

Nazis Executed French Priest at Dachau Camp

Paris — (NC) — It has been learned at Folleville that Father Lambert, a Benedictine monk of the Benedictine Abbey of Ligugé, was decapitated with an axe in

Dachau concentration camp. He was deported to Germany two years ago, accused of participation in a "Gaullist plot."

The basis for this accusation was that his name was found in a notebook belonging to a former attorney named Renard. The latter had discussed with a number of leading citizens a plan for administering the affairs of the city when the day came on which the Germans should be driven out.

Reds Sentence Father Braun

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Since that time the American priest, master of several languages, has offered Mass regularly at the French church, the windows of which were shattered



FATHER BRAUN

by German bombs on several occasions during the war.

Mr. Durbrow, of the U. S. State Department, who is a personal friend of Father Braun's,

said that the American priest had won a host of friends and admirers during his eleven years in Moscow. Mr. Durbrow likened Father Braun to the character Father O'Malley, in the movie "Going My Way," played by Bing Crosby.

Former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies said of Father Braun in his book, "Mission to Moscow": "His task here in Russia is a very difficult one. Every now and then the campaign against religion flares up with some new man in charge and life is made difficult for Father Braun."

The first account of the charges against Father Braun was carried exclusively in the Courier Journal.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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made the discovery that all may be lost by war, even the liberals.

Writing this month in the Ladies' Home Journal, Miss Thompson confesses that she has "come to the conclusion that unless there's a rebirth of religious spirit in the hearts of its leaders and in people throughout the world, our civilization, despite tremendous victories, will slide into an abyss — perhaps for centuries."

Our more intelligent liberals are frightened and perhaps discouraged. They see their world of decent things being destroyed. Though in the past the liberals were rarely shocked by the world's disregard for the rights of God, they are now shocked at the world's disregard for the rights of man. Through their tears, our honest liberals are now seeing for the first time that men will not respect decency for long once they have lost all respect for divinity. Liberals with vision now understand that the cause of human liberty is forever bound up with the love of God.

Liberals like Miss Thompson realize too that the breakdown of modern civilization is not all Hitler's fault. "The process of destruction," she states, "did not begin with Hitler and was not confined to Germany."

Miss Thompson is too smart to believe that "hanging Hitler" is going to save society. She writes: "Throughout our world, since the turn of the century, in universities and other centers of training, in economic and political institutions cheap cynicism prevailed. Calling itself the modern scientific spirit, this cynicism has denied there are such things as good and evil, has challenged all values, has interpreted politics as science. Getting the vote without any appeal to reason or morality, it has denied there are such things as truth, but only facts. It has interpreted international relations in terms of force and realism."

In these lines, Miss Thompson gives us an excellent description of our prewar liberals, many of whom are still blundering along in the same old manner.

But Miss Thompson, at least, the almost forgotten truth and a few other sincere champions of human liberty, are seeing between the gun flashes of this global war. They see that the salvation of society is really the same thing as the salvation of souls. As Miss Thompson de-

clares emphatically, "great civilizations perish when men turn from God and fail to walk in the paths of righteousness, justice and mercy."

"The return to God and religion," as it is now urged by the good liberals, has one weakness. It is too vague. The good liberals must face the important question: "What is the true religion?"

When liberals come around to admitting that religion alone can save the world, it is only logical to suppose that they mean the true religion. The religious liberals can join a hundred churches other than the Catholic Church, but in that case they will be fooled again as they have been so many times in the past. An inventory of all the churches opposed to the Catholic Church shows a sorry state of moral and religious confusion. If the liberals want to recover the fires of moral justice they should return to the spot where those fires burn strongest and brightest, that is, in the Household of the ancient Catholic Faith.

Only the Catholic Faith has that spiritual and moral vigor which the good liberals are thirsting after. The Catholic Church is the only religious institution which stands poised and ready to fight the battles of truth and righteousness which the liberals are so desperately anxious to win.

Some of our liberals have discovered the indispensability of God. They have one more discovery to make and that is their vocation within the ranks of the Catholic Church. They have yet to discover the thrill and glory of fighting for truth and goodness in the proud battledress of the Catholic Faith.

"Outside the Church there is no salvation!" This axiom (which must be understood correctly) was formulated centuries ago by Catholic champions as the battlecry of the Faith. As the flood of war moves on spreading chaos and disaster, the shocked liberals may be the first to shout the famous battle slogan of the Faith—"Outside the Catholic Church, there is no salvation!"

In the meantime let us pray for the return of the liberals, because even now some of these battle-scarred warriors of liberty are beginning to suspect that for liberals at least, "there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church."

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