

P.W.s in Japan Grateful To Delegate for Holy Mass

Base — (CIP) Letters from Allied prisoners-of-war in Japan to the Apostolic Delegate in Tokyo, Archbishop Paolo Marini, thanking him for his efforts to obtain for them an opportunity of hearing Mass, show that Catholic soldiers have been deprived for years of any kind of religious assistance.

An officer, D. A. Mulcahy, who seems to be either British or Australian, writes as follows: "Today all men of the Roman Catholic Faith at this Kawasaki Camp had the opportunity of attending Holy Mass. This was the first time since leaving Singapore that this privilege has been granted us. That this privilege was greatly appreciated could be seen by the representative gathering of Australian, English and Dutch troops who

attended. Due thanks and regards must be extended to our present Camp Commander and the members of the Camp Staff who allowed this ceremony to take place."

Sergeant E. Terzen, is quoted as follows: "It is one and a half years since I last had the opportunity of hearing Holy Mass. Therefore this morning's service seemed more beautiful than ever before. The priest's knowledge of our language made the service even more interesting and enabled us to listen to an excellent sermon. I was either disappointed at not being able to receive Holy Communion but with the grace of God we may enjoy that great privilege next time."

Courier Journal Reaches Rhine

Father Murphy Carries It in an Assault Boat

"The Catholic Courier Journal reached the Rhine long before most American soldiers," according to a letter received this week from Captain Donald J. Murphy, Army Chaplain of the Diocese of Rochester, who is now with an advance unit of the Third Army in Germany.

A copy of the Courier Journal reached Father Murphy, he reveals, the afternoon just before he crossed the Saar River in an assault boat.

"I decided to read it when I could," the Chaplain relates, "so I stuck it in my belt. Crossing the Saar we were in deep water for awhile and when I struggled ashore, the Courier was not with me. It must have decided to do a little evangelizing on its own."

Since this incident Father Murphy has received many more copies of his diocesan newspaper. "It comes late, but is an all-around first-class newspaper, so its news doesn't get stale," he writes.

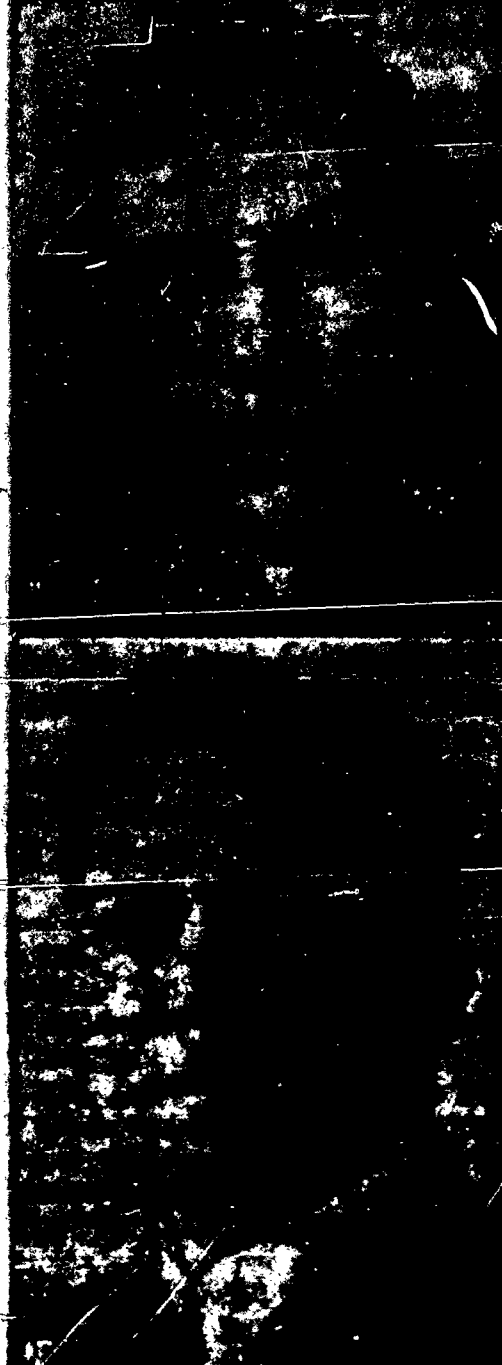
Girls, Nuns, Reciting Rosary Escape Tornado

Washington — The tornado which raged through Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, taking a death toll of 300, destroyed the St. Agnes Mission School at Antlers, Okla., but 60 girls and eight nuns who were reciting the Rosary in the school chapel when the storm struck were almost miraculously saved from injury.

The nuns who operate the school are Sisters of Divine Providence.

When the storm struck, while the children and the nuns were at prayer, the walls of the building suddenly began to give way. The nuns marched the children to safety before the building collapsed entirely.

Oversens



Rev. Dr. James H. Hohen (above), of Chelmsford, who is seeking overseas to supervise welfare and social work of War Relief Societies, N.C.W.C. In France, Edward M. O'Connor (below), executive assistant of the organization, who has left as a six-week inspection tour of the N.C.W.C. agency's vital projects for victims of war in England, France, Belgium and Holland—some of the 57 countries in which the organization now is engaged in war relief work. (N.C.W.C.)

Washington

OPA in Tokyo Too Courtroom Not Inevitable 'Good Movement' Assured

By Tom Rogers

Washington — Just to keep the record clear, the following countries ARE NOT represented at the Conference:

The neutrals; Sweden, Switzerland, Eire, Spain, Portugal, Afghanistan.

The enemy; Germany and Japan.

The enemy's satellites; Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.

Those with a vague diplomatic status; Denmark, Poland, Iceland, Italy, Argentina, and Thailand.

Just exactly what the reasoning in this matter it is difficult to say. Certainly the bitterest enemies of the neutrals will admit to the ability and integrity of Antonino Salazar of Portugal, Fernao de Valera of Eire. And the "vague" status of Poland does not augur well for the future.

And lo! and behold. . . . Guess who came forward and demanded greater weight at the Conference?

Our neighbors in South America. Their frankness is as refreshing as their cause is just. It was not easy to do, but they have given the new group its first test. Briefly, they want some of the permanent seats; a definite permanent seat for the rapidly expanding Brazil; and a chance to use the Inter-American weight as a unit in world voting. Looks as though the so-called "little countries" stole the ball on that play!

Our favorite home-grown spy reports that the fact we are playing host to the world has not tempered some people nor given them any sense of history or ordinary obligation. Here we have delegates from all over the world; men of varied talents and varied diets. The demands on Frisco's wonderful chefs are incredible. But they felt they could deal with them if they received any kind of a break from the powers that be. Suddenly, last Friday saw "the blow that killed father." Our elegant State Department, our hotels, our taxis, our crack newsmen and our refined hotel managers were thrown into by spaces of loss.

A little OPA inspector arrived (Hamburgers will now be served in the lobby!)

The nation's machine-tool industry — centered heavily in New England and the Great Lakes area but also scattered throughout all industrial areas from coast to coast — has become the first big-league industry to receive its marching orders for reconversion.

The properties of various nations in the Pacific — all won by us; Marine and Army and Navy — and Coast Guard — are going to be quite a problem for the delegates to the conference. We may have had to do the trick that the European nations we need them for. As a matter of fact, we would rather have them. To paraphrase Churchill: we did not enter the war to expedite the interests of America in the Pacific.

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BODY OF BISHOP, PERSECUTION HERO, WILL BE REBURIED

London — (NC) — The body of Bishop Richard Challoner, famous Catholic champion of the eighteenth century penal times in this country, is to be removed from the Protestant churchyard at Milton, Berkshire, and reburied in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral here as soon as possible after the war.

Consideration will then be given, it is officially stated, to the possibility of beginning a process for his beatification.

Bishop Challoner was Vice-Archbishop of the London Diocese, which then included the British possessions in America, and most of Southern England, when he died on January 12, 1781, at the age of 58. His death was caused partly by shock when, from a hiding place in London, he heard the news of the Lord George Gordon anti-Catholic riots who were seeking to lynch him.

Bishop Challoner spent most of his life in hiding in those bitterly anti-Catholic days. Son of a Protestant wine-merchant of London, he became a Catholic convert to one of the worst Catholic families of those days. As a result he was known as Catholicus Maximus at the age of 15 — at the house of another Catholic: Spain, the Bohemian.

The Bohemian chaplain instructed young Challoner and obtained for him a place at a Jesuit or English College in France, where missionary projects were talked by the very distinguished English mission.

Rosaries, Not Cigarettes

By N.C.W.C. News Service
"It takes up less room than a pack of cigarettes, and besides we can smoke it in any place where we can get a quiet moment," says Rev. Dr. J. A. O'Connor, C.S.P., in a letter describing the N.C.W.C. Rosary project.

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WHY IS MY FAVORITE BREAST OF CHICKEN

"It can be summed up in just one word, Mrs. Smith. The unexpected new demands of the U. S. Army and the War Rel. Administration. It's this way: We really thought there would be more Breast-of-Chicken dinners, at least by the middle of the year. But because of the Government Agency's suddenly increased demand for meat, we had to change to Breast of Turkey. They requested us more than twice until the year was filed.

Every time another don't come in until mid-November, on the 25th, which is why you will find Breast of Turkey, instead of Breast of Chicken."

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