Bishop Yu Pin Returns To U. S. For Visit; Lauds Missionaries

WASHINGTON (NC)—"This war has united the American and Chinese peoples; the Catholics of China and America have ever been united."

The words are those of the Most Rev. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, China. They were spoken as he arrived in wartime Washington after a [illegible]-mile journey from war-torn Chungking.

Driven from his own ecclesiastical jurisdiction by the invading Japanese, Bishop Yu Pin has made his headquarters in Chungking since that city became the war capital of his native land. There, directly in touch with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, he has not only carried on, as far as possible, his episcopal labors, but has given generously and patriotically of his time and effort to ease the sufferings of his stricken people, to keep up their morale, to work in all ways for the victory he is confident will come for the United Nations.

Talks of Americans

Bishop Yu Pin talked of his China; but first he insisted upon talking of America and Americans. He was impressed, he said, with the manner in which the people of the United States, new to the things of war, have given themselves to the task of thwarting the designs of the foes of Christian civilization.

Particularly, His Excellency said, he would talk of American Catholics, of their generosity and their truly Christian desire to assist all victims of the war of whatever nationality. For what they have done for his own afflicted Chinese, His Excellency said, he wishes to express deep gratitude through the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee.

The Bishop spoke with admiration of the work of American missionaries — priests, Brothers and Sisters—who have continued at their appointed posts in Free China. He has visited many of them and has been witness to their heroism.

Of the spiritual care of Catholic youths among the American armed forces in China, Bishop Yu Pin brought reassurance. In addition to their Catholic chaplains, he said, those in or near Chungking are ministered to by five English-speaking priests regularly stationed there. And throughout Free China, he added, Catholic missionaries have come to the aid of the military chaplains, giving advice and encouragement and hearing Confessions along the road —in the military zone and close to the actual fighting lines.

Alien Missionaries

In addition, His Excellency said, there are about 600 Italian and German Catholic missionaries in Free China. Contrary to Axis methods, he said, they are not in concentration camps. Their movements are restricted only in that they are not allowed to go within [illegible] miles of the military zone. Elsewhere, they practice their ministry unhindered.

[illegible] in the wish of Chiang Kai Shek. He told of the Generalissimo's [illegible] toward the missionaries, giving as an instance the fact that when the Chinese leader learned that mission work was greatly hampered by financial difficulties, he [illegible] able. To Bishop Yu Pin he declared that, whatever the military problems to be faced, the work of the missionaries among the destitute and suffering must not be allowed to cease.

It is not alone as a churchman that Bishop Yu Pin is known throughout his China. He is a member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Council, a body which corresponds to the Congress of the United States. He is the only Catholic member of the committee. He is the Editor of Yi Shih Pao (Social Welfare Daily), Catholic newspaper of Chungking. And he is President of the Program of Social Welfare, an organization in China similar to the USO.

It is partly in this capacity that he has come to the United States —to make a study of the work for those in the armed service and for war workers that is done by the National Catholic Community Service and the other member agencies of the USO.

Three Hour Silence

In keeping with the solemnity of the Three Hours of Christ's suffering, agony and death upon the Cross, a growing number of persons are marking that period on Good Friday with silence.

All who can do so will attend the services in their churches—others will try to maintain silence during that period. It [illegible] be an especial offering, this year, that a just and lasting peace will come to the war-wracked world.

Likens Persecution To Three Hours of Agony

FRESNO.—(NC)—Three years of brutal persecutions undergone by the Christian nations of Europe were likened to the three hours of agony suffered by Christ in the Easter Pastoral of the Most Rev. Philip G. Scher, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno.

Bishop Scher reminded that "as the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, so it too must have its Calvary if it is to witness the joy of Easter and the glory of the Resurrection."

"It is bad enough," Bishop Scher said, "to suffer the hardships and privations of prolonged warfare, but in the midst of these to be literally crucified for one's faith is Calvary indeed. The whole Church in all its members is being smitten, from the red-robed princes and purpled prelates to the lowly peasant; yes, even to the unborn child. As never before the horror-stricken world has come to learn through the tears and blood of countless victims that the fatal ideology which makes the State and brute forces supreme inexorably leads from abyss to abyss and vies with the very demons in hell to reach the bottom of human vice and degradation."

Honor Copernicus

Chicago.—Chicago people of Polish extraction are cooperating in sponsoring the exhibit at the Polish Roman Catholic Union marking the 400th anniversary of the death of Nicholas Copernicus, famous Polish astronomer. The exhibit includes a bust of Copernicus by Sznkaski, a copy of the famous "Jagiellonian globe," oldest showing the continent of America, and books and prints pertaining to Copernicus.

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[illegible] U. S. [illegible] War Relief Services [illegible] small part of the world-wide work of charity set up by Pope Pius XII when he established the Vatican Information Office for war victims of all nations and creeds.

Delegation Handles 80,000 War Prisoner Messages In 2 Months

Eighty thousand messages to and from all parts of the world, putting at rest as many war-born family anxieties have been received and dispatched in the last two months by the Apostolic Delegation of the Holy See in Washington.

Thousands of these messages are being received at the Delegation every day. They are from parents or wives of war prisoners overseas; from the servicemen themselves; from or to civilians interned, from or to civilians separated from their families by the war.

This is a part of the vast world-wide work of mercy put in motion by Pope Pius XII on behalf of war victims. Promptly on the outbreak of hostilities, the Holy Father set up an office for war prisoner information and the interchange of messages by families separated by the war. Messages are received at the Vatican and sent to every country, except those very few where the governments forbid it. No Charge.

There is no charge whatever. The service is based entirely on the charity and generosity of the Holy Father. Nor is any attempt made to confine it to Catholics. At the Delegation, it was said that messages to and from soldiers and sailors who are Protestant and Jews, or of no religion, far exceed the messages to and from Catholics. Messages had been received from or to persons in Germany, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Roumania, Egypt and Turkey. The great task in this country is being conducted under the efficient guidance of the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S., who directs a small regular staff and certain volunteer extra helpers.

Replies to letters received from families overseas to relatives in this country are handled by the Rev. Dr. James McAniff at the Chancery Office in Rochester. The form upon which the letter is written should be brought to Father McAniff and the reply written in his presence. The message, limited to 25 words, must be purely personal and have to do with only family matters. There can be no mention of weather, defense industries, employment or anything that relates to the war effort.

The Red Cross Chapter in Rochester is cooperating with Father McAniff in facilitating these messages.

Anyone outside of the city is instructed to contact a local Catholic priest who in turn will communicate with the Chancery in Rochester.

There are no provisions for sending packages through the Delegation.

On the day the Delegation told of the plan, two [illegible] of names and addresses of prisoners [illegible] contained sixty-one names and the other one hundred and one. These messages were dispatched at once to the anxious families.

This work is carried on by the regular Delegation staff, with the assistance of a group of religious from one of the seminaries at the Catholic University. These young men [illegible] free time and regularly report at the [illegible] tion and where [illegible] and mailing facilities [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] of [illegible] home.

Redemptorist Dies

Kirkwood, Mo.—The Rev. Theo. Stadler, C.SS.R., who was born in New Orleans 84 years ago, has died here. He has been a Redemptorist more than 60 years and served 22 years in St. Michael's Parish in Chicago.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. A. J. Kasner, New Orleans, and a niece, Sister M. Rosalie, Monroe, Mich.

Baptist Minister Lauds Msgr. Arnold Work As Chief of Chaplains

PHILADELPHIA (NC)—The U. S. Army never has had a more competent Chief of Chaplains and his deputies than the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, Brigadier General, and his assistants, the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, pastor of the Baptist Temple, here, and president of the International Christian Endeavor Society, stated in an article published in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Dr. Poling, who served as a chaplain in World War I and is now visiting the theaters of war in Europe and Africa, has been writing a series of articles for the paper from [illegible]. The Baptist minister [illegible] [illegible] chaplains [illegible] the finest quality, more than are needed [illegible] of the three principal faiths [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] friends in the [illegible] are Catholics and one is a Jewish Rabbi.

Describing an air base [illegible] after the men [illegible] their assignment for a bombing mission, Rev. Dr. Poling wrote:

"There is no pressure, nothing abnormal or gloomy, but the Catholic boys know where their Chaplain waits and nearly all of them [illegible] [illegible] to their Chaplain. For those who desire it there is [illegible] [illegible] Communion [illegible] Confession. There is Communion in both of these groups, and in both groups there is a short prayer. Kneeling in the gray dawn are these youths so far from home and so soon to be in the thick of mortal conflict.

"Side by side the Chaplains watch the great ships rise and circle and disappear. It will be hours before they return and some may not come back at all. When they do return the Chaplains will be waiting side by side. It is then that the padres are in demand. Weary men, wounded men are eager for the grip of the hands and faith of these men in whom they believe."

Would Deny Catholic Schools Federal Aid

WASHINGTON (NC) — An appeal to amend pending legislation for the extension of Federal aid to education, so that "no part of funds appropriated for instruction, by construction of schools, shall go to Catholic schools, or any other private schools, or for assistance to pupils in such schools," was made by Benjamin C. Marsh, appearing before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Marsh said he was Executive Secretary of the Peoples Lobby, and that the President of the Peoples Lobby is Bishop Francis James McConnell, of the Methodist Church in the New York area.

Mr. Marsh said the present war "is motivating drive into a conflict between the Vatican and the Roman economy," attacked the mission of Myron C. Taylor to the Vatican, spoke of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman's present tour of army establishments as a "pre-planned political journey" by the Vatican, "France and to intermediate points," and warned that the Ku Klux Klan might rise again. He said "if there are parents of children not satisfied to have their children just Americans, they should pay for their tastes or move out."

Four More Chaplains

Cleveland.—Four more priests from the Diocese of Cleveland have been commissioned in the chaplains' corps. All are first lieutenants in the Army. They are the Rev. John J. Fleming, former assistant in St. Joseph's parish; the Rev. Martin E. Gallagher, former assistant in St. Patrick's parish; the Rev. James J. Moran, former assistant in St. Gregory's parish, and the Rev. William J. O'Boyle, former assistant in St. Timothy's parish.

Birthday Honors

Ottawa.—Members of the Canadian Senate, irrespective of party affiliation, joined in honoring Sir Thomas Chapais on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Pastor In Army

San Diego, Calif. — The Rev. John F. Callaghan, former pastor of St. Rita's Church, [illegible] has been commissioned in the Army chaplain corps and [illegible] for the training school at Harvard University. Within the [illegible] year after his [illegible] church, Father [illegible] vised the building of a [illegible] parish unit of church, rectory and [illegible].