

Pope Invokes Sacred Heart To Divert World From Disaster

VATICAN CITY.—(N.C. Radio)—At this moment when the specter of more horrid instruments of destruction and death seems to tempt the minds of men, it is not superfluous to admonish the civilized world that it treads on the brink of an abyss of inexorable disaster.

This admonition to world leaders was given by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, at an audience accorded members of the Sacred College of Cardinals resident in Rome, who came to express to the Holy Father their well wishes on his name day—the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

His Holiness said that he turns to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Whom the Church dedicates the month of June, and prays that this "Burning Furnace of Charity" may bring the leaders of peoples to realize that they can offer their peoples nothing greater, nobler, more necessary, more glorious or more beneficial than the olive branch of a just and lasting peace.

However, His Holiness said, that in view of the evil prevailing in the world, the day of that day is not yet in sight.

The Sovereign Pontiff condescended to the Princes of the Church "bitter experiences which made our heart bleed." He declared that, in turning with the Cardinals in prayer to the Sacred Heart, he is "intimately persuaded" of "the weakness and insufficiency of every earthly means and of human understanding."

Deplete Republics

Pope Pius deplored the fact that in the present war moral judgment on certain actions is made to depend upon whether the party responsible belongs to one side in the conflict or the other. His Holiness said a competition in reprisals works to the detriment of the whole community of nations.

The Holy Father reviewed his long and unceasing efforts for peace.

Making it plain that he was "not forgetting even one suffering people," the Pontiff said he wished to call specially to attention "the tragic fate of the Polish people." Emphasizing his solicitude for all "without exception," the Pontiff said he is particularly moved by the appeals imploringly addressed to him because of their nationality or race, and at times destined, still without any fault on their part, to exterminating persecutions.

Obstacles Cited

Concern for the rising tide of opposition to the Church was manifested in the address when His Holiness said:

"The prolongation of conflict the feverish increase in war machines, the progressive aggravation of the methods of waging war are resulting in the Church's supernatural and peaceful mission being faced with opposition, difficulties and misunderstandings—things past unknown and unsuspected in such measure—which are becoming dangers for the Church and her work."

The Holy Father pointed out that prior to the war and its unleashed passions, his teaching reached the faithful unobscured, unmutated and not misunderstood. "Were this true equally today," he said, "all men of good will would easily be able to perceive that the Pope has for all, without exception or distinction, thoughts of peace and not of affliction."

That He has particularly tried to ease the situation for the smaller nations was pointed out by the Supreme Pontiff.

"Every word directed by His for this purpose to competent authorities, and Our every public reference to it, had to be seriously pondered and measured in the interest of the victims themselves, so as not to render, even unwittingly, their situation more serious or more insupportable."

Appeals for Prayer

Condemning reprisals and warning against the "horrid instruments of destruction and death" which tempt the minds of men, His Holiness said: "The hour of submission to the impetuous and wise designs of God continues today; it is the hour to invoke perseveringly the multitude and greatness of His mercies."

In a plea for all the Bishops, priests and faithful to turn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, His Holiness said:

"May the fire of the Greatest Love (St. Bonaventure), which burns in that Divine Heart indicate the way of true peace to the world at war as a pillar of fire by night," and may He, "to Whom every heart is revealed and every desire is known and from Whom nothing is hidden, illumine and

AT WORLD'S BUSIEST OFFICE?



These are busy days at the Vatican's Information Office for Prisoners of War and Refugees, where these pictures were taken recently. Above is Archbishop Evrisonoff, director of the office. Lower picture shows the dispatcher of outgoing mail which carries information to many lands, easing the war's heartaches for thousands of anxious relatives. (N.C.V.C.)

Ring of Angelus Bell Still Banned Throughout Britain

LONDON.—Though bells may now be rung to call people to church services it is still not permissible to ring the Angelus bell. It was made clear in the House of Commons in reply to a question by Mr. Alfred Denville.

Prelate Returns

Mexico City.—The Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, has returned to the Capital from Caracas where he attended the Venezuelan National Catechetical Congress. The Archbishop says that he was very much touched by the great veneration of Venezuelans for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

inflame the minds and hearts of those in whose hands the fate of peoples has been placed, that they may realize that they can offer their peoples nothing greater, nobler, more necessary, more glorious, more beneficial than the olive branch of that peace which, "affording the maximum of security and tranquility, may protect all against the return of the bloody inundation of war and guarantee, as the resplendent symbol of an imperturbable future, an agreement of justice and equity through the generous action of all who desire to collaborate with noble and conscious loyalty to establish the universal brotherhood of the human race."

Little Lads' Prayers In Bomb-Menaced Hawaii Brings Consent For Baptism

HONOLULU.—(N.C.)—The story of how two little Honolulu boys, about to be received in the Church and concerned over possible eternal separation from their younger, unbaptized brother should all be killed in a possible renewed bombing of the city, won their parents' consent to the baptism of the child and interviewed their parents in knowledge of the Catholic Faith is told by Maryknoll Sisters stationed here.

'Osservatore' Cites U. S. Cooperation On War Prisoner Aid

VATICAN CITY.—(N.C.)—The cooperation which American authorities have accorded His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, in his efforts in behalf of war prisoners in that country is the subject of an article in Osservatore Romano.

Archbishop Cicognani is particularly interested in providing for the spiritual welfare of war prisoners and in facilitating their communication with relatives through Vatican Office of Information. It is noted that the food provided to the prisoners of war in the United States is good and that living and health conditions in detention areas are excellent.

Telegraphic reports tell of the visitation of His Excellency the Most Rev. Paul Marella, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, to eight prisoner-of-war camps in central Japan, where he was able to bring comfort to a number of convalescing prisoners, presenting them with gifts in the name of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Archbishop Marella also seeks to obtain adequate religious assistance for the Catholic prisoners.

Prisoners of all nationalities, including Americans, British and Dutch, have expressed their gratitude for the charitable interest shown by the Holy Father through the Apostolic Delegate, and requested Archbishop Marella to convey greetings to their families.

Visiting also four camps for civilian internees, Archbishop Marella distributed gifts. He reports all internees in good health and spirits. His Excellency said many promised fervent prayers for the intention of the Holy Father.

Bishop Wade Eludes Japs, Reported Safe By Army Chaplain

HONOLULU (N.C.)—Fears of the safety of the Most Rev. Thomas J. Wade, S.M., Vicar Apostolic of the North Solomon Islands, who last was reported to have eluded capture by

Japanese troops by hiding out in the dense jungles of the islands, were abated with the receipt of a letter from the Rev. Terence P. Finnegan, Army chaplain, which stated the Bishop was safe at the undisclosed South Pacific base where the chaplain is on duty.

(Although Father Finnegan's whereabouts was not disclosed, it was recalled that several weeks ago the Very Rev. N. A. Weber, S.M., Provincial, had received at the Alariat Seminary in Washington, D.C., a copy of the official report which the chaplain had made relating how he had buried two priests and two nuns of the Mariet Mission at Ruwaka on Guadalcanal. The missionaries had been designated to death by Japanese soldiers when they refused to carry a message designed to deceive U. S. Marines, who had landed on the island. The missionaries were buried in front of the Ruwaka Mission.)

Another Bishop Safe

Father Finnegan's letter also reported that the Most Rev. Jean M. Aubin, S.M., Vicar Apostolic of the South Solomon, where the missions are conducted by the French Marists, also is safe.

Father Finnegan's letter was addressed to the Rev. Edward W. Smith, a chaplain and colonel in the Army, born to thank him for gifts which had been sent to the South Pacific war zone at Easter. Regarding the two Bishops of the Solomons, Father Finnegan wrote:

"I have been spending many days with Bishop Aubin of this area. Some of his priests are still in the general area. Two were killed by the Japanese along with two Sisters and I was most fortunate to find their bodies and to rebury them. We have started to take up a collection for him among the troops. Bishop Aubin needs money badly, as most of his missions were destroyed."

"Bishop Wade is safe. He just arrived here with the last of his priests. They were in poor shape but are responding nicely. Twenty-nine priests and Sisters are with the Japanese. All the rest are out. Father Hennessy (the Rev. James Hennessy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston) was the first to be taken and he was very lucky not to have been killed."

"It has been a mad rush these last few days with the missionaries around. I have been doing all I can to help them with clothes and other things."

Archbishop Spellman Visits Polish Premier

LONDON (N.C.)—During his stay in Egypt, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States, visited at the Polish Embassy and was received by Premier Wladyslaw Mikojni, according to advice received by KAP, Polish Catholic Press Agency here.

Archbishop Spellman was greeted by General Tokarski in the name of the Polish Army and later addressed the Polish troops, asking them to regard him as a "Polish Bishop." His words brought applause from the ranks of soldiers.

In Palestine, Archbishop Spellman had visited a school attended by Yemmas (Polish military youth) and addressed the young cadets. At Nazareth he was greeted by a formation of young Polish cadets. He dined with them at their quarters and addressed them, saying:

"This is not a new friendship. It dates from my school days at college, where many of my comrades were Poles, also from my stay in Poland, where I learned to know Cracow and Casztchowa. During this war I am praying constantly for the Poles. Exercising a pastoral protection over many Poles in America has given me opportunity to recognize their great Catholic spirit."

Prince-Prelate Dies

Vatican City.—Magr. George Wittelsbach, Prince of Bavaria and a Canon of St. Peter's Basilica since 1936, died in Rome on Monday at the age of 68 years. Monsignor Wittelsbach was the son of Prince Leopold of Bavaria and the Archduchess Gisella of Austria.

Pray with perseverance as well as faith. God often defers to grant our petitions because He rejoices in the homage which we render Him by them.

80 JAPANESE INTERNEES RECEIVING INSTRUCTION; 17 IN CAMP BAPTIZED

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—Eighty Japanese internees at Camp Manzanar, Owens Valley, California, are now receiving instruction in Catholic doctrine from two Japanese Maryknoll Sisters also interned with them. An additional 17, prepared for the Sacrament of Baptism by the same Sisters, have recently been received into the Church.

One of these missionaries, Sister Mary Susanna, was born and educated in Japan where she came in contact with the Maryknoll Sisters, and in time made application to join them. According to the requirements of the community for acceptance of Oriental aspirants, Sister Susanna made her novitiate at the Sisters' Motherhouse, Maryknoll, N. Y. After profession in 1927, she was assigned to teaching at the Maryknoll School for Orientals in Los Angeles, where she remained until her internment in March, 1942.

Sister Mary Bernadette, also born in Japan, later came to Seattle, from which city she left to join the Maryknoll Sisters. She was subsequently assigned to the Maryknoll Sanatorium in Menlo Park, Calif., where she did nursing and taught religion; thereafter she did mission work for three years in Korea.

Says Self-Government Springs From Religion

LONDON, Ont.—Dr. W. Sherwood Fox, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Ontario, told the 42 graduating class: "Neither you as individuals nor our democratic way of life can survive on the level of intellectual aloofness. Our totalitarian enemies have made that plain by their actions. When they endeavor to suppress democracy they shakele first religion and then free education." "They know," he added, "that self-government of free men springs from religion; that if men are free to put their supreme trust in God, democracy will survive as best follows nature."

WRITE TO THOSE IN SERVICE