German Radio Distorts Views Of Cardinal

VATICAN CITY—In what may be the exposure of still further attempts by Nazis to misrepresent the position and sayings of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, Gazette Lausanne of Switzerland reports that, contrary to announcements made over the radio stations of Bremen, Germany, and Hilversum, Holland, the distinguished Belgian Cardinal has reaffirmed his strong stand long since taken regarding the Nazi occupation authorities.

Cardinal Van Roey has on several occasions stressed the clash between Catholicism and Nazi beliefs; has asserted that the Church can never condone regimes that violate the rights of conscience, and has constantly comforted his people in the face of their present sufferings. Recently advices from London said Belgian authorities there had exposed a forgery, in which it sought to make it appear that Cardinal Van Roey had called upon Belgians to support the Nazis in a crusade against Communism. The London report said Cardinal Van Roey had issued a "formal, stringent, biting denial" that he was the author of the letter in question.

What To Write To Servicemen

The Office of War Information offers these pointers for homefolks writing to soldiers, sailors, and marines — based on suggestions gathered in a survey among servicemen at home and overseas, in cooperation with the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces:

TELL HIM—

1.—How the family is doing everything possible to help in the war.

2.—How anxious the family is for the boy's return.

3.—How well and busy the family is. Give details.

4.—How the family is getting along financially.

5.—What's doing in the community: news about girls (single) he knows, doings of friends, who's marrying whom, exploits of the home team and other sports events, social doings, effects of the war on the home town. Reminisce a little about past events and places the boy used to visit. Enclose clippings from the home-town paper.

DON'T TELL HIM—

1.—Your troubles. He has troubles of his own.

2.—Your complaints. He can't do anything about them.

3.—About things you are deprived of. He can't supply them.

4.—Doleful predictions about the future. He's fighting for that future—now.

5.—Unnecessary details about financial troubles. If there are things he should know about family finances, and he is in a position to do something about the situation, tell him. But don't string it out.

Five and Ten Years Ago

(From the Files of the CATHOLIC COURIER)

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Ordained by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Emmett M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, S. C., in St. Patrick's Cathedral were the following: The Rev. Francis M. Feeney, the Rev. Orrin W. Feller, the Rev. Robert H. Fennessy, the Rev. Ambrose M. Kavanagh, the Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer, the Rev. William Joseph O'Brien, the Rev. Alexander J. Stec, the Rev. Francis Harold Turner, the Rev. Frederick J. Walz, the Rev. Paul E. Tuite and the Rev. William A. Burns.

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For his leadership in educational fields, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, received the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, at the 71st Annual Commencement of Niagara University, held on the Niagara Falls campus.

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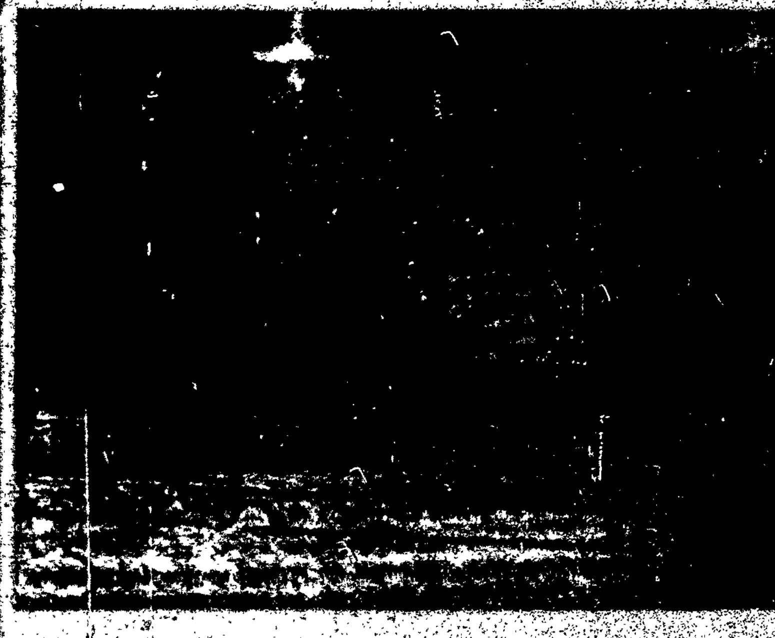
A permanent tomb for Bishops of the Diocese of Rochester, erected in the tower of All Souls' Chapel, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, was opened for inspection by the faithful and for the offering of prayers for the souls of the departed Bishops.



CHAPEL FOR SEABEES—Lt. John F. Farrell, Chaplain of a Naval Air Base somewhere in Alaska, and a member of the [illegible] Order, supervises the construction of the chapel of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, which was built at the Naval Operating Base. The construction was done by a Seabee Battalion.

'ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

Freight Elevator Makes Improvised Confessional Aboard Troop Transport.

French Nuns Form Choir at Battlefield Mass on Easter in North Africa.

South Pacific Chaplain Remembers Charities Back Home — Sends Checks.

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

Somewhere in North Africa

The Rev. Harry J. Quinn, O.S.F.S., Army chaplain, wrote that "God was good to us on our crossing" granting the most favorable weather. He said with the willing cooperation of the ship's personnel "I was able to have Mass daily, indoors, with ample facilities for accommodating the large number of men who attended daily, and, almost to a man, received Holy Communion. With space at a premium, the ship's steward grounded one of the elevators and in it erected an ingenious confessional in which the men kept me quite busy during each day of the crossing."

Father Quinn said a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on Holy Thursday after the landing and on Good Friday the commanding general excused the men to attend the Three Hours Agony devotions, which were held on a wooded slope not far from Battalion headquarters. He reported that Easter Sunday brought "miserable weather" and he said his first Mass for a medical unit three kilometers from the camp. Father Quinn continued:

"Upon arriving back at my unit I found over 800 men standing in the midst of the grove before my makeshift altar. An unsuspected touch was added, when just at the 'Ite' several Arab shepherds drove a sizable flock gamboling through the fringes of my little flock as they knelt for the blessing."

After this Mass, Father Quinn reported he said his third Mass in a little village Church, crowded with American soldiers and natives in their Easter finery. From there, he went to an evacuation hospital, where he heard Confessions until 6 P. M. "when Father Fenton (from Fall River) caught up with us and said Mass in the hospital yard. It was quite the busiest and happiest Easter in my memory."

North Africa

In a communication to the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains, the Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, regular Army chaplain who holds the rank of lieutenant colonel, related that he celebrated a battlefield Easter Mass with music furnished by a choir of French nuns. He said that Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark and members of his staff attended the services.

"I have never seen so many men attending their Sacraments so regularly," Father Ryan wrote. "On Holy Saturday, Confessions were heard from 2 until 11 P. M. without interruption."

South Pacific

The Rev. Irwin E. Spahn, a priest of the Diocese of Buffalo and a lieutenant in the Navy chaplain corps, in a letter to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Schreck, pastor of St. Gerard's Church, Buffalo, said one of the natural dangers of his South Pacific war base is the falling of huge cocoanuts at the most unexpected moments. He added "bugs are everywhere, much rain, mud, heat and dust."

He said he celebrates Masses daily in his tent and says three Masses on Sundays, two at the hospital and one aboard ship. He continued:

"To give you an idea what it is to say Mass aboard some of the ships, I pack my equipment the night before, in the morning ride in a jeep to the dock, get into a motor-launch and ride over the bounding waves. The crew drops a rope which is fastened to the Mass kit and haul it up over the side of the ship. Then I grab hold of the rungs of a ladder hanging over the side and up I climb, up and up until I reach deck. Mass is said in the large cabin. Confessionals do not exist so I hear Confessions standing in a corner or in some other cabin."

Even the war couldn't prevent Father Spahn from answering the annual diocesan charity appeal back home. He enclosed two checks for the fund in his letter.

A new-type airplane hangar is made entirely of laminated wood, and can be prefabricated to save erection time.

Heads Royal Society

Hamilton, Ont. — The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Olivier Maurault, Rector of the University of Montreal, has been elected president of the Royal Society of Canada at the annual meeting [illegible]

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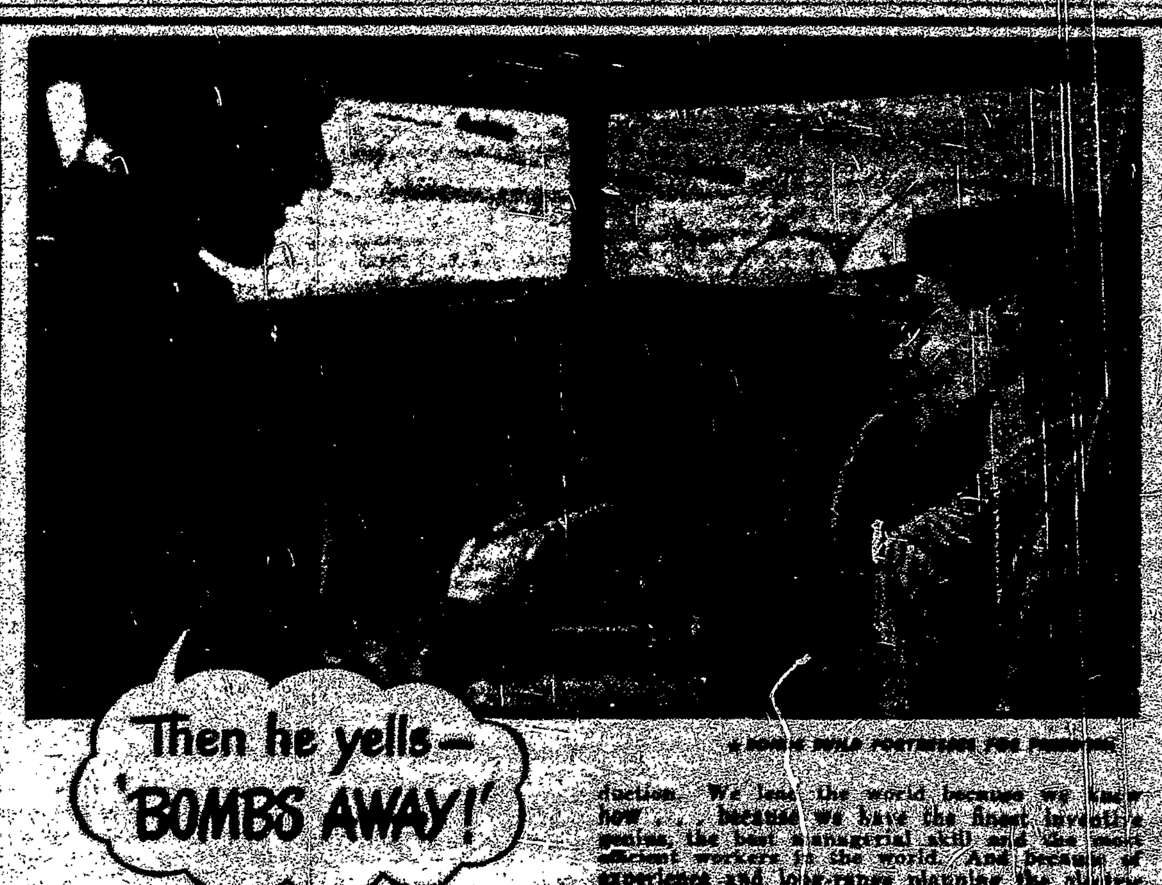

To the wide-eyed boy beside him this Fortress pilot ranks with Superman. One look at the instrument panel and you feel the same way. It's hard to believe that ordinary mortals could ever master that maze of dials, buttons, levers and switches.

But young Americans are doing it with deadly efficiency, as Adolf, Tojo and Benito can tell you. And they don't learn their jobs just by reading a book. It takes intensive training and practical experience.

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