

Bible Archaeological Background Soon Disturbed By War

NEW YORK—Scripture scholars of the world have literally been holding their breath, while the future of archaeological biblical research has been threatened by the war in Africa. This danger is the opinion of Rev. John E. Steinhilber, one of America's foremost Scripture Professors has for the moment at least been relieved.

Temporal problems and war have been thrust on many American clergymen, but to these solemn students of scripture, who labor in the timeless pasture of the Holy Book, this is but another day to labor for the benefit of God.

World traveled and a Biblical scholar for more than a quarter of a century, Father Steinhilber since 1928 has been professor of Scriptures at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, located deep in the rolling verdure of peaceful Huntington, Long Island. As an author of numerous books and articles on Biblical lore, Father Steinhilber with fluent mastery flips back the leaves of time 2,000 and 4,000 years in his efforts to explain the mysticism of the Holy Book.

Besides his capacity as Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Biblical Association, for the past two years and possibly until 1945, he has been working on the revision of The Old Testament. As one of the Board of Revisers he has been assigned to the Book of Joshua. He was one of the editors of The Revised New Testament, which to date has sold more than a million copies, and contributed the chapter on Luke in The Commentary On The Revised New Testament.

"The world can rejoice," the youthful looking Doctor said today, "that the scene of battle in North Africa has shifted, and for the time being, biblical archaeological research in the Holy Land will not be destroyed by the ruthlessness of modern warfare.

"It is indeed providential that the locale of battle in North Africa no longer centers near Egypt for otherwise it would have undoubtedly reached the Trans-Jordan and Jerusalem, where at present the American School of Oriental Research is engaged in important excavating that has unearthed new evidence on the Old Testament."

The importance of archaeological discoveries cannot be underestimated, he feels. Since most of the geographical data of the Bible is verified by these discoveries, they must not be interrupted.

Film Shows Card. Hinsley Describing Ordeal Of London Catholics

LONDON—A new film entitled "The Sword of the Spirit" which features His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley addressing Catholics of the British Empire has been shown in Glasgow. The film pictures the ordeal of London Catholics during the intensive air raids of the days before Britain won air ascendancy. It was taken not long before the death of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Westminster.

STATE LEGISLATORS REJECT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BILL

CONCORD, N. H.—A bill to permit public school children to take an hour off each week for the purpose of receiving religious education has been killed in the House of Representatives here.

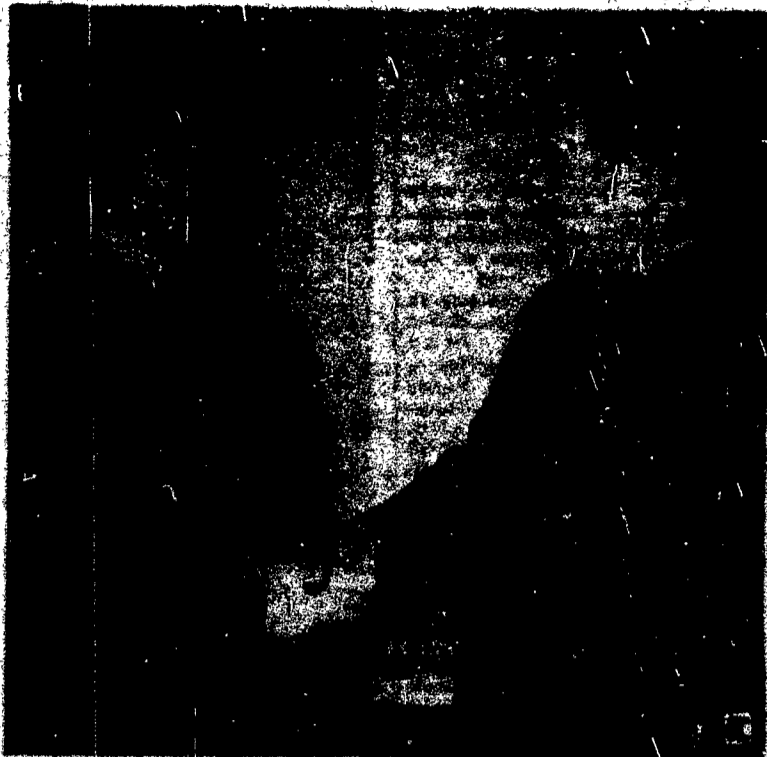
The measure, sponsored by Representative Helen D. Bowen of Exeter, was defeated by a roll call vote of 173 to 189, following a two-hour debate.

State Senate Votes Marriage Wait Law

ST. LOUIS—Designed to combat hasty marriages, a bill providing a waiting period of three days between the application for an issuance of a marriage license in Missouri has been passed by the State Senate. The vote was 29-12.

WRITE TO THOSE IN SERVICE

WAVES GOODBYE TO NCCS



First employee of the National Catholic Community Service to be sworn into the WAVES, Ensign Margaret Mary Heing, USNR, receives the congratulations of Monsignor Howard J. Carroll, Secretary of the NCCS Governing Committee. A graduate of DePaul University, Chicago, Ensign Heing served during the past year on the staff of the USO-NCCS Club in Chicago. Her enlistment will change her status from hostess to guest of the USO. (NCCS)

Archbishop Spellman Leaves For Ireland; Has Luncheon With Winston Churchill

LONDON—The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Army and Navy Diocese of the United States, has left England for Ireland.

Archbishop Spellman, who flew to England from North Africa to take part in the funeral services for His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, has been the guest of His Excellency the Most Rev. William Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate to England, during his stay in London.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill was host to Archbishop Spellman at luncheon at 19 Downing Street, Wednesday of last week. Other guests at the luncheon included Mrs. Churchill, Miss Mary Churchill, and Brendan Bracken, Britain's Minister of Information.

Since his arrival here, Archbishop Spellman has spent some time in visiting United States army chaplains and troops in various parts of England. On one of these visits he was met by Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hattie, who is in command of the United States Forces in Northern Ireland.

During his stay in London, Archbishop Spellman presented to the Most Rev. Edward Meyer, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, a substantial sum of money to be used in support of welfare services for men and women with the armed forces.

Archbishop Spellman visited bombed churches in the East End section of London and was impressed by the damage done by aerial bombardment.

On the eve of his departure, Archbishop Spellman was the guest at a luncheon tendered by H. Freeman Matthews, Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in London, in the absence of Ambassador John G. Winant. Others present at the luncheon included His Excellency the Most Rev. William Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate to England; Lieut. Gen. Frank Maxwell Andrews, Commanding General of United States Forces in the European Theater of War; Lord Kenaley, Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, Sir Martin Melvin and Chaplain John Foley of the United States Army, who is serving as aide to Archbishop Spellman.

Leaving England for Sicily, Archbishop Spellman is traveling alone. He will be joined by Chaplain Foley in Northern Ireland. There the Archbishop will pay his respects to His Eminence Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh, and visit Catholic chaplains and United States forces in Northern Ireland.

As a palatable base for plain gelatin salads, you will enjoy introducing it to your diet as the liquid ingredient. The true fruit flavor of the delicious fruit is most welcome and affords a most delightful treat.

Card. Pellegrinetti Dies At Age 67

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—His Eminence Ermenegildo Cardinal Pellegrinetti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, died Sunday night at the age of 67 years.

The Cardinal was stricken with peritonitis following an operation performed last Wednesday for the removal of his appendix.

The eminent Cardinal who had a notable career in the diplomatic service of the Church was born at Casale di Soana, March 21, 1875.

After serving as a professor of Ecclesiastical History he was called to arms in 1915 and was assigned to the Office of Military Conscription for the correspondence of Prisoners of War, attached to the Six sections.

When Monsignor Achille Ratti, later Pope Pius XI was sent as Apostolic Visitor to Poland in 1918, Father Pellegrinetti went along as his secretary and was later appointed Auditor.

As Archbishop Pellegrinetti he was appointed Nuncio to Yugoslavia and had a large part in negotiating the Concordat between the Yugoslavian government and the Holy See.

Two sisters resident in the United States—Mrs. Teresa Bonucelli, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Georgiana D'Alfonso, of Nevada, survive the Cardinal.

Holy Father Aids Finnish Children, Russian Prisoners

VATICAN CITY.—(UPI)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has made available from general funds a sum of money for assistance of poor Finnish children and for Russian prisoners in Finland.

The Holy Father, it was announced, will make another sum available at Easter for assistance to Russian prisoners in Finland.

Bishop Boylan Confirms Class of Soldiers, WAAC

ROCKFORD, Ill.—The best formation service of Rockford's new Bishop, the Most Rev. John J. Boylan, took place in one of the best chapels at Camp Gray last. A large number of soldiers and one WAAC occupied the class.

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Mass During Lent

Lent is more than half over. Have you requested Mass to be said in reparation for your sins? You should, during the holy season of penance. Ask our missionaries to offer Mass for this intention.

POLISH REFUGEES IN PERIL

An American Catholic Navy Chaplain tells of the birth and growth of the Polish navy. At a point of need, officers and men are called upon to pray to the Blessed Mother to protect all Polish refugees and to help restore their country. Please God, their prayer will find a special answer in our arms response to their appeal.

Some 12,000 Polish refugees of whom one-third are children, have been evacuated into France. Some priests and nuns accompanied them. Others died in substance and in their beds.

These Polish refugees need a compassionate friend in Archbishop Morris, the Apostolic Delegate to Poland. Voluntarily he assumed responsibility for their welfare and general needs. He opened a home for many who are very old and need nursing care. He opened an orphanage for the children and feeding of 300 little children. He has provided doctors and hospitals to care these homes and to help in religious instruction of children. For that Holy Communion and in weekly religious conferences for others.

The means for Archbishop Morris's charity are very limited. Yet he is determined to continue these activities and to supply the refugees with rice, prayer books and crucifixes. Above all, each Polish priest should have the opportunity to offer Holy Mass. Secular, religious, cultural, school, athletic, altar, lotter, music and entertainments, and a supply of candles can be obtained for twenty dollars each.

The plight of these refugees is most pitiable. As loyal fellow-Catholics they have a claim on our prayers and generosity. Will you help provide in some measure for their spiritual comfort and the preservation of their faith?

NEEDED TO TEACH

Catechism Prayer Books in twelve languages are a great help to our missionaries. From these adult novenas and children learn their prayers and their duties. We are in need of thousands. A dollar will buy ten copies. Please donate a supply.

CONFESSIONALS

During Lent you should have made the Sacrament of Penance. We all know the great importance of the Sacrament of Penance. It not only cleanses it is also a means of spiritual growth. You must confess to a priest at the altar and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

PTX

The PTX is the great need in which the priest brings Holy Communion to the sick at home. Every priest should have a PTX. Many of our missionaries are offering one for five dollars. Will you help?

INTEREST SOMEBODY

Have you ever interested someone in our work? Think of the good we could do if every man, woman and child had a PTX. Start with your neighbor or sister. There are but One Dollar a year.

ALTAR LINENS

Five Dollars will purchase enough Altar Linens for any altar. The Altars will stay the same and so the offering will be the same. Will you send Five Dollars and take care of our altar?

MISSION CHAPEL

Before a mission you make much progress a chapel is necessary. With a chapel the priest can hold services and preach the truths of God. A chapel can be built in the Near East for Five Hundred Dollars. At home you can select the name of the chapel and have it dedicated for whatever intention you wish.

YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED

Our Blessed Lord said "Without Me you can do nothing." Say a prayer every day that God may bless our mission. Occasionally have a Mass offered for the conversion of the heathen. Do you know there is, in the World, a special Mass for that intention?

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