

Priest at Hiroshima Tells of Atomic Bombing

Sydney, Australia — (RNS) — A Catholic priest's eyewitness account of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima was related here by Massey Stanley, Australian war correspondent.

The priest, Father William Kleinsorge, was reading in the attic of the rectory at Hiroshima when a strange blue flash seared the sky, and the buildings outside began to dance crazily. Father Kleinsorge rushed downstairs and out to the sidewalk. As far as the eye could see, the rectory was the only building that remained standing. Except for scratches, he himself seemed uninjured, but three other priests were bleeding profusely. Together they dug people from the ruins and helped the wounded.

"We saw less than two hundred living," Father Kleinsorge said. "All were fearfully burned, their faces one large blister. A thousand Japanese engineers

and trainees were killed outright in their barracks."

Father Kleinsorge showed no ill effects from his experience until a month later, when he collapsed. Taken to the Catholic hospital at Tokyo, he is reported and doctors are convinced he will be making favorable progress here.

Would Spread Catholic Influence in Nuremberg

Nuremberg, Germany — (RNS) — For the first time since the German surrender, members of the Catholic men's club here have met to "make their influence felt in the fields of charity and public life." The meeting was attended mostly by men in their fifties.

Speakers stated that Catholic men must resist all anarchistic and Communist tendencies in Germany, and cooperate in undertakings to meet the needs of refugees from bombed-out areas.

Heads Iraq College



Very Rev. Edward E. Madaras, S. J., of Cleveland, who has been appointed Superior of the Jesuit Mission in Iraq and Rector of Baghdad College. Father Madaras, who assisted in the founding of the college in 1932, has returned to America for the first vacation in 13 years. (NC Photos)

U. S. Troops Forcing Russ Refugees Return

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eral policy of American forces in occupied territories, is opposed to forcing refugees to return to their native lands against their will.

However, indirect confirmation of reports of the use of American troops in this way is contained in news dispatches which state that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has issued an order instructing American troops to discontinue forcing Russian nationals to return home unless the United States Government rules otherwise.

Disclosure of General Eisenhower's order followed reports that American troops had fired over the heads of some Russians to force them aboard Soviet-bound trains. The order, it is stated, will affect 26,400 Russians still in the American zone of Germany. News dispatches quote an American officer as saying that many of those left in Germany have threatened to commit suicide if forced to go home and that "we are not eager to risk the lives of American soldiers trying to make them go."

The Big Three at Yalta agreed to expedite the repatriation of each other's nationals, and this American officer, it is stated, described General Eisenhower's order as a "temporary abrogation of the Yalta agreement until Washington says specifically whether American troops must be used to make these people go back where they don't want to go."

New York — Strong-arm tactics resulting in bloodshed were employed by American troops at a camp in the U. S. occupied section of Germany in an effort to force refugees, who had fled Soviet-dominated lands, to return unwillingly to their native countries, according to a report from a correspondent of the Lithuanian Daily News, published in Chicago.

"The climax was reached on September 5," the dispatch continued, "when a notice displayed on the bulletin board in the Ukrainian section announced that Armenians and Ukrainians from the eastern province must gather their possessions at 7 o'clock on the morning of September 6, in the public square, where they would be provided with trucks." After the notice was posted approximately 1,000 persons gathered in the nearest clinic. The dispatch stated that the notice was posted in the morning of September 6, in the public square, where they would be provided with trucks.

related, "several dozens of American soldiers, some officers and a few MP's arrived," all armed with rifles.

An officer gave a command and the soldiers went to strategic points in the Armenian section. The soldiers, the report said, threatened with rifles in holding back a crowd which gathered in the camp square, while others sought forcibly to load refugees into trucks.

Some women screamed and fainted, children cried hysterically as the soldiers tried to force them into the trucks, the dispatch said. "Several persons were struck with rifle butts on their heads, backs and chests," the report related. "One young American officer was especially brutal, armed with a pistol but violently swinging a heavy cane. He struck people as if they were cattle."

The dispatch stated that the troops were kept as busy holding back the crowd in the camp square as they were in trying to force the Armenians and Ukrainians into the trucks. At length, the report said, the Americans realized the futility of force and the soldiers withdrew.

Religious Probation For Veterans Suggested

New Orleans — (RNS) — A religious probation system, rather than jail terms, for war veterans arrested as first offenders for minor violations of the law was recommended here to Mayor Robert S. Maestri for adoption by the commission council.

If the city approves the religious probation system, veterans arrested for the first time for slight infractions of the law will be required to report one to four times a month to a committee representing their religious group.

Superiorly Improved "From the evidence on hand today, we cannot scientifically prove that the Nordic or the Negro is superior or inferior, one to the other." Rev. John M. Cooper.

20,000 Pilgrims at India Shrine Bangalore, India — (NC) — More than 20,000 pilgrims from 15 dioceses gathered at St. Anthony's Shrine here on the Saint's feastday. There were sermons in English, Tamil and Kannada, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Bible and Vestments Sold to Get Food

London — (NC) — A chaplain of the Royal Air Force, Squadron Leader Patrick Rorke, S. J., of London, who has arrived in Singapore with other freed prisoners from a Japanese camp in Sumatra, told an English war correspondent that he sold his Bible and prayerbooks within the camp, page by page, to make cigarette papers, and the money thus obtained was used to buy extra food for the prisoners. Some of his vestments were also sold to the natives to obtain food for the starving men, he said.

Chicago See Forms Group To Assist All Veterans

Chicago — (RNS) — Creation of a Chicago archdiocesan organization to aid in the civilian adjustment of war veterans regardless of color, creed, or race, was announced here by the Most Reverend Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago.

The organization, which will be known as the Archbishop's Veterans' Committee, has established offices in one of the downtown buildings with a complete staff of full-time workers.

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