

Poland Seen Worse Than Under Nazis

Two reports on conditions in Poland, both presented by women writers, show a striking similarity in picturing chaotic conditions in that country. "Everything is being shipped to Russia," says the first report, which appeared in the CHRISTIAN CENTURY, an un-denominational weekly journal of religion published in this country, while the second report, published in THE MONTH, a British Catholic monthly, terms the occupation of Poland by the Russians "even worse than that of the German armies."

"Poland is a land in sore need of everything civilized man looks upon as essential to existence," Ann Su Cardwell states in an article titled "Chaos in Poland," in The Christian Century, an un-denominational weekly journal of religion.

"Without great assistance from the outside," Miss Cardwell warns, "large numbers of the Polish population cannot much longer meet the minimum needs of food and shelter."

Miss Cardwell discloses that when the Red armies and the Soviet secret police entered Poland, food was requisitioned to feed them and they were permitted to send food articles to Russia, which, she adds, "practically denuded whole areas of stocks and produce on hand; and the requisitioning continues."

Letters reaching this country through special channels assert that "everything is being shipped to Russia," Miss Cardwell writes. "Farm machinery and livestock of all kinds have been taken from the Poles and sent to their eastern neighbors. After a tour of Poland, UNRRA delegates state that 88 percent of agricultural labor in Poland is now performed by hand. British prisoners of war report seeing as many as 15 persons hitched to a plow in western Poland."

There was less cooperation and collaboration with the Germans in Poland than in any other occupied country, yet Poland's reward for her years of grim suffering under Nazi occupation is "another occupation, even worse. It must honestly be stated that that of the German armies," writes Miss Cardwell in The Month, British Catholic monthly.

The author, an Englishwoman who lived in Poland from 1935 until March 1945, gives a detailed picture of the terror spread by the Nazi regime and the heroism of the Polish resistance, which, she says, provided "pardon and valuable Polish help for Russia."

It would be strange, she writes, to pretend that there should be no German among the Poles, yet when the full

Freed From Japs



Rev. Edward A. McGurkin, M.M., of Hartford, Conn., Maryland missionary and former editor of Pidan News Service, who has been released from a Japanese prison camp in Manchuria, presumably by Red Army troops. In South China since 1937, he was interned by the Japanese immediately following Pearl Harbor. (NC Photos)

Poland last March there was a popular slogan to this effect: "We have survived five and a half years of occupation; surely we can survive one year of liberation."

"The prisons today are fuller and more crowded with Polish patriots than they were even in the worst period of German occupation," the author writes. "The conditions are growing daily worse and worse. The soldiers who have fought for the freedom of their country for so many years have no country to go to, and have no news of their families."

"We have handed over into slavery a Christian ally," the article concludes, "which was fought with us from the very beginning, and fought with us when our other allies, for the most part, were either neutral or our active enemies."

Italian Encyclopedia Due

Rome — (RNS) — First volume of the Italian Catholic encyclopedia, described as the most up to date work of its kind, will be published next January. The texts will be edited by a group of experts headed by Abbot Ricciotti, professor in the Roman University.

The encyclopedia will consist of five volumes, which will be published at the rate of two a year. A volume of addenda, including indexes, will appear in 1951. Arrangements have been made to publish English, French, and German editions.

Would Keep Atomic Bomb Secret

Chicago — (INS) — Senator Tom Connally believes the United States should retain the atomic bomb secrets: "It is ours and the world can rest assured that we shall never use it except in our own necessary self defense or in a threat against the peace of the world."

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