

RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT



Measuring the Italian people on the high aims of the United Nations in occupying that island, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Commander of the United States Seventh Army, declared in a published document that "Here in Palermo we have established excellent relations with His Eminence the Cardinal, and through him with the Church." General Patton is pictured above on the occasion of his call on His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Lavitrano, Archbishop of Palermo, following the capture of that city. (International)

8 Bishops, 500 Priests, Religious Interned By Japanese In China

NEW YORK (NC)—A graphic report concerning the recent internment of 1,800 allied nationals at Weih-zen in North China by the Japanese has just been radioed to this country

'God First' To Jesuit At Mexico Dinner, Farley Joins Blessing

When James Aloysius Farley, former United States cabinet minister, visited Old Mexico last month he blessed the Rev. Louis E. Kern, S.J., to accompany him. What happened when the New York statesman and his Jesuit friend dined the latter is recounted in an interesting story from The Southern Cross, Catholic paper of the Diocese of San Diego, California.

"Everybody," states The Southern Cross, "knew that 'Roman Collars' say not unto Mexico. But Father Kern—just an American boy from Frankfort, Michigan—didn't choose to remove his collar, and Mr. Farley was big enough that no questions were asked. A very elaborate public dinner had been prepared out at Caliente in honor of Mr. Farley. Guests included the most distinguished Mexican public officials, which meant very prominent Masons. When all were about to sit down to table, dauntless Father Kern, as if inspired by God, publicly suggested to the Master of Ceremonies that Mr. Farley would be greatly pleased if the blessing of God were first invoked upon their meal.

"Taken somewhat unawares, the gracious Mexican answered: Yes, but first we will sing the National Anthem. No, returned Father Kern, GOD COMES FIRST. And big Jim up at the head table, totally unaware of this dialogue, blessed himself as Father Kern said aloud: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Bless us, O Lord, and show Thy gifts . . ."

HARRISBURG JUBILEE CLOSES WITH SOLEMN MASS

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the Most Rev. George L. Letch, Bishop of Harrisburg, marked the close of a series of spiritual exercises observing the diamond jubilee of the diocese. The Diocese of Harrisburg was erected by Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1848.

Youth Crime Mounting, F. B. I. Head Blames Heedless Parents

DETROIT (NC)—Despite the sincere efforts in American homes, churches, schools and other institutions to combat wartime's rising toll of crime among the young, the situation has grown worse during the current year, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau

of Investigation, Department of Justice, declared in an address at the annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, here.

"What is needed above all else is more enlightened parents to exercise better home and child supervision of their children," Mr. Hoover said. "Keep boys and girls from becoming criminals when they are young, and you can keep most of them from becoming criminals later in life."

"Last year the number of persons under twenty years who were arrested and finger-printed reached alarming proportions. Today, the situation is worse. The tragedy revealed by our latest survey is found in the fact that the arrests of boys and girls 17 years of age increased 17.7 per cent. In review, in further the trends of the past six months, we find an 18 per cent increase in the arrests of girls for offenses against common decency. These girls are the future mothers of America. It is tragic that so many lives are ruined which could be saved, simply because right influences were not present at the right time.

Churches, Schools Must Help

"Here is a problem that calls for the intelligence and active interest of every police agency in the land. But this is not law enforcement's problem alone. Our American homes, churches, schools and youth-serving organizations all must redouble their efforts to help young people make their way successfully to maturity. Law enforcement, having direct contact with crime, is in a better position to curb the perpetration of the actual offenses than any other group, but the ultimate solution must come from the home, the church, and the school, through intelligent co-operation."

Mr. Hoover said the tendency on the part of some motion picture producers to return to the formula of glorifying crime and criminals and ridiculing law enforcement officers, "should receive the serious thought of the mothers and fathers of this nation." He continued:

"I am sure you will agree that delinquent and thoughtless parents are another problem facing us today. Some are victims of circumstances, but others, by their disregard of parental responsibilities and their frenzied chase after the extra pleasures or dollars available in these extraordinary times, forget the most sacred duty of all—that of rearing their children as self-respecting, law-abiding citizens who truly are worthy of the name American."

"The facts are stark and revealing, and possibly hold the key to this sad situation. Time and time again, children have admitted they did not consider their fathers as representative of honorable manhood, or that they were ashamed of them; and some have even said they were ashamed of their mothers."

9 DUTCH PRIESTS INTERNED BY JAPANESE IN MALAYA

NEW YORK—Nine Dutch Catholic priests have been interned by the Japanese at Changi, Malaya, according to a report received here by the Netherlands Government Information Service.

The advisors identified the interned priests as: The Revs. F. A. van der Hagen, 31 years old; A. T. van't Hal, 40; E. van de Kamp, 38; C. R. Keet, 40; C. G. Koelman, A. C. Jacobs, 33; W. F. H. Jansen, 57; L. Schouten, 33; and T. H. Visser, 30.

poor and helpless have been thrown into the world to starve. Reports come in to the Maryknoll house at Chungking tell of bands of Chinese children, up to thirty in number, who roam the countryside in search of food. When they cannot beg it, they are prepared to steal it."

"Even if starvation does not overtake these children, what kind of men and women will they be?" asks Father Smith. "These tragedies may not have been the foreseen wish of the Japanese, when they removed the priests and Sisters to the concentration camps, but it is by far the most serious aspect of their action."

Drinking By Youth, Women On Increase, Statistics Show

PHILADELPHIA—Charging that statistics reveal an alarming increase during the war of drunkenness, and immorality among women and young persons, as well as men,

the Rev. John W. Keogh, President of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, advised that pledges against drink should be promoted in all Catholic schools, both elementary and advanced.

Speaking at the annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union in Philadelphia last week, Father Keogh, disclosed that records compiled by various national organizations, including the F. B. I. prove that there is widespread abuse of intoxicating liquors by the nation's women and young people. He said the Travelers Aid Society had noted the "increase in alcoholism and increase in sexual delinquency among those of 16 years of age and up" and that "many teen-age boys working in factories with men have taken to drink."

Father Keogh asserted that the National Recreational Association

declared "the number of teenage girls on the streets and in the taverns is alarming" and that these girls were "from 13 to 17 years of age." The F. B. I. he said, reported the age of most frequent arrest in 1942 was 18, and that "arrests for drunkenness among women increased 20 per cent in 1942 over 1941, and arrests for disorderly conduct increased 88.8 per cent," while the increase in arrests for drunkenness among boys was given as "73.1 per cent despite the enrollment in military service of so many of our youth."

"The temperance movement should begin with youth," Father Keogh declared, "and therefore it would be advisable that in every seminary, in every Catholic college, high school and grade school, pledges should be obtained against drink."

Pegler Pegs Communistic Tactics As 'Immoral'

"The Communist faith is so treacherous and immoral that no act which to normal and decent human beings is wrong is forbidden a Communist if it serves his political beliefs and

aims," declared the New York columnist, Westbrook Pegler in his syndicated column on last Wednesday.

"Anything that serves Communism," stated Pegler, "is right and good, and that is the only secret test that a Communist knows. To him it is not wrong to commit a wrong but it is grievously wrong to refuse to do so if the interests of Communism seem to require such commission. He is exactly like the Nazi and the Fascist in this respect and the fact that he is at odds with the Fascist and the Nazi and, for this reason is killing large numbers of Nazis, should not confuse our judgment."

The New York columnist also pointed out that some Americans, including even statesmen, are fearful that, if we recognize the truth about Communistic tactics and make it a matter of public discussion, "Joseph Stalin will be hurt in his feelings and moved to make decisions harmful to us."

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"This is an absurd proposition," charges Pegler, "and more uncomplimentary to Stalin than anything that could be said about the known duplicities of his Communists in our midst, for it assumes that he is a man who would make important decisions petulantly when the fact is that Stalin's interests are his only guide in all decisions. He would neither take any action unfavorable to us for any such reason nor be swayed from any such decision out of gratitude or friendliness begotten by any act of appeasement on our part."

Pontiff Hailed As Peace Champion On 'Open City'

(Continued from Page 1) the throng for His Holiness and his untiring efforts for the return of peace in the world.

Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, immediately following the announcement that the Italian Government had declared Rome an "open city," crowds of 50,000 and 80,000 persons streamed into St. Peter's Square, demonstrating their gratitude to His Holiness for the influence of the Holy See in furthering negotiations. This manifestation on the part of the people continued until midnight, and twice Pope Pius XII, accompanied by Monsignor Mantini, appeared at a window on the third floor of the Pope's private apartment and blessed the people.

Sunday morning a larger but equally spontaneous demonstration was held in the St. Peter's Square, the people cheering Pope Pius XII and peace. Beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning, the demonstrations continued into a half-hour past noon. Twice during these manifestations, Pope Pius XII, accompanied by His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and blessed the great outpouring of people.

It has been noted that the news of the Italian Government's declaration of Rome as an "open city" has been received joyously throughout the city, bringing new hope of peace.

Talks In Native Tongue To Make Chinese Air Cadets Feel At Home

TUCSON (NC) — A group of Chinese aviation cadets, who visited San Xavier's Mission, near here, were at first dumbfounded and then felt right at home as the Rev. Walter Tracy, O.F.M., the new Superior of Arizona Indian Mission, conducted them, about the historic spot.

The reason for it all was that when Father Tracy began to tell the Chinese airmen about the mission, he spoke in their own native tongue. Father Tracy spent seven years in a mission at Tung Chung Fu, in Northern China.

English Seminarians Cycle In Pilgrimage To Slipper Chapel

LONDON—Twenty students of St. Edmund's College, Westminster Diocesan Seminary, have made a cycle pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in the Slipper Chapel at Walsingham. The round trip covered 120 miles and lasted three days.

Some are atheists only in fair weather.—Gnomologia, 1732.