

U.S. Envoy's Air Trip to Poland Balked by Reds

Paris — (INS) — The new United States Ambassador to Poland, Arthur Bliss Lane, has been obliged to postpone his departure for Warsaw because of Soviet refusal to permit American army planes to fly over Soviet-held Germany to Poland.

Lane and his party arrived in Paris from the United States three weeks ago.

While in the French capital the party acquired food, medical necessities and office supplies. They arranged for three army planes to take the personnel and supplies to Warsaw.

Polish authorities authorized the flight but Soviet approval thus far has been withheld.

Perplexed embassy officials wonder if the delay might have been caused by the inclusion of a U. S. Army doctor in the party.

No other explanation can be thought of beyond the fact that the proposed flight to Poland was the first by American aircraft since the conclusion of the war in Europe.

Lane told this correspondent that one of his first moves after his arrival in Warsaw will be to ask admission of the American press for free reporting of the growth of the new Polish State.

Cardinal Awaits Soviet Clearance

Rome — (INS) — August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, who left Rome recently to return to his home country, has been delayed in northern Italy pending official Soviet permission to re-enter Poland. The Cardinal is traveling by automobile and is expected to continue his journey via Austria and Germany.

21 Different Nationalities in Parish of 200 Families

Chicago — (NC) — In the nearly 200 families comprising St. Charles Borromeo parish, West Melrose Park, there are 21 nationalities. The parish, in charge of the Scalabrinian Fathers, was established 18 months ago.

Shrine at Dachau Plan of Cardinal

London — (NC) — His Eminence Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, has asked permission to build a shrine at Dachau, site of the infamous Nazi concentration camp, according to the Rev. J. Van Gestel, Rector of the Jesuit College at Maastricht, Holland.

Cardinal Faulhaber has sent to General Dwight D. Eisenhower a request for permission to build the shrine, at which pilgrims might pray "in a convent of eternal homage" at a place which has become synonymous with "injustice, bestiality and terror," according to Father Gestel.

Berlin Given to Looting 'Red' Troops, Report Says

Berlin — (NC) — Berlin was turned over to the troops for looting as soon as the city was taken by the Russian army, says a special report received from an eyewitness by the Catholic Institute of Apologetics here.

Some 90 percent of the women, including some nuns, the report continues, were violated. Many women committed suicide. On the other hand it seemed that orders had been issued by the Soviet command to spare churches and the clergy, although many priests were

Speaks on Peace



G. Howard Shaw, distinguished diplomat and expert in the field of sociology, who will speak on the Catholic Hour program on the first three Sundays of August at 8:00 p. m., E.W.T., over the stations of the National Broadcasting Co. "Peace and the Post-War World" is the general theme of the discussions. Each week studio. (NC Photos)

BISHOP OF BERLIN SAFE; RELIGIOUS LIFE STAYS ACTIVE

Berlin — (NC) — The Most Rev. Konrad von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, is safe at a hospital in Hermsdorf, a suburb of the German capital, having been bombed out. Hermsdorf is within the British zone of occupation.

The Bishop's office, located in the Russian zone, is maintained at a reduced scale. The prelate has no contact with the outside world and is, therefore, forced to restrict his activities to limited zones within the city. To reach his office the Bishop has to walk for an hour and half and then has to take the street car for another half hour's ride. He hopes to be able to attend the forthcoming general meeting of the German Hierarchy in Fulda.

Besides Bishop von Preysing, the only other German Ordinary now within the Russian zone is the Bishop of Meissen in Saxony, from whom no news has been obtained for some time.

With the large part of Berlin in ruins it is not surprising that most of the churches too are in shambles. St. Hedwig's Cathedral, located on Unter den Linden, is a total wreck. Some churches in the outlying districts escaped destruction.

Nevertheless, religious life in Berlin — now confined to emergency meeting rooms, crypts and sacristies — remains strongly active. The Russian authorities do not interfere with church services.

TEMPLE OF GOD

That soul which has no other aim than the perfect observance of the law of God and the carrying of the cross of Christ, will be a true ark containing the true manna, which is God. — St. John of the Cross.

robbed of all their belongings and many of them drafted for forced labor.

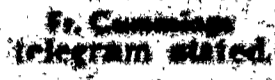
On most homes the red flag was hoisted and no exception was made in the case of many churches.

"Responsible observers" concludes this report, "are convinced that present Soviet tactics in Germany are a camouflage that will only last until elections are held which are expected to produce a communist majority and pave the way for a Soviet Germany."

'No Foxhole Atheists' Chaplain Killed in Prison Ship Sinking

Sinking — (INS) — The Maryknoll Fathers have been advised officially of the death of Rev. William T. Cummings, heroic chaplain who originated the now famous expression "there are no Atheists in foxholes."

Father Cummings, according to a telegram from the War Department, died in December, 1944, while being transferred to Japan from Billibud prison in the Philippines. His boat was believed to have been sunk by an Allied submarine unaware that the ship carried American prisoners of war, the



Fr. Cummings

heroic priest, whose home was in San Francisco, was 42. He is survived by his father, William Cummings, and a sister, Edith, both of San Francisco; and a brother, Maj. Francis Cummings, of the U. S. Army.

According to Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines, and other witnesses, Father Cummings uttered his now famous expression about Atheists during one of his field sermons on Easter Sunday at the Bataan front.

Maj. Juanita Redmond and other army nurses who escaped from Bataan credited Father Cummings with saving many lives during a Japanese

bombing attack on an American base hospital during the siege of the Philippine Peninsula.

They said he halted a wave of panic as he spoke to the wounded soldiers, leading them in prayer as the bombs fell, although he had been injured seriously by fragments which broke his arm and lacerated his body.

Maj. Redmond said her ward received a direct hit. The heroic chaplain rushed in to help the wounded men as another wave of Nip bombs unloaded their lethal cargoes. He stood on a chair, quieting the helpless soldiers until the lack ended.

Only then, Maj. Redmond added, did he ask have a tourniquet placed on his arm.

Father Cummings was taken prisoner when Bataan fell, and later was transferred to Bilad where he continued his spiritual duties. Through his contacts outside the prison, he was able to get food and medicine smuggled in to the sick and starving Americans.

He was one of those selected for transfer to the Japanese home island when invasion of the Philippines was imminent.

Father Cummings, after repeated requests, was assigned to Manila in May, 1940. When the war broke out, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Chaplains' Corps.

Appropriately enough, one of the last pictures received from Bataan showed him saying Mass for weary and battle-worn American soldiers.

A G. I. IN IRON LUNG HEARS MASS



FULFILLING, in part, his wish to serve as an altar boy, Cpl. Chuck Moeller, who arrived at Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in an iron lung, a month ago, assists at Mass celebrated for him by Father Neil McManna, S.J., of St. Louis, chaplain at the hospital. The G.I. was flown in from Panama by an ATC plane and is improving slowly with heat treatments and physiotherapy. He now spends four or five hours each day in a wheelchair outside of the respirator. (NC Photos).

Press Attacks On Spain Scored

London — (NC) — The increasingly virulent propaganda attack on Spain in the British secular press is causing considerable disquiet among Catholics of this country.

Secular writers said the subject of Spain was on the agenda of the Potsdam Conference, and some added that Portugal also was to be discussed.

Commenting on this, the Catholic Herald warns: "We must be certain that if anything done at Potsdam interferes with the Iberian Peninsula this will mean in effect a further step along the road to Russian-sponsored communism in Europe."

To foist Communism on Spain, it is pointed out here, would obviously mean a second civil war and, if Communism were to triumph, the gate would be at least partly opened for its infiltration into South America.

"One suggestion in this propaganda attack is that the people of Spain should be given an opportunity of choosing the sort of Government they want," the Catholic Times says. "May we suggest that the same rule should be applied to the Baltic States, to Poland and to Belgium? If the democrats of the Left really mean that people have a right to choose, why are they endeavoring to cheat the peoples of the various countries out of the regimes they desire?"

Nazi Slept Near Belgian Flags

He Didn't Know They Were Hidden in Abbey

Paris — (NC) — For over three years a German officer slept each night only a few feet from the hiding place of 37 Belgian army flags and standards in the requisitioned Benedictine Abbey of St. Andrew near Bruges — and did not know it.

In 1940 King Leopold instructed his aide, Captain Gullmot, to find a hiding place for the flags in Belgium, and a few hours before the capitulation documents were signed the flags were taken to the Abbey. In the spring of 1942, the edifice was requisitioned by the Nazis and the monks were expelled. Still, the hiding place kept its secret.

After the liberation of Belgium Captain Gullmot came to reclaim the banners. They were exposed in the chapter hall of the abbey. Later the Belgian minister of defense sent a letter of thanks to the Abbot of St. Andrew.

Capitol Flag Given College in Holy Land

Jerusalem — An American flag which had flown over the Capitol at Washington has been presented to Terra Sancta College here by Congressman Everett Dirksen of Illinois and John McCormack of Massachusetts.

Dutch Bishops See 'Terrible Lesson'

New York — (NC) — The 20 years have presented a terrible lesson for the world, members of the Hierarchy of the Netherlands declare in a pastoral just read from pulpits throughout the country. The Bishops voice gratitude for liberation of their country from the Nazi invaders.

"The German people, no broken and laying themselves down on earth — formerly great people in many respects — had left God, at least the leaders and a great part of the nation did so," the pastoral said. "In spite of beautiful phrases National Socialism proved pure materialistic, moral right as wrong being measured according to the profits gained, and promises being kept only long as they were useful."

The Bishops urged Catholics to remain active against the moral infection left behind by National Socialism and the conflicting spirit in other forms of materialism. They asked that attention be given to the rehabilitation and renewal of the Christian spirit in family life, to the sanctification of life in and outside of marriage, to public morals and to appreciation of labor as a vocation of God, to the cultivation of sacrificing love and to the keeping holy of Sunday.

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