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On Guard!

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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...

Besides, Joe, you have some real high class friends over here. And they don't hang around Union Square either...

Off the record, it can't be that you are still peeved about the World's Fair fiasco. We still remember how you built the magnificent and talked exhibit in the whole fair...

Then came the tragic day when your Fifth Columnists grabbed your metallic jelly, or 'Big Joe,' as we called him, in your honor of course, and retreated all the way from Flushing Meadows to Moscow...

Fortunately our estrangement was short-lived. We're pals again, Joe. As far as we are concerned, 'bygones are bygones.'

Your chronic zeal for a Second Front makes us wonder where the Soviets were when the British had to stand off the Luftwaffe alone?



POPE PIUS XII PRAYING constantly for peace, as shown here, watched the recent bombing of Rome by American planes, Friday, from the window of his private room. Following the attack, His Holiness visited afflicted quarters in Rome, back in the Piazza del Popolo.

Romans Hail Pontiff As Peace Champion After 'Open City'

VATICAN CITY (NC-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 his influence on the Holy See in furthering that end.

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.

Observers here, according to official Vatican newspaper, say His Holiness left the Vatican at 11:05 Friday afternoon, immediately after the cessation of the aerial bombardment, to drive to those localities in Rome principally affected by the air raid...

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

As the Sovereign Pontiff departed from this town, the crowd followed him to the Pope's Cathedral, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Here the Holy Father descended 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.

Time' Acclaims Papal Influence On Peace Parley

Whether or not Pope Pius XII's influence on the peace parley will be admitted to the public eye, the influence of the Catholic Church will be admitted, according to TIME magazine...

Declaring that "the influence of religion about the time of the Pope is to keep that whatever else he may be doing he is always for peace," TIME magazine says that the papal office may say it is generally assumed that the Church supports peace through the moralistic and other papal pronouncements...

"Men often gibberingly say that World War II," continues the magazine, "is a social revolution. But the Catholic Church is the only Christian power that has systematically studied the problem from this viewpoint."

TIME magazine's success article on the Pope and peace with a speculation on the influence of the Catholic Church in the post-war peace set-up.

"Nobody knows yet," states the magazine, "whether Pope Pius XII will be invited by the peace negotiators to the World War II or whether he would accept if he were invited. Benedict XV was regularly invited from Versailles by a clause in the secret treaty of London, but whether or not the Pope's presence, the influence of the Catholic Church's past policy will be immaterial. Both Catholics and non-Catholics alike would agree that it seems that they are not entirely in favor of the Pope's presence in fundamental social issues will bring us peace but a sword."

FRUIT VENDORS' CHURCH DESTROYED BY BOMBS

VATICAN CITY. — (NC-Radio)—The Church of Santa Maria del Orto in Rome has been virtually destroyed and the Church of Santa Maria has been gravely damaged in the aerial bombardment of the Eternal City. It is believed that the Church of Santa Maria del Orto—St. Mary's of the Garden—is a thirteenth century church, and is commonly known by the Romans as the "fruit-vendors' church."

New Church To Replace One Razed By Lightning

PAULDING, Miss. — 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.

Good Example, 'Warp And Woof' Of Catholic Action K. of C. Told In Corning

CORNING—Highlights of the basket picnic and field day held Sunday at Denison Park under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus was the talk given at 5 p. m. by the Rev. Gervase McGinnis, O.F.M., of the staff of St. Basil's College, former Corning boy, who told his audience that good example is the "warp and woof" of Catholic Action.

"Corning had a glorious past," said Father Gervase in society, business and Catholicism. 50 years ago the first priest came to Corning to say Mass. Father Bradley came from Elmore four times a year to bring spiritual help, consolation and guidance to the Catholics of the small hamlet. Because there were no other facilities Mass was said in a private home.

Father Parsons With T. J. Woodcock John James Authors

Articles for two nationally known writers were featured this week by the editors of the Catholic Encyclopedia in the anniversary of the Council of Trent and the Golden Jubilee of St. Bernard's Ministry.

The Rev. William Parsons, St. Basil's editor of the Journal of AMERICA, and now professor of history of the Catholic University of America, has written "The Church and the National State."

An article written by Rev. William Parsons for the Post-war World, has also been contributed by Parsons to the National Catholic Bulletin of the WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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

Quebec Griefs At Death Pope At Allies Meeting

QUEBEC (NC)—Death of Pius XII was the war hero, and in Quebec there have appeared in the streets great numbers of people who have been crying the name of the Holy Father since his death.

Quebec foreign correspondents say in their papers an account of the death of Pius XII was published in Quebec in a special issue of the newspaper of this city, which has the largest circulation and one of the best news sheets in Quebec.

ASK PRAYERS TO PROTECT FLORIDA FROM FALL STORMS

ST. AUGUSTINE — Catholics throughout the Diocese of St. Augustine have been asked to join in prayer for protection against storms during the autumn months. Very Rev. George J. Clancher, has announced. Beginning Aug. 21 the custom "of supplicating the Almighty" will be carried on all the Masses in which the Stationary Mass is celebrated. The prayers are said usually during the Canon of the Mass and should be said by all the faithful.