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## Peace Hinges On Free Poland Prelate Warns

London — (NC) — Poland is not free, as the term is understood in the United States, Great Britain or France, the Most Rev. Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, declared in an address at Birmingham, in which he warned that "we shall have no peace" if Poland is turned into what Winston Churchill described as "a mere projection of the Soviet State."

The question of Poland is tied up with the larger question of the fate of all Europe, the Archbishop said, declaring that the previous actions of the American and British governments cannot be considered to fulfill their solemn obligations.

"Uneasy compromise would sow the seeds of further discord in Europe and the world," the Prelate emphasized. "The cause of peace will be strengthened if we state in unmistakable terms the Christian version of social and political justice."

The Archbishop opened his address by quoting from his statement on Anglo-Polish relations last March in which he said: "The honor of the political leaders in Great Britain and the honor of the whole British people depend upon (1) setting up of a genuinely representative Polish government and (2) holding of genuinely free elections in Poland. I beg my Polish friends not to presume, despite the sad experience of the past, that Great Britain will refuse to carry out what Mr. Eden describes as

## WHERE DEATH HIT FROM SKIES



Pictured above is the hole torn into the Empire State Building between the 78th and 79th floor when an Army bomber crashed through the top floor persons in the 79th floor offices of the War Relief Service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference were killed.

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A victim of the bomber crash is shown in this International News Photo, receiving the last rites from a priest prior to her removal to a hospital. In addition to the ten NCWC War Relief staff members killed, five others were injured.

## 11 Relief Workers Die When Bomber Hits Empire State

New York — (NC) — Eleven workers of War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference met a tragic death when an Army bomber struck the headquarters of the organization on the seventy-ninth floor of the Empire State building here on Saturday.

A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem for the repose of their souls was offered in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who issued

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## RED CAMPAIGN TO SHATTER MORAL INFLUENCE OF VATICAN IN POST-WAR WORLD IS SEEN

Vatican City — (NC) — A campaign to keep the Vatican from exercising a moral influence in the post-war world is seen by Observatore Romano in the persistent attacks being leveled against the Holy See from Moscow.

Earlier this week Vatican circles took cognizance of reports circulated by several secular press agencies, which quoted assertions by the Moscow radio that the Holy See had undertaken a "campaign" for its admission to the peace conference. These circles said at that time that nothing was known at the Vatican to give any substance to this charge.

Today, Observatore Romano cites a Reuters dispatch quoting the Moscow radio as repeating last Monday the already-denied accusation that the Vatican is conducting a "campaign" to participate in the peace conference.

The Moscow radio went so far as to say Reuters reported, that the Vatican had supported Hitler and Mussolini, and that it is a reactionary force which during the war aided fascist nations.

Urging "Let Us Get to the Facts," Observatore Romano points out the incorrectness of these charges and asks if these repeated accusations are not evidence to any honest-minded person that there does exist a "campaign" but that it is a campaign against the Vatican.

The campaign, the paper adds, is to ostracize the Holy See, not so much from the peace conference, which is well known and of which there is no question, but also from the moralization of international law according to the principles of liberty, justice and Christian charity, upon which are based the only post-war plans of the Vatican, proclaimed to the world, with world agreement, by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Also without foundation, Vatican circles said, is the report that Pope Pius XII, through the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presented to the Potsdam Conference proposals and recommendations for the religious restoration of Europe.

## Prague Prelate Returns From Concentration Camp

Zurich — (NC) — Dispatches from Prague confirm the report that the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Otakar Svec, who had been arrested by the Gestapo in 1942 when he was about to offer Mass in St. George's Basilica, has now returned from the concentration camps of Dachau and Mauthausen.

## U. S. COMMUNISTS VIEWED AIDING SOVIET POLICY

Washington — (NC) — What was foreseen here some weeks ago — the revivification of the Communist Party as an active, open and belligerent force in American politics — seems well on the way to realization as a result of the national convention of the Communist Political Association in New York.

While it is impossible to estimate now all the repercussions this development will have, it may be said with considerable assurance that it is going to affect adversely the political and economic life of this country.

Persons who have made close study of Communist activity assert that resurgence of the Communist Party in the United States will be marked by early resumption of the class struggle (soft-pedaled during the war), a streamlined and reinvigorated campaign to capture the allegiance of the working people, drives to eliminate anti-Communists from public and labor influence, and a definite program for the furtherance of the Party's aims in various industries, especially those in which Communists have not yet made appreciable headway. Communist clubs and fronts are expected to spring up again in strategic places.

Something of a new situation will present itself in the international field, observers believe.

There is little doubt, these observers believe, that Soviet Russia is today less interested in world revolution than she is in the influence she will exert over those countries contiguous to her borders.

Communists who raise a clamor in their respective countries in an attempt to justify Soviet Russia's attitude towards her smaller neighbors will, in these days, be doing the U.S.S.R. a greater service than they could by preaching world revolution. By their activities in the United States, Communists will thus add to the influence exerted in support of Soviet Russia's policies in eastern Europe.

## Predicts End of War

Zanesville, O. — Sen. Homer Capehart (R.) Ind. in an interview: "In my most pessimistic moment I cannot see the Pacific war, lasting more than six months."

## 6 Priests Lost in Jap Ship Sinking

Washington — (NC) — The War Department announced this week that eight Army chaplains previously reported as "detained by the enemy" since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor are now listed as "killed in action." Six of these are Catholic priests.

All lost their lives in the sinking of a Japanese prison ship on which they were being transported as prisoners of war. The Catholic chaplains who lost their lives in the sinking of a Japanese prison ship on December 15, 1944, are the Revs. Richard E. Carberry, of Portland, Ore.; William T. Cummings, M.M., of San Francisco; John J. McDonnell, of Brooklyn; Henry B. Stober, of Covington; Joseph G. Vanderheiden, O.S.B., of San Francisco, and Matthias E. Zertus, of Milwaukee. (R. Cassadage Story on Page 3)

These priests are in addition to two other Catholic chaplains, the Revs. James Walter O'Brien, of San Francisco, and Thomas Scocchia, of Indianapolis, recently reported as "killed in action" in the torpedoing of another Japanese prison ship off the coast of South China on October 24, 1944.

The American Government has just received from Japan the names of some 1,500 men who were aboard the ship headed for prison camps in Japan. Of this total, 942 were killed outright, 59 died later, two survived and escaped, and 618 other survivors were presumably taken to Japan as prisoners of war.

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## On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Although he won the Battle of Britain, Winston Churchill last week lost the Battle for Winston Churchill when the British electorate unseated him a Prime Minister of His Majesty's Government in favor of Clement Attlee, self-professed Socialist and leader of the British Labor Party.

a surprise even to the Britishers themselves. Our American press interprets the event as heralding a swing to the left not only of Britain but even the world. Some even fear the eventual triumph of world Communism.

These speculations seem a bit premature. At the moment, England's reported "swing to the

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England's political upheaval is