

Italians in Fear of Soviet, Declares Bullitt in 'Life'

NEW YORK (NC)—The Italian people are facing the post-war days with little hope and much fear because "They are afraid that the withdrawal of American and British forces from the Continent will leave them at the mercy of the Soviet Union," is the report made in the current issue of LIFE magazine by William C. Bullitt, former United States Ambassador to France and Russia.

"They appear to judge the quality of that mercy by the Russians' treatment of the Poles," the statesman added.

"The World from Rome," as Mr. Bullitt's article in LIFE is called, has created a sensation in the United States and stirred angry repercussions in Moscow.

"The Italians have been shocked by the recognition of the so-called Polish Committee of National Liberation as the administrative authority of Poland by the Soviet Union because they believe that this committee represents no one in Poland except the Soviet Government," Mr. Bullitt declared.

"The Italians know that the Polish government in London, which is recognized as the legal government by Great Britain and the United States, has the united support of nearly all the Poles in Poland and controls completely the Underground Army which has fought against the Germans in the recent battles at Vilna, Lwow and Warsaw."

Mr. Bullitt declared further that the Italian people are well aware that, after helping the Russians with their blood, members of the staffs of the Underground Army were arrested, and that Polish patriots from the areas occupied by the Russians are now being deported to Siberia, where almost 2,000,000 have been exiled since 1939!

Asserting that Italy is a deeply Catholic country and to all but a mere handful of Italians the Pope is in truth the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ, Mr. Bullitt says he believes that if the Communists come close to power, there will arise in Italy "a gale of the spirit," and the Italians, "who have no longer much to live for but have much faith to die for," will begin to march in defense of the Holy Father, as the Crusaders marched to the old battle cry: "Christians are right."

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS CENSOR NAME OF GOD, SAYS ANGLICAN HEAD

LONDON.—(RNS)—Newspapers usually eliminate from reports any sentences containing the name of God, according to charges made against the British press by Dr. Temple, the Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr. Temple made this observation as he inaugurated a series of open-air services in connection with London's "The City of God" campaign. Speaking from a pulpit improvised from blocks of masonry on a cleared bomb site opposite St. Stephen's Church in Walbrook, he complained that this had happened in all reports he had seen of a recent address he broadcast.

The Archbishop said the newspapers had cut out all references he had made to God and had reported "everything that could have been said by any heathen."

Costa Rica to Follow Papal Social Program

Costa Rica's new president, Senor Teodoro Picado, has announced that he will carry on the social and labor reforms which are based on the papal social program as inaugurated by his predecessor, Dr. Rafael Calderon Guardia.—Bulletin of Inter-American Institute.

We can be fired by our own work even while we're frozen in a job.

Clumsiness with Shovel, Army Priest Claims, Resulted in Wound in Italy

PITTSBURGH.—(NC)—The Rev. Thomas E. Madden, Army chaplain and priest of the Diocese of Altoona, said if he "had been a little handier with a shovel he probably wouldn't be a patient in Deshon General Hospital," a story by Vincent Johnson in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, states.

The story relates that Father Madden was in action with U. S. troops 27 miles south of Cassino

Doolittle Flier Meets Stigmatized Priest, Sends Photo Home to Elmira

(Editor's Note: For the benefit of our readers we wish to make some observations regarding the visits which American soldiers are making to Padre Pio at the Monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

The case of Padre Pio, stigmatized Capuchin monk, has been known in Italy for over 20 years. Reliable observers report that Padre Pio is an obedient religious and a man of edifying life. Nevertheless, several times, and even as late as 1931, the Holy Office at Rome has issued publicly warnings to the people of Italy advising them not to visit the Capuchin Monk.

It should be remembered that Padre Pio himself has never been censured by the Church. The ban against visiting him are in accordance with the customary and cautious policy of the Church in cases of this kind.

The Church has the responsibility of protecting the faithful from any imposture or fraud. In banning visits to the Stigmatist, therefore, the Church is following her wise policy of forestalling a rash public from anticipating the official and authoritative judgment of the Church.

Very properly the Church has also condemned some literature on Padre Pio which was misleading and erroneous. Whether or not the press dispatches reporting the visits of American soldiers to Padre Pio are an indication that the Church bans have been lifted we are not able to say.)

By MARGARET C. KENNEDY
At least one Elmira soldier has had the unusual privilege of meeting Padre Pio, stigmatized Capuchin monk, whose story appeared in last week's CATHOLIC COURIER, (page 2).

Staff Sergeant Raymond J. Cunningham, who is a member of Jimmy Doolittle's Famous 12th Air Force, was with a group of men who were billeted near the monastery at San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, where Padre Pio lives. Most of the Americans assisted at Mass and received Holy Communion and



PADRE PIO

later were permitted to talk with the monk and see the Stigmata.

After talking with the boys, Padre Pio graciously consented to pose for a picture and Sergeant Cunningham was lucky enough to have his camera with him. All of the men were greatly impressed by the great privilege granted them and it is something they will remember all through their lives. "We have heard of these things," Sergeant Cunningham said in a recent letter, "but we had to actually see it to believe it."

During their stay at the Monastery, the men received wonderful treatment from the monks and nuns there. The religious cooked and served the men's food and did everything possible to make their stay comfortable. During a conversation with an English speaking nun the sergeant discovered that she is an American from New York City.

Sergeant Cunningham, who has been in the Air Corps since April 1942, is a brother of James F. Cunningham of 531 West Gray Street, Elmira, who loaned us the picture of Padre Pio.

U. S. Maryknoll Priests Help Workers of Chile

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—(RNS)—A social service program for workers, described as one of the most advanced in South America, has been started in Talca, Chile, by the Maryknoll Fathers, it was announced at Maryknoll headquarters here. The program is under the direction of Father James Manning of Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Night school classes are held six nights a week and courses are offered in the three R's, special trades, and cultural subjects. Three classes in ethics, rights of labor, and health are compulsory, the rest are elective. Only workers are eligible to attend.

An afternoon school is conducted for wives of workers, a nursery is being established to care for their youngsters, and a playground has been opened for poor children, where breakfast and lunch are

served, and special instruction given.

Plans call for development of a free clinic which will care for workers and their families.

'We Stood Alone' Book Club Choice

NEW YORK.—(NC)—The Catholic Book Club has announced as its selection for August "We Stood Alone," by Dorothy Adams. The announcement states that "all the tragedy and heroism of Poland is outlined in this autobiography of the American wife of a Polish diplomat." The author, a Bostonian, while attending the London School of Economics, met Jan Kostanecki, son of the Rector of the University of Crakow, and married him.

and had dug himself "into a rather skimpy foxhole" when the Nazis began shelling American gun emplacements. A shell hit nearby and shattered Father Madden's leg. "It was rather unhealthy weather for chaplains that day," the story quotes Father Madden as saying. "The day I got mine they brought in another casualty, Father Lahan. He was hit in the head and died two days later." (It is believed

this reference is to the Rev. Arthur C. Lonaghan, Army chaplain and priest of the Diocese of Fall River, who died in Italy last Jan. 8 of wounds received in action.)

Father Madden expressed keen disappointment at getting hit when he did, because he had studied from 1927 to 1933 at the North American College in Rome and had looked forward to entering the Italian capital with U. S. forces.

Pastors' Meet Opens Clothing Campaign, Appeal Diocesan-Wide

Pastors of Monroe and Livingston counties will meet this Friday (Sept. 15) at 10:30 a. m. at St. Joseph's Hall, Rochester, for the first local Catholic organization meeting of the emergency clothing campaign to be conducted nation-wide by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Aim of this nation-wide campaign, in which Protestant and Jewish groups will also participate, is to collect 15,000,000 pounds of clothing for needy peoples in liberated countries of Europe.

Diocesan director, the Rev. John S. Randall, appointed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, will direct the emergency relief campaign, scheduled to run from September 24 to October 7, in the diocese of Rochester.

The Catholic Bishops, clergy and laity of the United States, are uniting in this nation-wide drive in answer to an appeal made by Herbert H. Lehman, director general of the U. N. R. R. A.

Work of Mercy
Affording the American Catholics an opportunity to practice one of the great Corporal Works of Mercy, the campaign goal adopted is: "At least one usable garment from every parishioner."

All types of useful wearable garments are in demand. It is the purpose of the emergency collection to provide clothing for free distribution to needy men, women and children in any liberated country where the need is great. Substantial clothing for both winter and summer wear can be used. Special appeals are made for all types of infants' garments, particularly knit goods: overcoats, topcoats, suits, coats, jackets, shirts and all types of work clothes including overalls and coveralls, sweaters, underwear, robes and pajamas for men and boys; overcoats, jackets, skirts, sweaters, dresses, underwear, aprons, jumpers, smocks, robes and nightwear for women and girls; and bedding including blankets, afghans, sheets, pillowcases and quilts.

This undertaking for the war-stricken people of Europe differs from previous drives in that it seeks clothing for distribution through U. N. R. R. A. without designation as to area or people, according to need. This gigantic task will be undertaken not only

Regional Meetings Listed for Pastors in Clothing Drive

Regional meetings at which pastors of the Diocese will organize plans for the forthcoming clothing campaign in behalf of the needy peoples of Europe are announced by the Rev. John S. Randall, director, as follows:
Corning—St. Mary's Rectory, Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1:00 P. M., for pastors of Steuben County.
Elmira—St. Peter and Paul's School Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1:00 P. M., for pastors of Chemung, Schuyler and Tioga counties.
Seneca Falls—St. Patrick's School Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 1:00 P. M., for pastors of Wayne, Cayuga, Tompkins, Ontario, Seneca and Yates counties.

by the United States but also by the other United Nations organized by the U. N. R. R. A.

With the approach of winter, the dire necessity of clothing for the war-stricken civilians of Europe presents an acute problem. Unable to purchase the required clothing in already distressed clothing markets, the U. N. R. R. A. has turned to the religious organizations of America for help in amassing a stockpile of usable clothing for distribution in the liberated areas.

\$50,000 Willed To Charity Nuns

NEW YORK.—A legacy of \$50,000 for the Society of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, at Mount St. Vincent-on-Hudson, N. Y., is provided under terms of the will of Mrs. Clara J. Corbett, who died last month at Port Jefferson, Long Island. The will stated the bequest was "in recognition of the affection, devotion and faith of my sister, Agnes Elizabeth McNally, who is Sister Miriam Bernard in religion."

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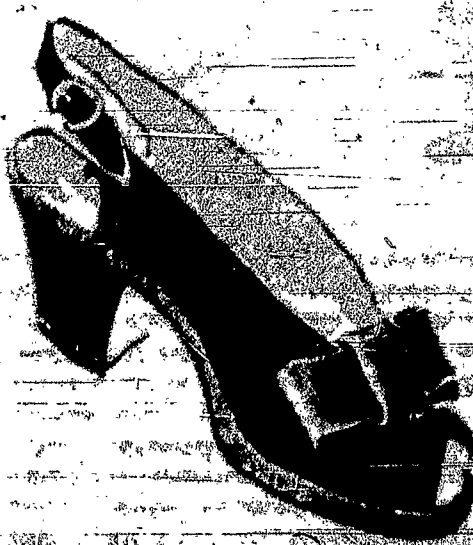


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