslau and Primate of Germany. In a Lenten pastoral he has addressed to his priests and people. The Cardinal declares that Christian soldiers are fighting also that their homeland may remain Christian.

Civic Groups Join In Final Tribute To Archbishop Gerken

SANTA FE. — All State and municipal buildings in Santa Fe were closed by official order out of respect for the Most Rev. Rudolph A. Gerken, seventh Archbishop of Santa Fe whose solemn funeral was held last Saturday. Death came to Archbishop Gerken on Tuesday, Mar. 7, after a brief illness.

The Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Urban J. Ventr, Archbishop of Denver. The Most Rev. Joseph P. Lynch, Bishop of Dallas, Tex., presided at the altar. By a strange coincidence, it was Bishop Lynch who ordained Archbishop Gerken to the priesthood, consecrated him Bishop of Acapulco and presided at his installation as the Archbishop of Santa Fe.

Archbishop Gerken was an outstanding figure in the Church in Southwestern United States. Under his able direction, the Montezuma Seminary for the preparation of Mexican students for the priesthood was established. To his untiring labors much of the success of this undertaking is largely due.

After a brilliant scholastic career the Archbishop was ordained to the priesthood in 1917. His first parochial assignments were in the Diocese of Dallas, Tex., where he made an enviable record. He was

ARCHBISHOP DIES



Most Rev. Rudolph Gerken

chosen as the first Bishop of the newly found diocese of Armitage in 1927. During his six years' administration he overcame many difficulties brought about by the vastness of this territory.

In June, 1933, Pope Pius XI chose Bishop Gerken to succeed the late Most Rev. Albert T. Ducat, O.F.M., as Archbishop of Santa Fe.

State K. of C. Rally Members To Donate Blood To Red Cross

Members of the Knights of Columbus in New York State are among those who will be asked to register as blood donors during the week of Mar. 22 to 28 as part of the statewide war activities program. It is estimated that 2000 members of councils in the vicinity of New York, Rochester, Schenectady, Rochester and Buffalo will be eligible to take part.

Because blood is perishable and must reach a processing laboratory within twenty-four hours after it is donated, it is not possible to extend the program to the entire membership of 2000 in New York State.

Members in areas where there are no blood-processing centers are being asked by the K. of C. War Activities Committee, of which Judge Martin J. Fay is chairman, to participate in some other way, by aiding the Red Cross financially during the stated period, or by visiting a nearby center.

One of the first Knights of Columbus to sign registration cards volunteering as Blood Plasma Donors was Lieutenant Governor Thomas W. Wallace of Schenectady, who accompanied Judge Fay and State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle to the Red Cross Headquarters in New York to confer with Col. Earl Booth, Red Cross representative, on K. of C. participation in the blood donor program.

Machinery was placed in operation whereby members of the order in the five blood bank centers will be solicited as donors beginning on March 22.

Families of members and their friends are also being urged to volunteer their blood to the Red Cross during the specified period, which will be known as "Knights of Columbus Blood Donor Week" in New York State.

Knights in each of the areas will cooperate with their local Red Cross officials in carrying out the program.

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'Work, Be Silent, Pray,' Cardinal Gerlier Exhorts Men Of 'Crucified France'

ZURICH, Switzerland (NC)—With an invocation to the Blessed Virgin to "look down with sympathy upon our crucified France, upon our disordered souls, upon all our brothers in captivity," His Eminence Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, France, counseled a pilgrimage of men at Fourier to "Work, Be Silent, Pray."

A Mass of the Repatriated was celebrated as the highlight of the pilgrimage.

Cardinal Gerlier, at the outset of his discourse, declared the "profound source of the evil which has been visited upon the earth and which is a desolation of all peoples, is the abandonment of Jesus Christ and of His law of justice and of charity." He asked "Why is it that so many Frenchmen still have not realized it?"

Stressing the need for Christian action in his war-blighted nation, Cardinal Gerlier asserted:

"The worst of all catastrophes would be that the world, ravaged by what the Pope calls its progressive de-Christianization, should continue to sink into paganism, which in several quarters, certain persons dream of substituting for the Christian ideal, and thus founder in this modern materialism which has given tragic proof of its impotency to create justice, peace and fraternity—all that humanity so ardently desires."

Counseling Frenchmen to "Work, Be Silent, Pray," Cardinal Gerlier exhorted everyone, in his position and with all his heart, "to devote himself to the maximum of conscience and courage to his profession, to the work of the household and to the work of Catholic Action, which through the present events emphasize in underlining the urgency of that re-Christianization of all the social milieu."

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Says Paraguay Missions Had No 'Master Race' Talk

NEW YORK (NC)—The Jesuit missions in the jungles of Paraguay, which existed for 150 years until the Jesuits were obliged to depart in 1767, were termed "one of the most successful social experiments ever recorded in the annals of human relationships" by the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., Vice-President of Georgetown University, speaking over the radio here.

Heard at the conclusion of a radio drama in the "Inter-American University of the Air" program of the National Broadcasting Company, which told the story of the famed Jesuit missions, Dr. Walsh said the missions were destroyed by "a combination of human greed, jealousy, prejudice and intrigue that left the once prosperous and happy reductions, as they were called, a melancholy wilderness destined to become a jungle where growing beasts of prey ranged through the moss-grown ruins of a great Christian commonwealth."

Impartial historians, economists and sociologists, Catholic and Protestant alike, he said "marvel at the golden age and extol the civilizing influence of these indefatigable padres who created beauty, happiness, piety, industry and temporal prosperity for the un-schooled, simple natives of Paraguay."

"No hateful racism was tolerated there or talk of a 'Master Race' created to lord it over inferior brothers regarded as fit for slavery only," Dr. Walsh said.

"The disappearance of the reductions, and the desolation of those uncultivated, uninhabited regions of the Gran Chaco of today constitute a poignant warning to Western man against the error that seeks to erect a civilization on any other foundation than mutual respect, Christian charity and the dignity of human charity. Those who attempt to base peace and justice on gold alone, or force, or arrogance of heart, will leave this world a howling wilderness similar to those desolate regions west of the Patana River where the Jesuit reductions once gave glory to God and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

None are holy besides Thee, O my God, for none are holy but by Thee.

Nuns Plant 7-Acre Victory Garden

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Sisters of St. Joseph are planting a seven-acre victory vegetable garden at their new convent on the outskirts of the city and are planning also to raise chickens, pigs and rabbits.

The Sisters have imported from the convent in New Roads, La., 80-year-old Sister Stephanie who is a real "dirt farmer," her knowledge having come with her from Ireland. Besides, the Sisters have right at hand all the facilities of the agricultural extension department of Louisiana State University.

On school days the Sisters work from 4 P. M. to sundown and on Saturdays begin work at sun-up. Mother Alice, the Superior, is now

in the market to buy a horse and a plow for the garden work.

For the 104 persons who are to be fed the Sisters have planted 14 rows, each more than 300 feet long, of Irish potatoes. They have planted also sweet potatoes, carrots, beets, eggplant, green beans and peas.

Heroism Medal

Pittsburgh. — Capt. Joseph A. Beck, 23-year-old Catholic Army flier, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary gallantry in action" in North Africa by 1st Lt. Gen. James A. Doolittle, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Beck.