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(What we would like to write to Premier Joseph Stalin—if we could speak Russian...)

Dear Comrade Stalin:

Of course we are disappointed that you can't find time to run over for a little chat with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. We were sorry when you didn't show up at Casablanca for the "unconditional surrender" declaration, but I suppose your friend Tojo would kiss in the lap of C if he saw you hobnobbing with Wianis and F. D. R.

The idea that you might have appeared in Quebec last week, was ridiculous. Imagine you in the City of Churches! However, you know, Joe, you have a standing invitation from our President himself to meet him as soon as possible. But your prima donna ritual of "I regret that pressure of business prevents me from seeing you today" makes it mighty tough for the American Communists, your Fifth Column over here, to keep the Moscow script popular. Listen, Joe, it's the President of the United States that wants to talk to you. Not the Fuller-Bush man!

Besides, Joe, you have some real high class friends over here. And they don't hang around Union Square either. Ambassador Joseph (Mission to Moscow) Davies, Mr. Henry Luce, publisher of LIFE magazine, and Warner Brothers are big people and they are all for you. But the dissemination of propaganda is running low. That Herakle in the Kremlin act is killing you. You must get out and get around.

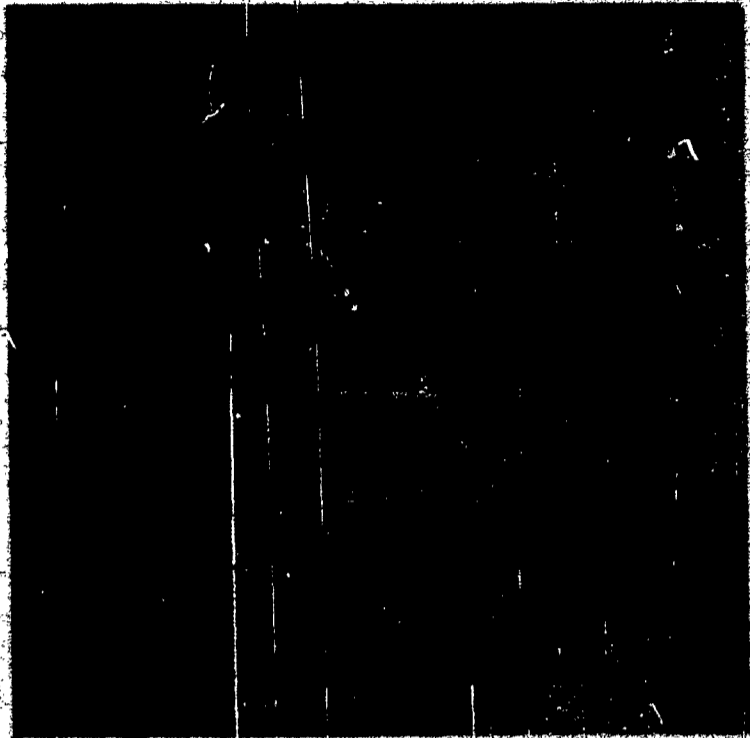
On the record, it can't be that you are still peevish about the World's Fair fiasco. We still remember how you built the mightiest and tallest exhibit in the whole Fair: a 78-foot stainless steel youth, symbolic of the Soviet Worker, who held a Soviet red star aloft at an altitude of 200 feet! You know, Joe, you could see that star from Flushing Meadows all the way down to Trenton, N. J., where George Washington once crossed the Delaware. Your Fifth Columnists from Union Square were mighty proud of you in those days, and rightly so. You stole top honors at the World's Fair for two years. Even Billy Rose, that impresario of extravaganzas, gasped with awe.

Then came the tragic day when your Fifth Columnists grabbed your metallic ally, or "Big Joe," as we called him in your honor of course, and retreated all the way from Flushing Meadows to Moscow. But you can't blame us. It was the Moscow-Berlin Pact that caused all the trouble. You can't blame us for chasing your World's Fair show out of town. The day that you joined up with Hitler even the Daily Worker stuttered.

Fortunately our estrangement was short-lived. We're pals again, Jerry! As far as we are concerned, "bygones are bygones." Our recollection came the day that your attaché, the Mad Adolph, when perched on the banks of London's Thames, backtracked towards Moscow with all guns blazing. That was the day, too, that you discovered that there was such a military possibility as the Second Front. This brings up something that I want to talk to you about seriously.

Your chronic zeal for a Second Front makes us wonder where the Soviets were when the British had to stand off the Luftwaffe alone! If I remember correctly when the British were all alone against the Nazis the Red armies were tossing dice with the Nazi panzers in the middle of Poland.

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POPE PIUS XII PLAYING... watched the second bombing of Rome by Axis planes Friday, from the window of his private room. Following the raid, His Holiness visited afflicted quarters in Rome, both in the Vatican and beyond.

Romans Hail Pontiff As Peace Champion After 'Open City'

VATICAN CITY (AP Radio)—The week-end has seen the people of the Eternal City render striking demonstrations of filial affection and gratitude for His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Bishop of Rome.

The announcement Saturday by the Italian Government that it had declared Rome an "open city" brought a spontaneous demonstration by the people in gratitude to the Pope for the influence of the Holy See in furthering that end. A still larger demonstration was staged in St. Peter's Square Sunday morning, and on the two days it became necessary for His Holiness to appear four times and bless the throng.

On Friday, immediately following the second bombing of Rome, Pope Pius XII went out into the city to comfort the people of his diocese, and twice knelt down with them in earnest supplication.

While some of Rome's official Vatican newspapers, says His Holiness left the Vatican at 12:30 Friday afternoon, immediately after the cessation of the aerial bombardment, to drive in those localities in Rome principally affected by the air raid, to bring comfort and his consoling words to his flock and to all families and individual victims. He was accompanied by His Excellency Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, Papal Under-Secretary of State.

The Holy Father was received everywhere with demonstrations of affection and gratitude. Leaving his automobile at the scene of the worst devastation, His Holiness visited the multitude that pressed about him to join with him in supplication for their beloved land, and in trustful prayers to God and His Blessed Mother, beseeching divine mercy upon the Eternal City and all suffering humanity.

As the Sovereign Pontiff departed from this area, the crowd followed him to the Pope's Cathedral, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Here the Holy Father ascended from his automobile again, and addressed an appeal to the multitude for unflinching trust in God and for the faithful to lead fervently Christian lives. Then, kneeling, His Holiness prayed with his beloved children of the Diocese of Rome. The Holy Father concluded by imparting the Apostolic Blessing, and departed for the Vatican amid the acclamations of

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Time' Acclaims Papal Influence On Peace Parley

Whether or not Pope Pius XII's champion of "a just peace" will be admitted to the post-war conference, nevertheless the influence of the Catholic Church will be considerable, according to TIME, national weekly.

Declaring that "the beginning of wisdom about the Pope is to know that whatever else he may be doing he is always for peace," TIME also notes that "his message about peace may say it is merely because that the Church speaks through the pontiff and other Papal pronouncements, but has been fighting against totalitarianism since knowledge, directly and indirectly, and for a longer time than any other organized power."

"Men often glibly say that World War II, besides the literal nerve-racking, is a social revolution. But the Catholic Church is the only Christian power that has unambiguously studied the problem from the viewpoint of peace steps to end this war by promoting the struggle between Capital and Labor. What the Pope demands is social justice within nations. He believes that if this can be accomplished, war will largely cease; the work of justice in peace. Instead of Karl Marx's violent revolutionary re-constitution of society as a whole, the Catholic Church wants a conservative reconstitution of society in the name of God, justice, peace. Moreover, the Church, states TIME, insists on the dignity of the individual whom God created in his own image and for a divine end. It vigorously protested against the brutal persecution of the Jews.

TIME concludes its current article on the Pope and peace with a speculation on the influence of the Catholic Church in the post-war peace talks. "Nobody knows yet," states the magazine, "whether Pius XII will be invited to the peace conference that follows World War II, or whether he would accept it if he were invited. Benedict XV was supposedly barred from Versailles by a clause in the secret treaty of London. But whether or not the Pope is present, the influence of the Catholic Church's peace policy will be tremendous. Most Catholic and non-Catholic alike would agree that a peace that does not embody, at least roughly, the Papal position on fundamental social issues will bring the social peace but a speed."

Father Parsons With T. J. Woodlock Join Jubilee Authors

Articles for the Jubilee Year were written by Father Parsons and T. J. Woodlock, author of "The Church and the National Home."

The Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., former editor of the Youth Worker, AMERICA, and now professor of history at the Catholic University of America, has written "The Church and the National Home."

Father Parsons is an eminent authority on political science and author of many articles and books on the subject.

Mr. Woodlock, a long-time contributor to AMERICA, has recently turned to writing also for the field of Catholic apologetics.

Quebec Griefs At Rumor Pope At Allies Meeting

QUEBEC (AP)—Doubts of rumor about the war broke out in Quebec when it was reported that the Pope would be present at the Allies meeting in London. Rumor that the Pope would be present at the meeting in London, Quebec, almost every country. The issue of this story of rumors turned up in Quebec.

Quebec foreign correspondents said in their reports all accounts of rumors, probably intentionally spread, that the Sovereign Pontiff was coming to Quebec to participate in the conference of the leaders of the United Nations. One account went so far as to state that His Holiness actually had "taken quarters" in a Quebec hotel.

Quebec's Catholic Daily Worker newspaper of this city, which has the largest circulation and one of the best news staffs in Quebec, stated that no one in Quebec had even heard such a rumor until it was published abroad.

ASK PRAYERS TO PROTECT FLORIDA FROM FALL STORMS

ST. AUGUSTINE—The diocese throughout the Diocese of St. Augustine have been asked to join in prayers for protection against storms during the hurricane season. The Very Rev. George Keith, Coadjutor, has announced that the diocese is observing the "St. Augustine Storms" and is requesting that all the Masses in which the Rubric permits, be so consecrated. The prayers are also recited during the Mass when Florida is beset by such storms and hurricanes.

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FRUIT VENDORS' CHURCH DESTROYED BY BOMBS

VATICAN CITY.—(AP Radio)—The Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria in Rome has been virtually destroyed and the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria in the social bombardments of the Eternal City, it is learned here.

The Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria, a 15th-century church, and is commonly known by the Romans as the "fruit-vendors' church."

New Church To Replace One Razed By Lightning

BUILDING plans—Ground is being graded in preparation for the erection of a church to replace the 100-year-old St. Michael's Church which was destroyed by lightning last year.

Purple Heart Award Honors Slain Auburn Sergeant

AUBURN—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Dziurzynski, 50 Pulaski Street, have received a letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announcing the posthumous awarding of

the Purple Heart decoration to their son, the late Lieutenant Third Grade Theodore J. Dziurzynski, Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army. Sgt. Dziurzynski paid the supreme sacrifice while fighting with the forces in the southwest Pacific war zone on July 16, 1943. The young soldier enlisted in the Army on May 22, 1941, and was stationed with a Field Artillery unit at the scheduled barracks when Pearl Harbor was bombed in the Japanese attack on Ford Island. During November 1942 the sergeant was sent to the southwest Pacific war zone and after eight months of fighting paid the supreme sacrifice.

Dziurzynski was born in Auburn on April 22, 1921. He was gradu-

ated from St. Hyacinth's School and left East High School to enlist with Uncle Sam. He was a communicant of St. Hyacinth's Church and a member of the Polish Falcons. His father is president of the Polish Relief Association which has raised approximately \$12,000 for war among the soldiers. Two weeks ago the Rev. Vincent Winkler, O.M.C., celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased soldier. Perhaps the young sergeant would have had part in his last battle for just previous to his death. He was buried in the National Cemetery, Auburn, Maine, on July 18, 1943.

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