

Liberated

Japs Slay 71 Priests, Religious In Atrocity Wave at Manila

White House Aide

Two Jims Flag Raiser Home

Parish Honors Famed Photo Survivor

Manassas, N. E. (NC) — Tribute was paid to Pfc. Rene A. Gagnon, member of St. George's parish here and one of two surviving marines shown in the famous photograph of the flag-raising on Mt. Suribachi, at a banquet given in his honor.

"He has become a hero all over the nation and his war achievements will live forever in the hearts of his fellow parishioners," the Rt. Rev. Magr. Ernest T. J. Devoy, pastor of St. George's church said in an address.

By HORATIO de la TORRE (NC Staff Correspondent)

Manila — A total of 71 priests and Religious were killed in cold blood by the Japanese during the Battle of Manila.

The most cruel massacre befell 26 priests and Religious who were trapped inside the walled city section of Manila. They were herded into air raid shelters in front of the Manila Cathedral, along with about 100 of the civilian population. The Japanese then threw grenades into the shelter openings, poured gasoline into the entrance and ignited it. Only a few escaped.

Property loss sustained by the Church in Manila is incalculable. All the historic churches and monasteries inside the walled city, with the exception of San Augustin Church have been destroyed. Priceless altar vessels, vestments, books and manuscripts have been lost. The celebrated and irreplaceable wood carvings of the Jesuit Church of San Ignacio were among the treasures reduced to ashes.

Virtually the entire community at La Salle College, operated by the Christian Brothers, was put to death by the bayonet, some even inside the chapel of the college. Only survivors of this massacre were Father Francis Cosgrave, a Redemptorist, who received three bayonet thrusts and Brother Anthony.

The entire community of Spanish Vincentians at San Marcelino Church suffered the same fate. They were tied together and bayoneted in their own yard. Their bodies, thrown in a canal nearby, were later recovered by Jesuit scholars and buried.

On February 11, the Festival of Lourdes was commemorated by priests and refugees within the San Augustin compound. On February 18 the men again were marched out of the monastery and this time taken to a warehouse in front of the Poor Clare Monastery, where they were kept 24 days without food or water.

They were then taken to the air raid shelters near the Manila Cathedral. The Japanese, informing them that the critical hour of the siege was at hand, herded them into the shelters. As soon as all were inside, the Japanese threw grenades into the entrance, poured gasoline and ignited it.

Family Life Conference — St. Augustine — (NC) — Family Life Conference will be held in every parish of the Diocese of St. Augustine during May.

Brother of Nun Sunk Battleship

Credit Yamato Sinking To Lieutenant Delaney

Detroit (NC) — Lieut. William E. (Ernie) Delaney, Navy officer credited with sinking Japan's mightiest battleship, the 45,000-ton Yamato, is one of five sons of a widowed mother, who are serving in the armed forces.

The Delaney boys now in the service, all of whom were stars in football and basketball while at St. Leo's High School here are: Patrick, first class petty officer in the Pacific; Sgt. Austin, Lieutenant "Ernie's" twin brother, serving with the Army in France; Sgt. Frank, who has been in the South Pacific 36 months, and Pvt. Emmet, the youngest, who is in England. Another son, Leo, who is married and has four daughters, also lives here. Four daughters round out the Delaney family including Sister Daniel Marie, of the Sisters of Charity, who is teaching at Springfield, O.



Matthew J. Connelly, who has been appointed confidential secretary to President Harry S. Truman, at the White House. Mr. Connelly, a graduate of Fordham University, New York, was formerly executive secretary to Mr. Truman when he was Vice-President. Born in Clinton, Mass., he is now a member of St. Martin's Church in Washington. Harris & Ewing photo. (NCWC)

The Rev. Edward J. McCarthy, formerly superior of St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society in America, who was returned from imprisonment at St. John's Lager Hospital in Mandeluy, Surabaja, on March 16 with 28 of his colleagues. (NCWC)

9,000 German Churches Damaged or Destroyed

By Dr. MAX JORDAN, Speyer, Germany — (NC) — Approximately nine or ten thousand, out of a total of 12,000 Catholic church buildings and chapels in Germany proper have either been completely destroyed or seriously damaged in Allied air attacks during the last two years.

Of the famous cathedrals in

the German Rhineland only the one here at Speyer, which is the largest medieval church in Germany, has remained intact. The cathedrals in the nearby towns of Worms and Mainz suffered tremendously, the one at Frankfurt is beyond repair, and the edifices at Cologne and Freiburg are seriously damaged.

On the other hand, the great art treasures, such as ancient sacred vessels, vestments, stained-glass windows, have almost all been saved because they were stowed away even before the outbreak of hostilities.

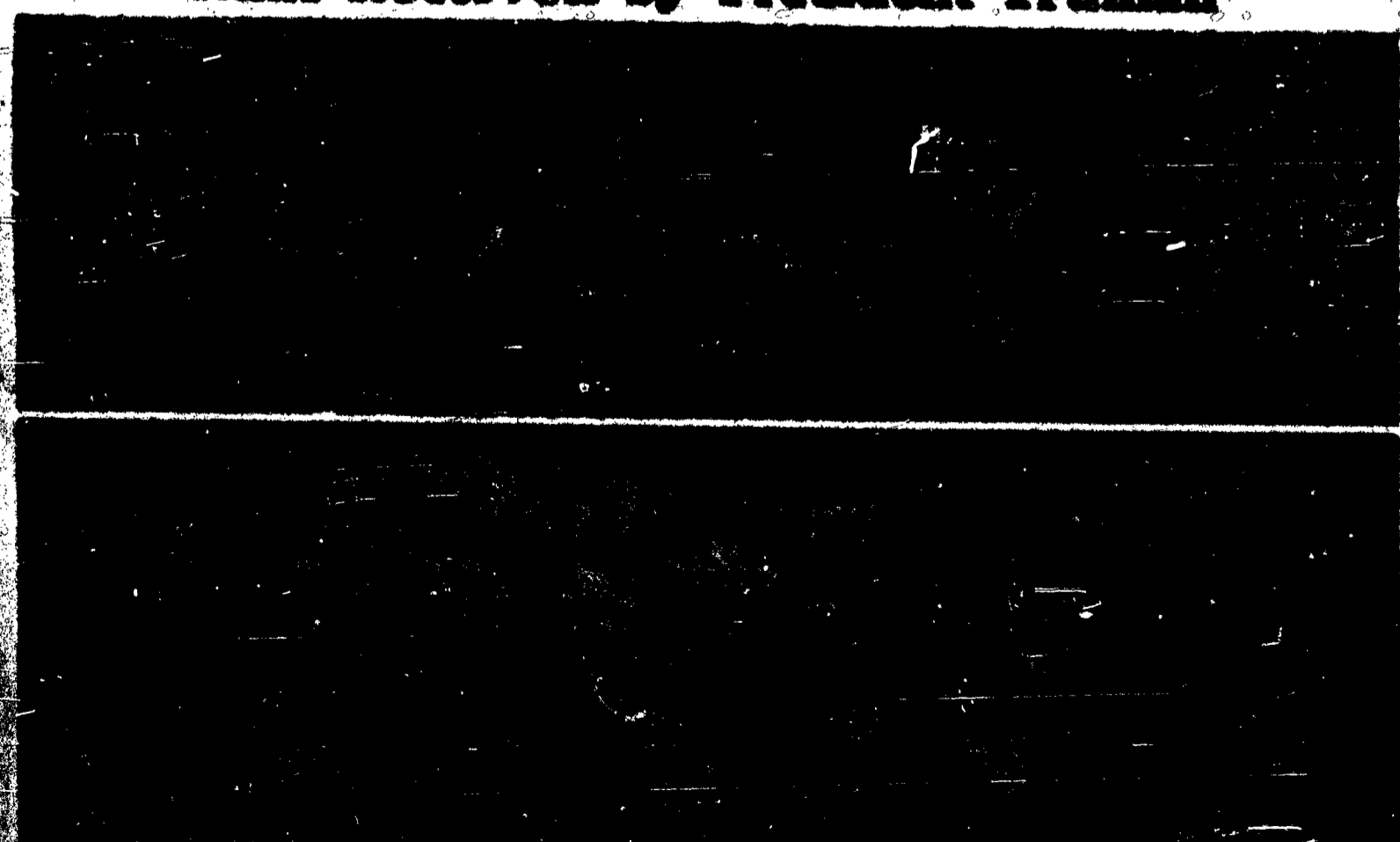
In those cities which are not yet under Allied control, such as Berlin and Munich, the cathedral churches are as gravely damaged as those in this region, reliable reports indicate.

It is much too soon to attempt an estimate of the financial loss caused by this destruction, but there can be no doubt that Catholics in Germany will require more than one generation to restore, at least in part, the immense damage.

Card. Hlond at Vatican

Vatican City — (INS) — August Cardinal Hlond, primate of Poland, arrived in Vatican City on Wednesday of this week and conferred with Pope Pius XII. The Cardinal was liberated in Germany by American troops and came to the Vatican from Paris.

Nuns Received by President Truman



Group of 25 United States government... 17 men from Iowa left American... (NCWC)

\$25,000,000 Post-War Plans Outlined by Notre Dame

Chicago — (NC) — In a comprehensive survey of post-war plans for the University of Notre Dame, the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., President of the University, declared here that "Notre Dame should have about \$25,000,000 during the next several years in order to consolidate her position and then go forward, within our pattern, to our goal."

About half of that sum would be required in endowments for the development of graduate work, and another \$10,000,000 for new buildings and their maintenance, he said.

Notre Dame will maintain the balance between the liberal arts and the technological or specialized subjects, Father O'Donnell explained. "In times like these," he said, Notre Dame must be a bulwark against the philosophy of secularism, which denies God and confines man's destiny to earth. This type of education is so fascinated by the "know-how" that it forgets all about the "know-why" of education."

Map Fund to Expand College — Abilene, Kans. — (NC) — St. Benedict's College Centennial Expansion Committee will inaugurate a drive on May 1 for a building and endowment fund of \$1,000,000.

School Aid Bill Support Urged

Washington — (NC) — Support of the proposed Senate Bill 717, which provides Federal aid to non-public as well as public schools, was registered in the name of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference by Rev. William E. McManus, Assistant Director of the Department, at a hearing on the bill before the Senate Education and Labor Committee.

Father McManus announced Catholic opposition to any change in the proposed legislation which would exclude non-public schools from participation in any grant of Federal funds.

"This bill recognizes that public and non-public schools are equally important in the educational system of the United States," he stated.

The laws of the United States guarantee the right of parents to send their children to non-public schools, Father McManus told the Senate hearing.

Parents and children who prefer non-public schools are American citizens, Father McManus argued, "and as such are entitled to the privileges and benefits extended by government for educational purposes."

St. Bonas Professor, 50 Years a Priest

The Very Rev. Dominico Ryan, O.F.M., professor of Sacred Theology at St. Bonaventure Seminary from 1900 to 1923, will celebrate his Golden Jubilee as a Franciscan priest on Tuesday, May 1, at Holy Name College, Washington, D. C.

During his long and illustrious career Father Ryan has held many important posts in the Franciscan Order, including that of Minister Provincial of the Holy Name Province.

The 75 year-old Franciscan was ordained in Rome on August 31, 1870.

German Bishops Face Difficulty

Washington — (NC) — The rapid progress of the Allied Armies in Germany and Austria has led to the occupation of vast territories where Catholics form the majority of the population. Many Cathedral cities have been captured and the fall of others is only a question of time.

Relatively little news has so far been received in this country regarding the position of the members of Germany's Hierarchy in the occupied areas, and, at the moment, there is no means of determining whether reports sent by correspondents of the secular press and purporting to convey views expressed by Catholic prelates give a complete picture of the situation.

Reports reaching this country from various European sources in a position to judge objectively the present situation in Germany clearly indicate that German bishops can hardly be expected to express their views freely so long as some of their colleagues are still in territories under Nazi domination, and may therefore be subject to further seizures.

18 Japanese Internees Released, Nuns Reports

Manila (NC) — An internee camp in Manila has released 18 Japanese internees, according to reports from the United States War Relocation Authority. The internees were held in the camp since they were considered to be a threat to the internee camp in the internee camp in Manila.

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