

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 never been united.

The words are those of the Most Rev. Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, China. They were spoken as he arrived in Washington after a 10,000-mile journey from war-torn China.

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 tirelessly 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 Iron 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 Bilingual 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.

Allen Missionaries

In addition, His Excellency said, there are about 900 Italian and German Catholic missionaries in Free China. Contrary to Axis methods, he said, they are not in

neutralized camps. Their movements are restricted only in that they are not allowed to go within 100 miles of the military zone. Elsewhere, they practice their military ministrations.

Then he said, in the light of Chungking's attitude toward the missionaries, given as an illustration the fact that when the Chinese leader learned that missionary work was greatly hampered by financial difficulties, he immediately made certain resources available. To Bishop Yu Pin he declared that, whatever the military problems to be faced, the work of the missionaries among the suffering and suffering must not be allowed to cease.

It is not alone as a churchman that Bishop Yu Pin is known throughout the 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 *Xi 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 Council 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 observing that period on Good Friday with solemnity.

All who are to be well attended the services in their churches—where, with liturgical solemnity during that period, it will be an especial offering, this year, that just and lasting peace will come to the war-stricken world.

Likens Persecution To Three Hours of Agony

FRESNO (NC)—Three years of brutal persecutions undergone by the Christian natives of Europe were likened in 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 hard 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 priests and paroled 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 inevitably 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 Pavilion Catholic Union marking the sixth anniversary of the death of Nicholas Copernicus, famous Polish astronomer. The exhibit features a bust of Copernicus by Jankowski, globe, planet showing the continent of America, and books and prints pertaining to Copernicus.



ASIAN WAR'S HEARTACHE — Archbishop Francis Cardinal Coughlin, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S. (right holding paper) is shown above with a group of missionaries from Holy Cross College, Columbia, Mo., who are presently ministering to the spiritual needs of Catholics in the Philippines. The group of missionaries, who practice and interchange of messages by radio, is a 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-torn 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 wives of war prisoners overseas; from the servicemen themselves; from or to war internees; from or to civilians separated from their families by the war.

This is a part of the vast world-wide work of mercy and in justice 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 who feel 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, Romania, Egypt and Turkey. The great task in this country is being conducted under the efficient and serene guidance of the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S., who directs a small regular staff and certain volunteer staff helpers.

Replies to letters received from families overseas to relatives in this country are handled by the Rev. Dr. James McAnis of the Chancery Office in Rochester. The forms upon which the letters in written should be brought to Father McAnis 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 McAnis 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 laid off the plan, two consignments of names and addresses of prisoners

of war had been received. One contained sixty-two names and the other one hundred and six. These messages were dispatched as soon as the names were received.

The work is carried up by the regular Delegation staff with the assistance of a group of religious from one of the universities of the Catholic University. These young

men generally receive the free time and regularly report of the work done during the past week. They are also in touch with the families and where subsequent messages are received. The work is carried up by the regular Delegation staff with the assistance of a group of religious from one of the universities of the Catholic University. These young

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 E. Arnold, Brigadier General,

and his associates, the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, pastor of the Baptist Temple here, and president of the International Christian Brotherhood Society, stated in an article published in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Would Deny Catholic Schools Federal Aid

WASHINGTON (NC)—An appeal to amend pending legislation for the extension of Federal aid to education, so that "not one cent of funds appropriated for instruction, or construction of schools, shall go to Catholic schools, or any other private schools, or for assistance in paying 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 in Albany, New York, James McConnell, of the Methodist Church in the New York area.

Mr. Marsh said the present war "is narrowing down into a conflict between the Vatican and the Russian empire." He attacked the opinion of Myron G. Taylor in the Vatican; spoke of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman's present tour of army establishments as a "prolonged political journey" to the Vatican; "France and to international points" and warned that the Ku Klux Klan might rise again.

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Four More Chaplains

Cleveland.—Four more priests from the Diocese of Cleveland have been commissioned in the chaplain corps. All are next to be sent to 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.

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Pastor in Army

St. Louis, Mo.—The Rev. John F. Gallagher, former pastor of St. Rita's Church, here, has been commissioned in the Army chaplain corps and has departed for the training school at Harvard University. Within the course of a year after his assignment to the church, Father Gallagher supervised the building of a new parish hall of church rectory and industries.

Redemptorist Dies

Kirkwood, Mo.—The Rev. Theodor Stadler, C.S.R., who was born in New Orleans 87 years ago, has died here. He has been a Redemptorist more than 60 years and served 40 years in St. Michael's Parish in Chicago.

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

Birthday Honors

Ottawa.—Members of the Canadian Senate, Executive of party members, joined in honoring Mr. Thomas Chapple on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

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