

Avers 'Terror Bombing' By Allies Would Blot American Civilization

WASHINGTON (NC)—Adoption by Allied air commanders of a policy of deliberate "terror bombing" of German cities would put a history-long blot on American civilization.

The Rev. Dr. Francis J. Connell, C.S.B.R., Associate Professor of Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America here, declared in a public statement.

"To say that this procedure is justifiable as retaliation for Nazi terror bombing is the same as saying that if a man murdered my brother I could murder his child in revenge. To say that it is permissible because it will hasten the end of the war is the same as saying that any deed of violence is lawful if it will promote a nation's chance of victory. The very principle that the Nazis invoked when they seized Belgium and Holland. Our country was horrified and enraged when the Japanese murdered captured American boys. Now our country has been put in the same category with Japan.

"Let us hope that every decent American will protest against this criminal procedure of our air commanders. How can we expect God's blessing on our arms and on our country if we flout His law by deliberately murdering defenseless women and children of whatever nation?" the statement concludes.

Priest Disguised As Servant Tipped By Gestapo Chief

By St. MANHATTAN PARIS (NC)—The amazing experience of a priest in the vicinity of La Haine, who took refuge in a farmer's home to escape the Gestapo has just been revealed.

The Gestapo tracked the priest to the farm and arrived at the family and the priest, disguised as a servant, were eating supper. He turned pale but the agent of the Gestapo remained outwardly calm. "You can see for yourself there is no priest here," he said to the farmer. "Of course it's possible that one may have hidden here without my knowing it. You have to do your duty, so go ahead and search the place."

Then the farmer looked at the priest and ordered: "Jacques, get the lantern and show these gentlemen around. Let them look in every corner of the farm."

U. S., Britain 'Taken' At Yalta Observers In Capital Believe

WASHINGTON (NC)—The United States and Great Britain are showing more and more, observers here believe, a disposition to sacrifice principle to expediency and to ab-

dicinate from previously taken positions in face of the exorbitant word "realism."

In the Polish case it is being emphasized more and more that it is not a closed affair. The people of the United States and Great Britain through their Congress and their Parliament have yet to speak.

with respect to Poland. Aside from the moral boundary considerations, there is the further significant fact that all of the "Big Three" are committed to the Atlantic Charter — since they reaffirmed its terms and this time Russia signed — and there is a growing feeling that it ought to be adhered to in making such decisions as those undertaken. Yet, at the Yalta Conference — the very one at which the Atlantic Charter was reaffirmed — decisions were taken that run counter to it, observers point out. The Charter says the countries "subscribing" "seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other," and that "they desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wish of the peoples concerned."

If we are going to surrender principle to "realism," observers feel, we are going to open the flood gates to all sorts of concessions that could become very forceful reminders of the word made particularly repulsive at Munich — "appeasement." If Russia is going to appropriate a large slice of Poland, all of Lithuania and the other Baltic republics on its western boundary, why can't we expect that she will seize a slice of China on her eastern frontier?

Predict Two New Cardinalates for U.S. to Total Six

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ROME (By Wireless) — Two new cardinalates will be created in the United States after the war, when the Pope makes his first appointments to the Sacred College of Cardinals, informed sources here predict. At the same time, it is expected the Pope will fill three vacant U. S. cardinalates. Only American cardinal at present is Francis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

It is considered "virtually certain" by the Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York will be named a cardinal. Most of the new cardinalates, it is believed, will be in the United States and will be chosen from among the bishops of the United States. The new cardinalates will probably be given to bishops of New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, and California.

Cardinal Oppos Drive On Excesses in N. Italy

ROME (By Wireless) — A cardinal who has returned from a mission to the north of Italy reports that Cardinal Spellman of New York has been instrumental in driving the excesses in the north of Italy.

Yanks in Role of 'Uncles' to Dutch Tots



AMERICAN SOLDIERS take Dutch children for a morning walk on the grounds of Heerbroek Castle in Holland. The castle now houses 145 children who are cared for by nuns. Yanks have become very fond of the tots and in return for making the place, children don their national costumes and entertain the liberators of their country. (Ammo Photo).

Moral Crisis Greatest in Church History Says Mexican Prelate

MEXICO CITY — The present spiritual crisis resulting from the spread of heresies, immorality, and intensive errors, is the greatest since the beginning of Christian civilization, according to the Mexican Prelate of the Apostolic Prefecture, Bishop J. Ybarrondo of Mexico.

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State Must Not Control Unions, Archbishop States

LONDON (NC)—Almost all of 250 delegates representing the workers of the World Trade Union Congress here attended a session of the Most Rev. Bernard Gilpin, Archbishop of York.

The delegates from Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States, all agreed, he said, that the social order, both national and international, must be reformed. But it cannot be reformed until men return their consciences. Only then will they follow God's law and seek His justice. Even then it is not enough to drive the law into men's hearts. It is necessary to drive it into their souls.

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Appointments Of Clergy

Appointments of diocesan priests have been announced by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, as follows:

- The Rev. William H. McPadden, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, has been designated Dean of all churches in the Geneva area. As head of the Geneva Deanery Father McPadden succeeds the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, recently deceased pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.
- The Rev. John C. O'Donnell has been appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Danville. A professor at St. Andrew's Seminary for the last eight years, Father O'Donnell will succeed the Rev. Edward K. Hall, who was recently appointed pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.

Ordained from St. Bernard's Seminary, June 6, 1934, Don McPadden has spent his whole priestly life in the city of Geneva. In that city he served as assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales from his ordination until 1933 when he became assistant vicar of the neighboring parish of St. Stephen's where he is now pastor. Don McPadden became pastor of St. Stephen's November 13, 1934, and is doing so in succession to his brother, the late Rev. Stephen McPadden.

Father O'Donnell was born in Auburn and studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. He was ordained June 6, 1934, and appointed assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Danville, in 1935. He was made assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, in 1936. He studied the study of Sacred Theology in Geneva 1938 and in 1939. He was appointed in succession of St. Andrew's Seminary. Father O'Donnell holds a master's degree from St. Bernard's Seminary.

Catholic U. of Milan Is Heavily Damaged

MILAN (By Wireless) — The Catholic University of Milan, one of the oldest in Italy, has been heavily damaged by the bombing of the city during the war.