

Holland's Catholic University To Reopen

Feb. 1 (AP) — Holland remains in great distress, according to advices reaching here, but the sturdy Hollanders are doing all within their power to make the best of their sorrowful lot.

In Nymegen, according to a report, where damage from bombardments was terrific, reducing a great many churches and buildings to ruins, the Catholic University will reopen after Easter in provisional buildings.

WASHINGTON Jap War to 1945 Vatican Scoops World U. S. Participation Score By TOM ROGERS

Washington — The full story can't be told yet, but the German's are being driven crazy by one recently introduced weapon, which they can't seem to figure out at all!

Meanwhile, military leaders here are rushing plans for major blows at Japan. Optimism is rising along with the presence of a large British task force on the ground in the Pacific. But they are taking no chances. It can be revealed that plans are being prepared to carry the Jap war into 1945.

Army intelligence is certain the Nazis will make a last stand in the mountains to the south. The Vatican indirectly confirmed this last week, thus "scooping" the rest of the press in the world.

By late summer bombers by the thousand will be over Japan. Then the invasion.

It is entirely possible that there may be the greatest amphibious operation of all time against Formosa soon. Except for peace in Europe and a victory in Germany, the Pacific may soon steal the headlines.

On the domestic front: A confidential check of the Senate by Vice President Harry Truman, now shows only 12 Senators and nine doubtful who can be expected to oppose U. S. participation in world peace machinery. Truman is reported to have warned FDR that an affirmative vote by the Senate is by "no means" certain, that world developments and the outcome of the San Francisco Conference could swing enough votes to delay, or kill, U. S. participation.

Why did the Columbia resolution go through at Mexico City? Our southern neighbors are afraid of Russian penetration. They want us to assume a more definite stand regarding such penetration. The Soviet Dictatorship lives on fear, they say. And the new fear, according to them, will be the United States.

Henry Wallace is making a detailed study of the patent laws and can be expected to ask Congress eventually for a revision of laws to prevent big business.

The study, ordered by the President, of annual or guaranteed wages to workmen, was made on the recommendation of Philip Murray, C. I. O. leader. Measures, the Administration is prepared to grant increases in base pay — about 10 percent — after V-E day.

Nor is the untiring Bob Hannagan overlooking the political angle and the control of Congress after the '46 elections to the House.

The recent resignation of the Duke of Abo as France's ambassador to London is thought in many quarters to be part of a monarchist drive to return Spain to its former type of government.

Some Washington observers are wondering whether the Soviet Government will be able to get out of the Balkans and Austria without a hitch. — and what will be the eventual cost of it if they have.

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Patton's advance toward the remnants of two weeks ago. The news may be overdone. — but the "Warrior" writes with probably no concern that the "General" does "Patton".

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Warden Deplores Lack Of Religious Training

Wausau, Wis. — (KNS) — Most persons who reach prison either lack completely or have only very ineffective religious training. Deputy Warden C. E. Johnson of the Wisconsin state prison here has concluded.

"In most instances they have not attended a religious service for years prior to their arrival in prison, nor have they enjoyed the advantages which accompany membership in a congregation," he said.

Altar Hit, Chaplain Ends Mass at Another

St. Louis — (NC) — It happened at a church in Lanesburg. The Rev. Christian J. Martin, priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, serving as an Army chaplain, was offering Mass for a group of his soldiers. Suddenly a mortar shell crashed through a wall of the edifice and struck the altar.

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FEW STONES MARK CHURCH

You've never heard of it, but Dabbba is a little village in Syria, on the northern border of the Holy Land, with only 200 stalwart citizens. Nearly half these are Moslems, and the Christians have a hard time.

BAGHDAD'S BISHOP

Archbishop Du Chayla is over extending his fine work for the people of Iraq. This month he asks \$44 for them. Can you help?

LITTLE DABBABA HAS NO SCHOOL

Little Dabbaba has no school, and all that is left of the old church are a few old stones. Children, whose parents wish to have any schooling at all, must go miles to Hama and play there, for a daily journey would be out of the question.

MOTHER'S DAY

To the queen of your heart send our beautiful gift card, telling your mother that Mass will be offered or a gift made to an humble Near East chapel.

THE PRIESTS GO TO DABBABA

The Priestly Fathers go to Dabbaba occasionally to offer Mass, but now that the faith of the Catholics is in peril from the Moslems, they want to build a church and school there. It must be done at once.

LAST WORDS

"Glory be to God for all things," said St. John Chrysostom, as he lay dying in exile. Lonely missionaries say the same. Join THE CHRYSTOSTOMES, our Student Support Club, and help send more priests to the Near East. Don't! Only a dollar monthly. It costs six hundred to educate a Near East priest.

FOR DABBABA'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL

This is urgent! May the good Lord inspire you to come quickly to the rescue. Seven hundred and fifty dollars will give the chapel structure, one hundred and fifty more will furnish it.

SUNDAY AFTER

Why do we call the Sunday after Easter "Dominica in Albis"? Because on that day, in the early Church, the newly baptized Christians put off their white robes. Now we must begin to ask five dollar donations for white robes for Near East children, first communion outfits. Clothe our God's poor children.

FR. PINAKATT

Franco Father Pinakatt, chaplain of the American Medical Mission Station at Mary Ghat, India, sends this late bulletin: "Thank America for those American Sisters. At present, they are sheltered in a small, temporary dwelling, and six million Jews among our own Indian girls will catch in a few months." Give what you can to the DANIEL HOPKINS FUND, to help 15 Jews escape the gas chambers. They need only \$250 as a permanent saving.

HEGESSIFOS

Feared on April 7, this Near East martyr, a Jewish convert, made one of the last bits of the Pope, Pius XII, and his legacy to the Holy Father by leaving to our STRONG-ARMED FUND, some which we help urgent cases.

EIGHTEEN!

Eighteen churches in the valley of Hama, Syria, bordering the Holy Land, must have altar furnishings, unless the Bishop. Won't you be one of the few to give \$25 to furnish them?

CRACKING JAWS

The Holy Father St. Agostino, benedict on April 16, is patron of dentists, reminds us that once a Near East martyr said: "I must be ground in the jaws of wild beasts." Give five dollars for the Mass commemoration, which contains martyr's relics and is read at every Near East Mass.

HER DAY

St. Mary's Association, 17 1/2 W. 10th St., New York City, is holding a fund-raising party on April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Tickets \$1.00. Proceeds for the Holy Father's fund.

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