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Holy See Assignment Stresses Australia's Import Among Nations

MELBOURNE, Australia (NC-Radio)—Australia's "ift. development into a position of importance among the nations of the world has been emphasized by the action of the Holy See in placing upon the nation the responsibility of maintaining missions in the Pacific war areas, Monsignor James Hanna, National Director of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, asserted at a meeting of association promoters in Adelaide.

Monsignor Hanna said he took great satisfaction in the fact that Australia has become the ladder of the world's important nations. Since the outbreak of World War II in this section of the world, Monsignor Hanna said, 31 Vicariates had fallen under control of the Japanese. Only eleven of this number have been rescued from the enemy, he asserted.

In one of the rescued Vicariates, the South Solomons under the Most Rev. Jean Marie Aubin, S.M., missionaries are returning to their posts to find churches, schools and missions buildings reduced to ruins.

"They now have sheds for cathedrals and huts for hospitals," said Monsignor Hanna.

RECTOR FALSELY QUOTED ANENT BOMBING OF ROME, LETTER TO PAPER STATES

HACKENSACK, N. J.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene S. Burke, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, here, has declared in a letter to the Bergen Evening Record of this city that he was erroneously quoted in an interview concerning the first bombing of Rome.

The newspaper has published the following letter from Monsignor Burke:

"In the late forenoon of Tuesday, July 20, I was interviewed informally and hurriedly by a reporter of the Bergen Evening Record in regard to the first bombing of Rome on Monday, July 19.

"In an article concerning the interview published in the Bergen Evening Record on Tuesday afternoon, July 20, I was quoted as having made the following statement:

"Probably the Pope was sitting in the Vatican thanking God that Rome had at last been bombed."

"I deny emphatically and absolutely the making of the foregoing quoted statement." Appended to Monsignor Burke's letter was the following footnote: (We sincerely regret any embarrassment which Monsignor Burke may have suffered, and are happy to publish his correction. Editor.)

NAZIS DESECRATE POLISH RELIGIOUS OBJECTS

LONDON (RNS-Cable)—Sacred vessels and other objects taken from Roman Catholic churches in Poland are being auctioned by Nazis in various parts of the country, according to a report in the Universe, Catholic weekly published here.

Missals are being sold as waste paper, the report says. Objects auctioned include historic works of art.

Polish churches are still open, but have been stripped of everything but the barest necessities for the celebration of Mass.

APPEALS TO POPE FOR AID MOUNTING IN WARTIME

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Appeals to the charity of His Holiness Pope Pius XII have become more insistent and more piteous as a consequence of war's misfortunes, it is asserted in an article entitled "The Charity of the Holy Father" which has just been printed in Osservatore Romano.

The article adds that the Holy Father's assistance, which is never-failing, has been intensified in recent times.

35,000 Farmers Unite

MONTREAL.—There are now approximately 35,000 farmers of the province of Quebec grouped together in the Union Catholique des Cultivateurs (Catholic Farmers' Union). It was reported at the annual meet.—held here.

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