

Yamashita Cowers At Nun's Testimony

Manila—(INS)—Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita showed distinct signs of terrific mental strain this week when witnesses at the Jap commander's war crimes trial told more details of atrocities perpetrated by Jap occupation forces in Manila.

The former Jap Philippine commander took notes today for the first time and often consulted with the American officers appointed to defend him.

The defendant looked obviously worried as a Nun told how the Japs tore young girls from the Sacristy of St. Augustine's church to rape them and threw a hand grenade among women and children praying at the altar.

Other witnesses told of the horrible half-starved condition of American internees at the Santo Tomas University.

The story of the atrocities at St. Augustine's convent was completed Wednesday.

A blue-robed, white-cowled sister of charity told the five-man military tribunal that Filipino girls and women at St. Augustine's convent were raped and murdered and the institution's buildings set afire by Japs last February.

The witness testified that many nuns were brutally mistreated when they tried to keep the Japs from harming the refugees living in the convent and the adjoining church.

An undertaker told of burying many priests who had been found dead — with their hands tied behind their backs, — outside of St. Augustine's church.

Church Progress Reported by Czechs

Prague — Building of new churches and reopening of Catholic institutions that had been closed by the Nazis are reported from several sections of Czechoslovakia.

Two new churches are being constructed in densely populated suburbs of Prague. The building of one edifice is partly financed by contributions of Catholic as an expression of their gratitude for being spared during a heavy air raid on the Czech capital.

Brothers of Mercy have reopened their hospitals at Prague and at Prostejov, Moravia, and the Salesian Institute and Boys' Home at Moravska Ostrava has been returned to the Fathers by the authorities. The institute had been seized by the Nazis in 1942 for use as a military hospital and served the same purpose after the city had been captured by the Russians.

Holy Land Monument Marks Poles' War Stray

Warsaw — (NC) — An unusual monument is being erected at the shores of the Sea of Galilee to commemorate the shelter given by the Holy Land to thousands of Polish soldiers and refugees during the troubled years of the war.

The soldiers and soldiers' families are building the monument at the Shrine Church of St. Peter in Tiberias. A semi-circular structure of marble and stone quarried from the Galilean coast is to contain the names of the Polish soldiers and their families who were killed during the war.

B-29 Bombing A 'Real Hit'

Shanghai Internees Get Food and Candy

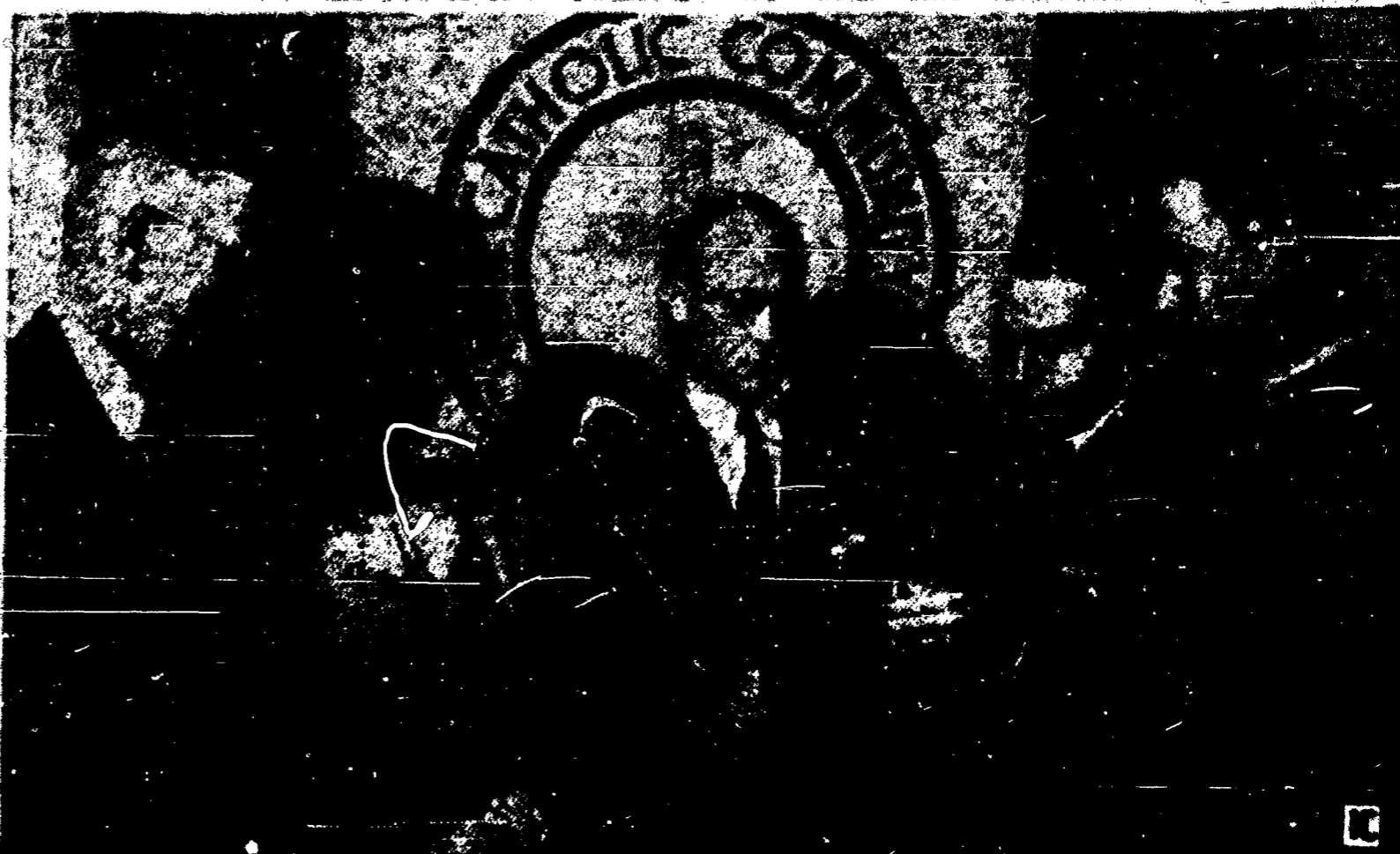
New York — (NC) — "The largest missionary compound in the world" — Zikawei, maintained by the Jesuits in Shanghai — was "bombed" by a flock of American B-29's after hostilities ceased, and the hungry folks just loved it, according to a letter received by the Rev. John J. Gordon, S.J., of San Francisco.

It wasn't bombs that the planes dropped, but cannisters of fruit juice, packages of candy, and other foodstuffs.

Describing the "food bombing," Father Gordon writes:

"I don't know how many B-29's there were, but they dropped hundreds of parachutes, each laden with 250 pounds of choice morsels, deserts, candy, ham and eggs, to say nothing of smokes and beverage powders. It was surely a day of clamor and turbulence."

A BATAAN HERO IS REMEMBERED



At a USO-NCCS Club in San Francisco, an engraved gold chalice and pyx for a small church in Hagio, given by friends in memory of Lt. Norbert McKenna, U. S. A., killed in action on Batavia, are started on their way to the Philippines. James H. Mitchell, executive director, National Catholic Community Service, places the gifts in the custody of Lt. Louis E. Wendling, of Dubuque, Catholic Chaplain of the U. S. S. Pitt, which is en route to the Philippines. Pictured, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. M. S. McKenna, parents of Lt. McKenna; Mr. Mitchell; Father Wendling, and Rev. Adrian McKenna, brother of the slain soldier. (NC Photos).

Chaplain-Missionary Returns New York — (NC) — The Rev. T. Charles Dooley, C.C.Sp., of Waterbury, Conn., missionary who for the past several years has served as chaplain to native African troops in the British Army, arrived here from overseas.

Offers Military Mass For Marines in Tientsin

Tientsin, China — (NC) — since Pearl Harbor was offered Members of the faculty and student body of Catholic University S.P., Navy chaplain attached to the Seventh Marine Service Regiment in the university chapel when the first American military Mass pan and Okinawa campaigns.

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