Bishop von Galen Defends Germans sans War Guilt

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insulted as a traitor to my country. This I have borne. But would not the fact that I have spoken two years ago against hate and vengefulness of my own people give me the right to express myself now against some expressions and events which can be explained only by hate and vengefulness of my own people give me the right to express myself now against some expressions and events which can be explained only by hate and vengefulness on the part of our former opponents in war?

"If today the German people are represented as though every one of us were guilty for the atrocities committed by individual members of our nation during the war, then this is unjust. If it is said the whole German nation and every one of us is equally responsible for the crimes committed in foreign countries and at home, especially for those committed in concentration camps, then this is an untrue and unjust accusation against many of us.

"The very concentration camps, with their numerous German inmates and victims, should show by what means every resistance against the measures of those in power was suppressed, and punished, and made almost totally impossible. It is a denial of justice and charity if we are all declared equally responsible for those crimes and, therefore, deserving of punishment.

"We shall accept the unavoidable consequences of the war, the grief over our dead, over our destroyed cities, homes and churches, and bear it all patiently with the help of God; but we won't accept unjust accusations and punishment for the injustices and cruelties under which we ourselves had to suffer heavily for many long years."

Bishop von Galen pointed out in his sermon that his voice was listened to during the war in the Allied camp, so he would now hope that his voice would not be disregarded today.

"Let us do away with the untrue statement that all Germans are equally responsible for the crimes committed during the war and the atrocities in the concentration camps. Let us do away with an attitude which permits the rest of our belongings to be taken from our bombed-out houses, our homes and farms to be looted and destroyed by armed bands of robbers, our women to be raped.

"Let us do away with the indifference toward the danger of famine in our land. Let us punish those who are really guilty and responsible, but for the truly innocent great mass of people here in our country let us have justice and charity."

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Sister M. Remigia O'Brien

Funeral services for Sister M. Remigia O'Brien who died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, Thursday, Sept. 6, 1945 were held at nine o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 10 at Nazareth Convent Chapel, Pittsford.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Lawrence Lacey, C.S.B., assisted by the Rev. Alphonsus Crimmens, Deacon; the Rev. Roy Morphy, Subdeacon; the Rev. Joseph Gefell, Master of Ceremonies.

Present in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, chancellor of the diocese, Rev. Louis Edelman, Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Rev. Robert Hagerty and Rev. John Burke. The blessing at the grave was given by Father Gefell.

Sister Remigia entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1908 and taught for many years in the Rochester Catholic High School, Nazareth Academy and St. Ambrose School. She was last a teacher at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parochial School. Sister Remigia was a native of Ontario, Canada.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. James Towell, and the Misses Margaret, Nora and Anne O'Brien, all of Rochester, and a brother, Stephen O'Brien of Fort William, Ontario, Canada.

Marriage Bill Opposed By Catholics in Poland

London — (NC) — Catholic opinion in Poland is opposed to a matrimonial bill drafted by M. Swientkowski, Minister of Justice of the Warsaw regime, which, it is contended, "may loosen family life, give rise to mass divorces and be in other ways detrimental to the welfare of the Polish nation," according to the Polish Catholic Press Agency here.

Canada's Bishops Set Meeting in Quebec

Ottawa — (NC) — The Archbishops and Bishops of all Canada will meet in the city of Quebec on Sept. 27. On the occasion of this meeting His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, will officiate at a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving for victory and peace. Civil and religious dignitaries representative of all Canada will be invited to assist at the Mass.

16-Year-Old Holy Water

Chaplain Uses Missioner's Gift To Baptize 9 Native Children

Agrihan, Marianas Islands — (NC) — With Holy Water that had been carefully stored for 16 years by Christian natives, Navy Chaplain Gordon A. Michels of Chicago, Ill., baptized nine native children on this island, occupied by Marines of the Second Division a few weeks before the war's end.

The chaplain, former pastor of St. Sabina's Church in Chicago, told this story:

"Sixteen years ago the first missionary priest came to this island. He was a Spanish Jesuit, Dionysius. He stayed only five days, but during that time made a lasting impression on the friendly Kanakas. Even today his name is still held in reverence by the elders of the village.

"When he left the island, Dionysius gave to his converts a bottle of Holy Water, which the Kanakas carefully kept in their crude chapel for the next coming of a priest."

When the day came for baptism of the children, they proudly presented Father Michels with the Holy Water. Moved by their devotion, he accepted their offering. The smiling Kanakas watched with pride as he used the Holy Water in administering the Sacrament.

MacArthur on War's Aims

Tokyo — (INS) — General Douglas MacArthur: "We have fought and won the war to protect the rights of the individual — for the freedom and tolerance of justice for all people of the world."

PICTURE PARADE

The following reviews give William H. Mooring's estimate of the entertainment value of new motion pictures. **** indicates an OUTSTANDING picture. *** EXCELLENT. ** GOOD. * SATISFACTORY. x WEAK. Legion of Decency listing of the same picture is shown in parentheses.

KEENEY

"BLOOD ON THE SUN" x (Adults) United Artists. William Cagney production starring James Cagney in typical role of American newspaperman in Japan who exposes the Tanaka plan for world conquest. Credence is surrendered to fantastic pursuit of romantic formula with plump Cagney dividing time between kicking the Japanese and kissing Sylvia Sydney, half-Chinese espionage adventurer. Has nothing coherent to say about Japan as international problem, but includes long drawn scene of hara-kiri which in Emmet Lavery's more articulate film "Behind the Rising Sun," was cited as "objectionable" by the Legion of Decency. Take or leave it.

STRAND

"ALONG CAME JONES" ** (Family) RKO. Gary Cooper produces this for International Pictures and stars as a gawky singing cowboy who, while traveling aimlessly from town to town, is mistaken for a dangerous outlaw. Hilarity is created by the fact that he doesn't even know it. Tough gunmen wilt on sight of him and he thinks it's just his personality! A girl (Loretta Young) saves him from a posse. He falls for her, discovers she is the unwilling sweetheart of the real bandit (Dan Duryea) whom he eventually brings to justice. Story by Nunnally Johnson, is written frankly for laughs. Cooper, as cowboy Jones, is almost up to his "Deeds" standard of acting. The film should appeal strongly to youngsters and Wild West addicts.

"THAT'S THE SPIRIT" [illegible] (Adults) Universal. An attempt to repeat the spirit-world formula which made Columbia's "Mr. Jordan" so successful, fails because of heavy-handed direction. A genial burlesque producer (Jack Oakie) marries a socialite (June Vincent) [illegible]

COLONIAL

"OVER 21" * (Family) Columbia. Adapted from stageplay about fortyish editor (Alexander Knox) who bucks Army's stiff training routine prescribed for younger officer candidates. Wife, noted authoress (Irene Dunne), ghosts editorial column for him, writing supposed masterpiece about "the world and apple pie." Trite fits it, but comedy gags got big laughs at Hollywood preview, despite Irene Dunne's [illegible] moments. Not bad—not good, either.

"JUNIOR MISS" *** (Family) 20th Century Fox. Popular radio serial makes screen with good head start. Peggy Ann Garner more effective as Judy, the adolescent pixie, than Shirley Temple who broadcast the part and was considered for the movie. Will inevitably start successful series. Introduces domestic misadventures and triumphs, laughter and tears, to remind us all of our own family lives. Allyn Joslyn and Sylvia Field as Judy's parents, Michael Dunne as Uncle Willis and Barbara Whiting as Judy's [illegible] girl friend, [illegible] splendid [illegible] Produced by William Perlberg and adapted and directed by George Seaton (the "Bernadette" team), this is a "must see" for everybody.

Movie Guide

(Elmira)

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

The Great Morgan, A-1
The Shanghai Cobra, A-1
And Then There Were None, A-2
Blithe Spirit, B
Men in Her Diary, B

AT THE THEATERS

STRAND

Missing Corpse, A-2
Bandit of Badlands (not classified)
Behind City Lights, A-2
Guest Wife, B
The Clock, A-2
Hotel Berlin, A-2
Phantom of the Plains, (not classified)
Fatal Witness,
Song of the Sarong, B
Along Came Jones, A-1
Picture of Dorian Gray, A-2
Main Street After Dark, A-2
That's the Spirit, A-2
Border Bad Men, A-1

KEENEY

Story of G. I. Joe, B
Out of This World, A-2
Twice Blessed, A-2
Falcon in San Francisco, A-2
Blood on the Sun, A-2

COLONIAL

Anchors Aweigh, A-1
Over 21, A-2
Junior Miss, A-1

CAPITOL

[illegible], A-2
The [illegible] Clan, A-1
[illegible], A-2
[illegible] Court, A-2
[illegible], A-1
Beyond the Pecos, A-1
National Velvet, A-1

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