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Vatican Paper Extols Italy Aid from U.S.

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The response of the people of the United States to the appeal of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for relief of war victims in Italy received special praise recently in a two-column article on the front page of L'Osservatore Romano.

It is "truly wonderful" to review what has been done "by that great Republic," L'Osservatore says, and even more so when one considers that "Catholics who from a long ago and well organized unit within the United States, were among the first to respond to the apostolic appeal of the Constant Father."

King Leopold's Release Proposed by Germans

LONDON (UPI)—Swiss diplomatic circles report that the Germans, through the Vatican and an unnamed European neutral country, have proposed to the Allies the release of several political hostages including King Leopold, Prince Louis of Greece and Prince Maria of Norway and her husband.

Modern World Is Dying of 'Sceptic Poisoning,' Says Msgr. Sheen in Radio Talk

NEW YORK (NC)—Although it may come as a shock "to our modern sensibilities, which so glorify education, ignorance at times is a blessing and not a curse, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, declared Sunday evening in an address on the radio.

"The ignorance here extolled," Msgr. Sheen said, "is not the ignorance of truth but the ignorance of evil."

Fallacy of Education

"The great fallacy of modern education," Msgr. Sheen said, "is the assumption that there is evil in the world because there is ignorance, and that if we pour more facts into the minds of the young we shall make them better. If this were true, we should be the most virtuous people in the history of the world because we are the best educated. The fact, however, points the other way: Never before has there been so much education and never before so little coming to the knowledge of the truth. We forget that ig-

norance is better than some education is not enlightening. Much of modern education is making the mind sceptical about the Wisdom of God. The young are not born sceptics, but a false education can make them sceptical. The modern world is dying of sceptic poisoning."

Msgr. Sheen asserted that the "curse" of sex education is assuming that if children know the evil effects of certain acts, they will abstain from those acts. Education does not come from ignorance of knowing, he declared, but from perversion of doing, and that is why Catholic schools train and discipline the will as well as inform the intellect. "We know that character is in our choices, not in our knowing," he said.

"There is no such error in the world today," Msgr. Sheen said. "There are such vast areas of experience and lived evil, that it would be a blessing if some government would establish a University for Unlearning. Its purpose would be to do with error and evil exactly what doctors do with disease."

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...of the beach. The assault craft started for the beach where enemy machine gun and mortar fire riddled it with a hostile reception. Within two hundred yards of the shore the craft riddled a coral reef and was trapped dead in the shallow water. A veritable "sitting duck" target for enemy guns. The craft was shelled and the trapped Marines debated whether they should make a run for the shore. This would mean abandoning the landing and the supplies. The decision was made for them by the beach. "Sign it was evident that the combat Marines who had been hit as they waded in through the surf were being swept out past the stranded craft by the enemy's fire. Fisher and his colleagues started to pull their wounded comrades out of the sea and administer first aid and bandage wounds. The coral-trapped landing craft, even though sunk by deadly fire, became a providential hospital station for the Yanks who didn't make the beach. Chaplain Loughlin and the medical men were trapped before the shoreline of Papeete all that first day and night, but their work was done with the loss of only one man. At Papeete during those twenty-four hours men were taken from the water, their wounds treated and removed to the hospital from the improvised medical station.

We wanted to ask Father Loughlin about the Battle of Saipan, but the priest has a difficult task of telling you only what he wishes. Besides, along about this time he seemed to be getting suspicious of us and began to counterattack by asking us some questions of no great importance. We noticed that Chaplain Loughlin's Marine uniform is covered of medals or campaign ribbons. Where was the medal for bravery which Admiral Nimitz himself personally pinned on him? Where were the battle ribbons which this Marine Chaplain has every right to wear? They were not in evidence. But the veteran Chaplain isn't feeling any body, at least not anybody who reads the papers. The whole story that Chaplain Loughlin so modestly conceals is all told by the regimental and divisional signs on the shoulder of his officer's coat. This red shoulder patch is the insignia of the Second Marine Division. When you wear this insignia you don't need to wear any medals or ribbons. Chaplain Loughlin may hide his medals and campaign bars but anybody who looks at his shoulder should know the story. "Second and Saipan," "Yank," says Father Loughlin, "just a small outfit of Marines trying to earn a dollar from Uncle Sam. They take no medals here. They take no island names. That's all."

Charges Soviet With Slaying 2,100 Poles

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Abner N. O'Connell (R) Wis., charged on Wednesday that the Soviet Government is executing members of the Polish underground who held allegiance to the London Polish Government-in-Exile.

O'Connell made his charge in a speech prepared for delivery in the House during which he made a bitter attack on Russia.

"When the history of this war is written," the Wisconsin Congressman told the House, "we will know that Moscow has stained the shining, stirring and inspiring flag of more Allies than it has Nazis."

"Typical of the way the Russians are acting," declared O'Connell, "is this comment: During the first day of the occupation of Lublin in Poland by the Russians, they arrested, executed and shot 2,100 members of the Polish underground."

Previous denials by the Russians that they had shot and buried 2,100 members of the Polish underground.

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