

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

New York — Warily watching Polish tanks at the United States for six months, came word by the War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference — from one of the Polish Second Corps serving in Italy, a Polish religious bulletin published here concludes. As account of the dedication ceremony here with the prayer "God Bless America."

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## French Catholic Journalists Face Nazi Firing Squads Rather than Collaborate

By M. MAMMANT

Paris (RNS) — By the end of February 1942, the number of death sentences in France for collaboration soared the 300 mark and the number of those sentenced to forced labor for life was even higher.

Among those condemned, one group stands out above all others: journalists. But there is another side to the picture and the story should now be told about others who risked and even sacrificed their lives for honest journalism under the Nazi control of France. And among those who made the supreme sacrifice, the Catholic Press was represented by clergy and laity.

Drs. Rev. Yves de Montaigne, 53, was shot at Grenoble, the Dominican Father Guilleire, of the staff of Le P.D. Intélligencier, led the firing squad at Nuremberg Germany. Three laymen — René Leyraud of Le Progrès and Gilbert Dru and his associate Chanois of Le Courrier de l'Estangne Chrétien were shot at Lyon. Chanois of Le Véritable de Lyon fell in a street of Grenoble.

Dowser, business manager of a Little paper and the father of four children, died in prison. His wife Renée had been the appearance of Churchill's face on the picture-page of the journal. As to how many Catholic journalists still are in German prisons and may have died there, no precise information is now available.

**Journalists Under Nazi Rule**  
On the very day in 1940 when Paris was evacuated by the Government the Corporation of Christian Publicists was making its annual pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The last Mass offered in Montmartre before the fall of the city was celebrated for

### Asks Religious Groups To Counteract Bigotry

Cleveland (RNS) — Protestants and Catholics were called upon by the Editorial Advisory Board of Church Management Protestant periodical published here, to take immediate steps to counteract "the rise in this country of a new era of religious intolerance, which has at its center the Catholic-Protestant controversy."

The monthly journal declared that "the one way to stop the spread of religious bitterness between the two faiths is to 'normalize the areas of disagreement, bring the controversies out into the open, and repudiate clandestine methods of attack.'

**Nazis Detest Cardinal**  
Rome (RNS) — János Cardinal Szabolcs, Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary, was deported by the Germans before they evacuated Budapest, according to "Il Quotidiano Catholic Action newspaper."

Ask God for what you need. He may see your needs differently, but your prayers will always be answered in His better way. — W.M.L.

members of the writing profession. Certainly he already could be buried in the quarter, many of the Seine bridges had been blown up that very morning, and the president of the Corporation, then French Ambassador to the Holy See, had had to leave hurriedly four days before the pilgrimage, to resume his post in Vatican City.

Spurred To Print Propaganda

And then came utter confusion. Most of the press hastily left the capital, fleeing before the invaders. Members of the staff set out without knowing just where they were headed. Those who could get aboard trains or vehicles remained at Paris, shot to get joined by others like myself, who had been disorganized by the armistice while taking escaped Nazis as

prisoners of war.

Very few papers continued to

**Tom Tuttle —  
Worships a Teapot**

By Rev. RICHARD MUNDEN

Tom Tuttle worships a teapot. You never, doesn't it? He has it on his mantelpiece, and he prays before it morning and night.

We've often tried to reason with him:

"Tom," we said, "won't you look into the case for Christianity? We have proof positive that there is a God, invisible, almighty, and Maker of heaven and earth. We have a book which He wrote — the Bible. Here it is, won't you look at it?"

"The book," said my son, "I don't have time for such things. Besides, my father before me, and my grandfather, and his father — we Tuttles have always worshipped teapots."

"We know, Tom," we said, "but your ancestors and all the Tuttles could have been wrong."

"But I like my teapot hymns. I'm used to them. My mother taught them to me. And I don't know what you go on with down at your church. It's strange to me, and different."

"After all, though, Tom, truth can't just be a matter of nice hymns."

"Oh, go away, and don't bother me. If I go to your church, then all the teapot-worshippers will be angry with me and they won't come to me for advice." (We should have told you that Tom was a lawyer.) "Anyway, I don't like the people at your church. All the better people in this town worship teapots, and you know it."

"But all those things don't affect the truth, Tom. We have to judge truth in itself, regardless of any consideration: hymns, family-traditions, business, or just plain sweat."

"Go away, please, won't you? This money you're asking me for — you're only making me uncomfortable."

There are people like Tom Tuttle, worshipping a teapot—which we have used—as a symbol for pleasure, money, social position, etc. That is why the Catholic Church teaches that prayer is the first step in finding religious truth; prayer not only for light, but prayer for strength to follow that light wherever it may lead.

### Newman Letter to Pius IX May Be Published

Rome (RNS) — A communication of John Henry Newman to Pope Pius IX in 1850, in which the English convert to Rome, having been excommunicated for heresy, asked the Pope to accept his resignation from the English Church.

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appear at Paris, and it did not take many hours to make us realize that we could not, in consequence, write for them. The heavy hand of German propaganda was upon the press. Any paper that dared to continue publishing had to carry not only the communiqué of the German crimes but also diatribes against Great Britain and the French Ministers, particularly against Reynaud and Maistre.

**107 Votes at N. S.**  
Notre Dame — The registration of returned servicemen at the University of Notre Dame has more than doubled this semester, jumping from 80 to 107.

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