Apprehension Felt Despite Vatican's Immunity Thus Far

The reports regarding the steps the Germans in Rome have taken toward Vatican City have been numerous, conflicting and often misleading. As of this time, it is quite clear that the Germans have not "occupied" Vatican City, as some secular dispatches have said. The N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent in Vatican City quotes Osservatore Romano as saying the German sentries that have been posted have so far remained on Italian soil.

It is not quite clear, even now, just what the German policy is with regard to the Vatican. Whatever it is, it may be relied upon to be the course of action which the Germans feel most beneficial to their needs. That the Nazis — preachers of a Godless doctrine and the unrelenting enemies of the Catholic Church — have not dared to "occupy" Vatican City so far is taken here to be a striking testimony to the position which the Holy See now holds in the eyes of the world. No one can even imagine, students of public affairs say, the enormity of the reaction that might follow such action.

For an actual occupation of a military nature would mean making the Pope a virtual prisoner; would cut communication between the Vatican and the Catholic world.

It is believed, in at least some quarters here, that the Germans, while not "occupying" Vatican City will take advantage of its location in Rome to make the greatest possible use of the Italian Capital. They may try to do this by claiming to offer Vatican City the "protection" of which they have already spoken. Everybody knows that the Vatican needs no protection from any nation, and for this reason the Nazi ruse would fool no one if attempted.

But whatever the course of action, and whatever the excuse put forward, German presence in Rome and use of that city for military purposes would put the Vatican again in jeopardy. If, as some reports assert, anti-aircraft guns have been lodged by the Nazis near to Vatican City, this undoubtedly will increase the danger.

So far, it is quite possible that the Vatican is in no greater restraint from outside forces than it was in the days when the Italian Government held Rome, and was itself beholden to Berlin.

Nevertheless, a neutral state — ageless symbol of peace — which seemingly has been saved from the ravages of war is suddenly threatened again — and in the most serious manner — by a whirlpool it has sought to prevent.

The greatest piece of irony is that no one in the world except the Pope seemed to have had, four years ago, any conception of the horror which global and total war could bring.

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With Catholic Poets

Grace Before Planting In Wartime

(For Brother Richard, C.P.)

God, in this bitter hour
When skies are dark with doom,
By Thy almighty power
Bring Thou this seed to flower:
Bless leaf and bud and bloom.

Thou, Grain and Growth and Grower,
Thou, Godhead, Three in One,
Bless seed and sod and sower,
Bless scythe and sheaf and mower,
Bless worker and work done.

—James L. Duff

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Study Little Things

There is nothing too little for so little a creature as man. It is by studying little things that we attain the great art of having as little misery and as much happiness as possible.—Samuel Johnson.

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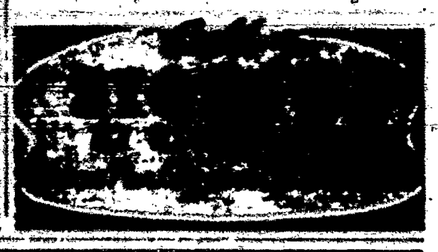

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