

## Saipan Missionaries' Marrying Under Japanese Rule Told by Cpl.

The story of how a Catholic priest and seven nuns lived under Japanese rule and nights like animals under a terrible bombardment of shelling on the Island of Saipan was told by Corp. G. R. Ferraro, of Rochester, in a letter to a friend here.

Writing to William Corse, 30 Glendale Park, the Corporal tells of meeting the missionary priest on a stroll about the island and of trying to converse, the priest in Spanish, the soldier in a Sicilian dialect.

The missionary believed that God had been good to him and the good sisters in saving them for teaching of religion to the island natives.

For 20 years, the missionary stated, he and the good nuns had been residing on Saipan abiding by the rules of the Japanese. The missionaries left alone by the Japanese, built a church with the help of the Chamorros who are mostly Catholic. Some hostilities began. Mass once a month became the regulation and this service had to be held outside the church. The missionaries were ordered to use only the Japanese language.

The priest and nuns were fed a lot of Japanese propaganda, the Corporal reports, about brutalities of the American people and how all the Indians in America had been killed and their land taken from them.

When the U. S. last forced hit the Island, the priest thought the end had come to all of his missionaries, but to his surprise they were treated kindly. At the time it was thought to be a trick of the Americans. Now he knows the Corporal writes, that the Americans are going to help him and his people to build a new and bigger church.

The missionaries are now allowed to continue their religious teaching and a school system under civil affairs rule has been set up for the natives.

## Holy Cross College Resumes Gridiron Relations With Yale

WORCESTER, Mass. — Holy Cross and Yale will resume their football rivalry next October 6 when the Crusaders meet the bulldogs in the Yale Bowl. It is announced by Jack Barry, Acting Director of Athletics at Holy Cross. The two football teams last met in 1932 when Yale defeated Holy Cross 6-0 in the first round of a football championship game in the bowl.

Holy Cross and Yale played annually from 1900 to 1932 when Yale ruled the football world, and is winning it again and leading the nation in points, their average being 20.5 to 10.5.

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## PONTIFF RECEIVES ITALIAN PARTISANS

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ROME (UPI)—For the first time, Pope Pius received a group of Italian Partisans who flew to Rome for the audience.

The "delegation" was composed of five men, two women, and their aged father, Feliciano Luigi Pianca of Modigliana. The Pontiff conversed at length with the Partisans, calling them brave young people and asking the priest his needs.

The priest said he regretted having to celebrate Mass inappropriate dress since all of his vestments were destroyed with his parish. The Pope immediately offered to send him a new set of vestments.

One pretty girl Partisan was a doctor of letters. The other, who had a degree in philosophy, joined the Florence University Partisans before Mussolini fell, then moved to another area with the intention of Florence and later taught new Partisans routes through spears.

Another of the Partisan group, a university engineering student, swam the river in front of Ravenna before the Invasion to bring the water a map showing the disposition of German troops in that area. His band constantly used the priest's house for a hideout until last October when a large German force began surrounding it and the priest joined

the Partisans in the neighboring mountain and remained with them.

"Now the Nazi-Fascists can't call us bandits any more," the young Partisan boy reported as they described to me their audience with the Pope.

### Soldiers Permitted By Pontiff to Attend Candlemas Service

VATICAN CITY—When it became necessary on Friday, Feb. 2, to cancel the daily Papal audience for Allied soldiers, because it conflicted with a traditional Candlemas Day ceremony, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, not wishing to disappoint the soldiers, adjourned them to

### On to Tokyo!

LUXON, Philippines (UPI)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, halting the Invasion of Manila, "will" Australia saved the Philippines liberated and the imminent reoccupation of the East Indies and Malaya thereby made a certainty, our met to become "on to Tokyo."

Helping the oppressed and unfortunate is easy; helping the afflicted is impossible. Here

## Current Film Circled in Legion Reviews

"The Keys of the Kingdom," a Paramount film recently released to showmen, has been described as "A-1. Unquestionable for General Patronage," by the International Legion of Decency, with the following observations: This film morally reprehensible, contains statements by the leading char-

acter in the picture which are repugnant to the principles of the Legion. The Legion also states that the film is a "lousy" production, and that it is not fit for public exhibition.

Some good reviews, however, which are only one side of the story. In the Legion

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