Holy Father Eulogizes Roosevelt As a 'Renowned Statesman'

Vatican City — (NC) — In a message of condolence upon the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, His Holiness Pope Pius XII expressed to Harry S. Truman, the new President, his "profound sense of grief born of the high esteem in which We held this renowned statesman and of the friendly relations which he fostered and maintained with us and with the Holy See."

News of the President's death was received at the Vatican at 12:30 p. m., Friday. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Giovanni Battista Montini, of the Papal Secretariat of State, immediately communicated the news to the Holy Father, who sent President Truman the following cablegram:

"The unexpected and sorrowful word of the passing of the President brings to our heart a profound sense of grief born of the high esteem of the friendly relations which he fostered and in which We held this renowned statesman and maintained with us and with the Holy See.

"To the expression of our condolence We join the assurance of our prayers for the entire American people and for their their new President, to whom We extend our fervent good wishes that his labors may be efficacious in leading the nations at war to an early peace that will be just and Christian."

Later in the day, at an audience which the Holy Father regularly grants to soldiers of the Allied nations, the Pontiff prefaced his remarks with these words to members of the United States armed forces:

"We express to the members of the American forces here present our deepest condolences upon the death of Mr. Roosevelt, the beloved President of the United States."

The tragic news of the sudden death of President Roosevelt was received with deep sorrow throughout Vatican circles.

Vatican City — (NC) — The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Domenic Tardini, Secretary for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, and the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Giovanni Battista Montini, Papal Undersecretary of State, accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Walter S. Carroll, American priest attached to the Papal Secretariat of State, called upon Myron C. Taylor on Saturday to express condolences on the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to his personal representative at the Vatican.

Papal Legate Sees Roosevelt as A Great Figure in U.S. History

Washington — (NC) — Declaring that President Franklin D. Roosevelt will take his place as one of the great figures in the history of the United States, His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, called him a champion in the defense of human dignity, one towards whom the eyes of all peoples were turned in anxious hope.

"May the San Francisco Conference, to which the President was dedicating every possible effort, be an act of homage to his memory," Archbishop Cicognani said, "by actualizing the organization of all those nations which are willing and determined to do their part to safeguard the world-wide brotherhood of man in a peace founded on justice and charity."

His Excellency concluded with this prayer:

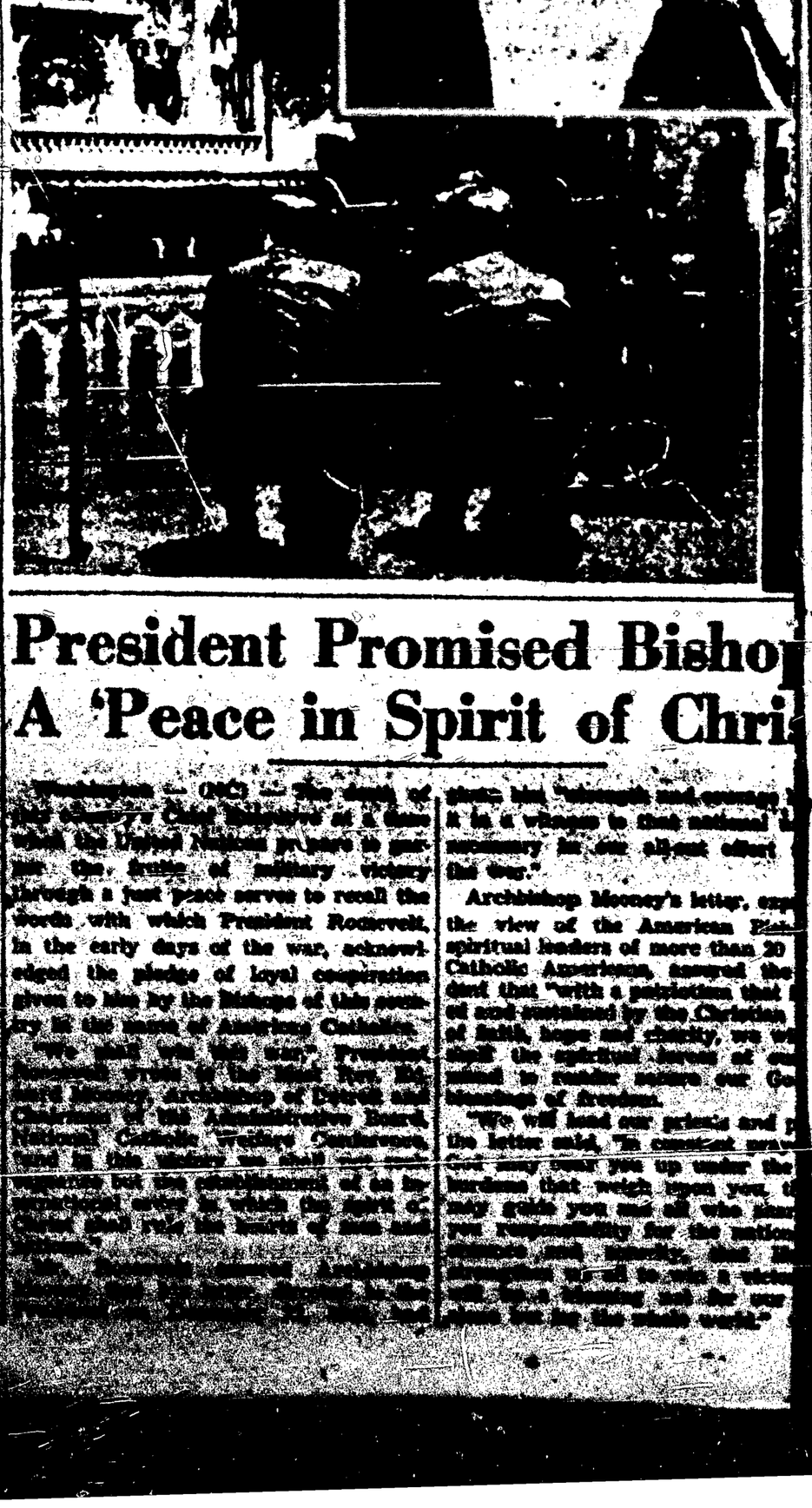
"May God, whom President Roosevelt so often invoked both for himself and for the peace of the world, welcome his noble soul into rest eternal."

"The news of the death of President Roosevelt,' said the Apostolic Delegate, 'coming as a shock at such an eventful moment in world history, is cause for universal mourning and heart felt grief. His Holiness Pope Pius XII has expressed by telegram his profound condolences and I wish to manifest my sincere personal sympathy.

"In the history of the greatness of the United States of America, President Roosevelt will take his place among the nation's most outstanding figures. He was highly talented, courageous, far-sighted, and endowed with a generous heart. In defense of human dignity, today so often trampled under feet in many parts of the world, he stood out as a champion, and always came to the fore to recall and vindicate the inalienable rights bestowed on man by the Creator. His far-reaching activities were a strong factor in increasing in the world love and esteem for America with its ideals and programs of liberty, progress, labor, and the pursuit of happiness."

A Tribute To Their Leader

Pictured in the Associated Press Photo below are six servicemen, five with overseas records as they knaal before an altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, to offer prayers for their fallen Commander-in-Chief pictured to right in a portrait taken at Hyde Park August 21, 1944, by Leon A. Perskie of Baltimore, Md. (AP Wirephoto—Copyright 1945 by Leon A. Perskie, Baltimore, Md.). Lower right photo shows Monsignor Michael J. Ready, then general secretary of the NCWC, now Bishop of Columbus, giving Benediction at the 1941 inauguration.



IRISH IN TRIBUTE TO LATE PRESIDENT

Dublin — (NC) — As a mark of respect for the late President Roosevelt, Dail Eireann, the Irish Parliament, adjourned after Premier Eamon De Valera and leaders of all political parties had paid solemn tribute to his memory.

Addressing expressions [illegible] grief over the passing of the great, [illegible] leader of the American [illegible] and expressing [illegible] of Irish sympathy, [illegible] that all humanity had suffered an irreparable loss with the death of President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt, said Mr. De Valera, [illegible] the last [illegible] Dr. [illegible]

Veterans Pay Their Tribute

Human Cross Formed At Times Square Rites

New York — (NC) — The Catholic War Veterans of America conducted a service in memory of the late Commander-in-Chief, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, at the foot of Father Duffy's statue in Times Square. New York State Commander Frank J. Manley recited the ritual [illegible] the Rev. [illegible] Army chief [illegible] Veterans, [illegible] for the [illegible]

Members of the New York [illegible] Regiment, in full uniform, formed a human cross in front of the statue of Father Duffy. An estimated 10,000 civilians and servicemen and women [illegible] the [illegible] surrounded [illegible] traffic [illegible]

SETON KINSHIP TOLD BY PRESIDENT

Washington — (NC) — The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt frequently recalled with pride his close relationship to two eminent figures in the history of the Catholic Church in this country during the nineteenth century — Mother Elizabeth Seton, Foundress in the United States of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, whose cause for beatification is being advanced, and Archbishop James Roosevelt Bayley, who occupied the See of Baltimore from 1872 to 1877.

Writing to the late Bishop Joseph M. Corrigan, then Rector of the Catholic University of America, to explain why he would be unable to take part in a radio broadcast in November, 1936, President Roosevelt said:

"I had hoped that I might, in connection with the jubilee which will [illegible] the institution which [illegible] me with its degree and [illegible]

President Promised Bisho A 'Peace in Spirit of Chri

Washington — (NC) — The steps of [illegible] the Vatican and every [illegible] it is a weapon to that national [illegible] necessary in an effort effort this war."

Archbishop Mooney's letter, exp[illegible] the view of the American [illegible] spiritual leaders of more than 20 [illegible] Catholic Americans, assured the [illegible] dent that "with a patriotism that [illegible] of and sustained by the Christian [illegible] of faith, hope and charity, we will [illegible] the spiritual needs of [illegible] armed in peaceful causes and [illegible] blessings of freedom.

"We will lend our prayers and [illegible] the letter said, in constant [illegible] and send you up under the [illegible] wisdom that which upon you, [illegible] may grow you and all who [illegible] for responsibility for the nation's [illegible] and, finally, [illegible] peace, a peace [illegible] and [illegible] all the [illegible] the [illegible] the whole world."