

### English Hierarchy Ask Special Poland Prayers

LONDON - (NC) - All Catholics have been requested by the Hierarchy of England and Wales to join in special prayers for the relief of Warsaw and for the welfare of the Polish nation.

### Patriarch Consecrates Cathedral in East Africa

LISEON - (RNS-By Wireless) - Ceremonies were spread over two days as Emanuel Cardinal Contalves Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, consecrated the new Cathedral at Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa. The Cathedral, costing \$408,000, took seven years to build.

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## Grateful to Missions Yanks Swamp Chinese Churches with Gifts

By Richard T. Baker  
KUNMING, China (RNS)—Since their arrival in this theater, American soldiers have attended Chinese churches, even when they could not understand the language and could only hum the hymns. Long before American chaplains arrived with their regular camp services, U. S. Army men were going to town to church, were hearing Mass at the local Catholic cathedral, were being invited to homes for tea and dinner, and in other ways receiving a hospitable welcome from local Chinese Christians. To reciprocate, the generosity of American soldiers has outdone itself in the past six months in gifts amounting to well over a million and a half Chinese dollars for missions in the province.

### Denies Catholics Are Anti-Semitic

BOSTON, Mass. - (RNS)—Claims that Catholics were the source of anti-Semitism were flayed by the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Riley, librarian at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass., at a two-day conference here on anti-Semitism. "One of the most important contributions which can be made by this conference," Dr. Riley told his fellow clergymen of various denominations, "is the elimination once and for all in the mind of each one here that the Catholic Church is responsible for modern anti-Semitism."

Father Riley admitted that "there have been grave violations of charity and decency toward Jews on the part of those who by their position and training should have acted differently," but asserted that "it is unfair and dishonest to stigmatize with appropriate any religious group because of the actions of some individuals."

"All of us," he added, "righteously and rightfully condemn such men and such actions, but," he reiterated, "let not our accusations extend to the group of which they were unworthy members."

Father Riley depicted anti-Semitism as another "anti" movement in a "long and ugly series," including anti-Christian, anti-Catholic, anti-clerical, anti-Negro, anti-Mexican, anti-capitalistic, and anti-labor, all of which, he declared, exist simultaneously and "with considerable inter-relationship."

The Rev. John S. Sexton, editor of The Pilot, official publication of the Boston archdiocese, voiced the conviction that non-Jews can do the most effective work in dealing with anti-Semitism, and said the best approach "is from the altars of the Christian Church."

### Polish Priest Slain For Aid Given Jews

LONDON - (NC) - Eye-witness reports from Wilno, now liberated from German domination, state that many Jews owe their rescue to the charity and sacrifice of Catholic priests of Wilno, who helped release Jewish citizens from prison and later succeeded in hiding them from the enemy, according to information received by KAP, Polish Catholic Press Agency.

In one of the smaller towns in the Wilno area the local pastor hid 80 Jewish children under the parish church, KAP reports. Several weeks later, the report continues, the German police investigated the disappearance of the children. A large group of Gestapo officers surrounded the church and rectory and ordered the pastor to turn over the children, it states. When he refused, the Gestapo opened fire and killed him on the church steps.

## Religious Hatreds Imperil Winning Of Lasting Peace Says Justice Murphy

SAN FRANCISCO - Every "vestige of racial and religious prejudice and hatred" must be eradicated if America is to win the peace, Associate Justice Frank Murphy, of the U. S. Supreme Court, declared on Sept. 12 at a mass meeting in the Civic Auditorium here of the National Committee for American Unity, of which he is chairman.

Nazi ideologies of race persecutions have had some influence in the thinking of this nation, Justice Murphy warned. "Unless we halt this mounting fury," he declared, "the end of this war may unleash another pogrom of hate and persecution far greater and more destructive than that which followed the last war."

In such an atmosphere, he declared, the hope that peace and freedom can survive is futile. "Social and economic and political

justice," said Justice Murphy, "when the war is done will alone assure us of the real victory."

At a press conference Justice Murphy revealed that plans have been made so that anti-Semitic organizations in this country will "have competition in the open market." Revealing that State committees of the National Committee against Persecution of the Jews would be formed in every State, he said that the campaign against racial and religious intolerance would be widened to embrace the nation.

"We have to make sure," he said, "that the Nazi revolution does not win any phase of this war. Hitler unleashed anti-Semitism as a prelude to destruction of all liberty. He seized newspapers, closed labor unions and stifled Catholic and Protestant churches."

To some missions here the money from U. S. soldiers has been a Godsend. The Lutheran sisters, for example, were positively ill from malnutrition. They have had no income from Germany since 1933. The Franciscan Sisters of Mary were largely French in origin, and their money has been scarce since 1940.

This month, work will start here on a dispensary to serve as a memorial to the American soldiers in China. It will be operated by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, situated on Kunming's main street, and will minister to the ordinary ailments of the poorest of the poor. It is being built entirely from funds given by the soldiers themselves. "Sold" On Missions

Catholic boys have led all the rest in the generosity of their offerings. Completely voluntary, in six months these gifts have amounted to 696,300 Chinese dollars plus \$2,145 in American currency for distribution to missions in Yunnan.

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