

Bells of Quebec Churches Welcome Home Troops

Quebec — On instruction of His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal

Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, all the Catholic church bells of Quebec City pealed a welcome to the 23,000-ton troopship "Stratheden" when it docked here with nearly 5,000 Canadian airmen and soldiers coming home from the European theater of war.

The bells started to ring when the troopship was sighted some five miles down-stream, near the Island of Orleans. The SS. Stratheden was the first troopship to dock at Quebec city. The majority of those aboard have volunteered for service in the war against Japan, but they first will have a furlough at home.

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Pact on Religion Regulation In East Europe Charged

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from any pastoral connection with Rome."

Many observers are surprised that Mrs. Luce's remarks have not stirred up a great reaction in Administration circles. Mostly, they seem to have gone unnoticed. However, they were not forgotten, and many persons were watching to see to what extent the Potsdam agreement bore out the alleged remarks.

The statement issued after Potsdam obviously does not tell all that was agreed upon there. There still seems to be a real need for cognizance to be taken of Mrs. Luce's remarks.

Mr. Scandrett, it is pointed out here, is alleged to have said there would be only German provinces (no more Germany) under Russian, British, French and American "colonial" administrations. The Potsdam statement says "for the time being no central government shall be established" in Germany, and outlines the work of the four zones of occupation.

The Potsdam statement makes no mention of forced labor. But a second Washington correspondent has pointed out that Russia already has a huge number of

German prisoners of war and, in his opinion, undoubtedly will hold onto them for labor purposes.

The Potsdam statement says "reparations claims of the U.S.S.R. shall be met by removals from the zone of Germany occupied by the U.S.S.R., etc." The word "removals" here is taken offhand to refer to machinery and not persons. But, as some speculate, will not the Russians — not the world's greatest technicians — require the services of Germans to operate the machines which may be strange to them.

The Potsdam statement's reference to religion says "subject to the necessity of maintaining military security, freedom of speech, press and religion shall be permitted, and religious institutions shall be respected."

This, however, refers to Germany, and to that part of Germany not to be included in Poland. There is also a statement that "German education shall be controlled so as completely to eliminate Nazi and militarist doctrines and to make possible the successful development of democratic ideas."

What has been revealed so far regarding the agreements arrived at Potsdam does not prove, or disprove the allegations contained in Representative Luce's remarks in the Congressional Record. But the remarks Mr. Scandrett is said to have passed to acquaintances are of such a tremendously serious nature that observers agree they should be laid to rest once and for all.

It seems inconceivable that any individual or group of individuals would dare to commit the United States to an agreement regulating religion in any country. It may be, of course, that the whole thing is without foundation. It is, though, a matter of such extreme importance as to deserve to be brought fully to light.

Nuns Mark Diamond, Golden, Silver Jubilees

Dubuque — (NC) — Four diamond, three golden, and 25 silver jubiliaries commemorated here simultaneously the anniversaries of their reception into the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. The festival, triple celebration was inaugurated by solemn services in the chapel.

Legless Victoria Cross Hero Feted

2 Cities Honor Winner of Britain's High Honor

Toronto — The city of Toronto vied with the city of Windsor, Ont., in extending to Major Fred A. Tilston a royal welcome home. Major Tilston, who won the Victoria Cross — highest decoration for valor in the gift of the King — suffered the loss of both his legs in action.

Toronto claims the 38-year-old hero as a native son. He was born in Toronto, attended St. Peter's Catholic School and De La Salle High School. His two sisters live in Holy Rosary parish, where Major Tilston used to reside himself.

Windsor claims Major Tilston as the greatest of her many heroes, for he made his business office in that city, and he won his decoration while serving in the Hochwald Forest last March as an officer of Essex Scottish of Windsor. Despite the fact he had been hit three times, Major Tilston led his company, reduced to 26 men, in forcing the early breaching of the Hochwald line, last German bastion west of the Rhine.

In his reply, Major Tilston paid tribute to the men with whom he served, concluding with the words: "I salute each man who was with me and may our good God bless each one of them."

Washington

Hamas Cut Mohammedans Arabs Have Lost Russia Wants Oil

By Tom Rogers

Washington — Do you have a watch? An auto? An oil furnace? A son or a husband in industry, the army or the navy? Bear with me.

Do you recall your history — especially the part about the Arabs sweeping over Europe? Recall it for a moment.

Has it ever occurred to you that the Jews as a religion are in the same category as the Catholics are in Communist eyes; that the Catholics Communists ignore or flatter the Protestants — BUT the regime in the Kremlin has never interfered with the Mohammedans?

Watches, autos and homes need oil. Our modern society exists on it. We cannot live without it. It has been the center of more silent and more open conflicts than any single commodity or, rather, raw material, on earth or under the earth.

When I mentioned the Arab world, the Moslem world, I had in mind several things. First, Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has been collecting handsomely from his own people, from the British — who are long experienced in the Middle East — and from the United States. Ibn Saud has also subscribed heavily towards the formation of a Pan-Arab movement in the Middle East. This would in effect, flank the Suez Canal, line the south shore of the Mediterranean with a revived Arab movement, and result in a deeper appreciation and evaluation of their position on the part of the Arab world.

Actually, there are thirty-three million Arabs or Moslems involved in this — the central core of an active religion of some 230 million . . . whose conversions in Africa are five times as great as ours per year! And if you don't think that the Arabs are serious, please note that they have already set up expensive lobbies in both this fair city of Washington and in stodgy London.

They're in dead earnest. And so are the imperialists — let's call them by their right name; you can deal better with them that way — the imperialists of Moscow.

Russia definitely has its eye on the lush oil fields of the Middle East. The talk of warm-water ports in that particular direction is sheer nonsense. To trade with whom; African natives or the underfed tribes of Baluchistan?

It is oil.

The Moslems know it. From the Philippines through to Tangiers, the Moslems are in the majority. Many of the Soviet states contain large minority groups of the Moslem faith. The Moslems believe in force. Persecution of them would delay the drive of the imperialists of the Kremlin. It would also delay the acquisition of oil. Of all the nations (excepting the U. S. and Britain), Turkey seems the most alert. Turkey happens to be in the path of the drive to the south by Russia . . . or an eventual drive a few miles to the north by an interested Britain. (The Dutch have dabbled in the oil reserves near the Soviet border also). The French control some of the pipeline outlets in Syria . . . but the outlets are easily shifted. However, the long stretches of desert through which they go are wide open to native sabotage and bribery.

There's a simplified picture of the Middle East: A Pan-Arab movement watch is fundamentally against the Catholic Church on religious and philosophical grounds. It is against foreign holdings on financial and national grounds. It is wary of the Soviet, but it has never had any experiences with the Soviet on religious grounds. It dislikes the west, but takes its money.

The Middle East, from the viewpoint of Communist imperialism, pan-Arabism, and the little word spelled O-I-L, may well spell the future for Europe and the Church.

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