NUREMBERG TRIALS IGNORE POLAND

London — (NC) — Charges of a political atmosphere and a general attempt to ignore Poland and the Poles are made in an article in The Tablet, London Catholic weekly, on the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

The trials opened, says The Tablet, in a less judicial and more political atmosphere than appeared in the Luenebeng trials of the Belsen war criminals, and this atmosphere, it adds, was already apparent more than a month ago when the Nuremberg indictment was published.

The attempt to ignore Poland, the article asserts, is "sheer mockery, and only to be explained if, in the minds of the Great Powers, Poland is indeed destined for oblivion."

Mention of Poland is omitted, The Tablet charges, in the sections of the indictment on "Germanization" of invaded territory, on deportations, on execution of hostages, and on looting and destructions of cultural monuments. Under some of these headings, says The Tablet, the crimes against Poland and her people were worse than against any other nation, and against no country which they invaded are the Nazi crimes better known already than those against Poland.

Naval Hero Retires

London — (NC) — Vice Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, the Catholic who won the 1939 Battle of the Plata River in which the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was destroyed, has retired at 57 with the rank of admiral for medical reasons.

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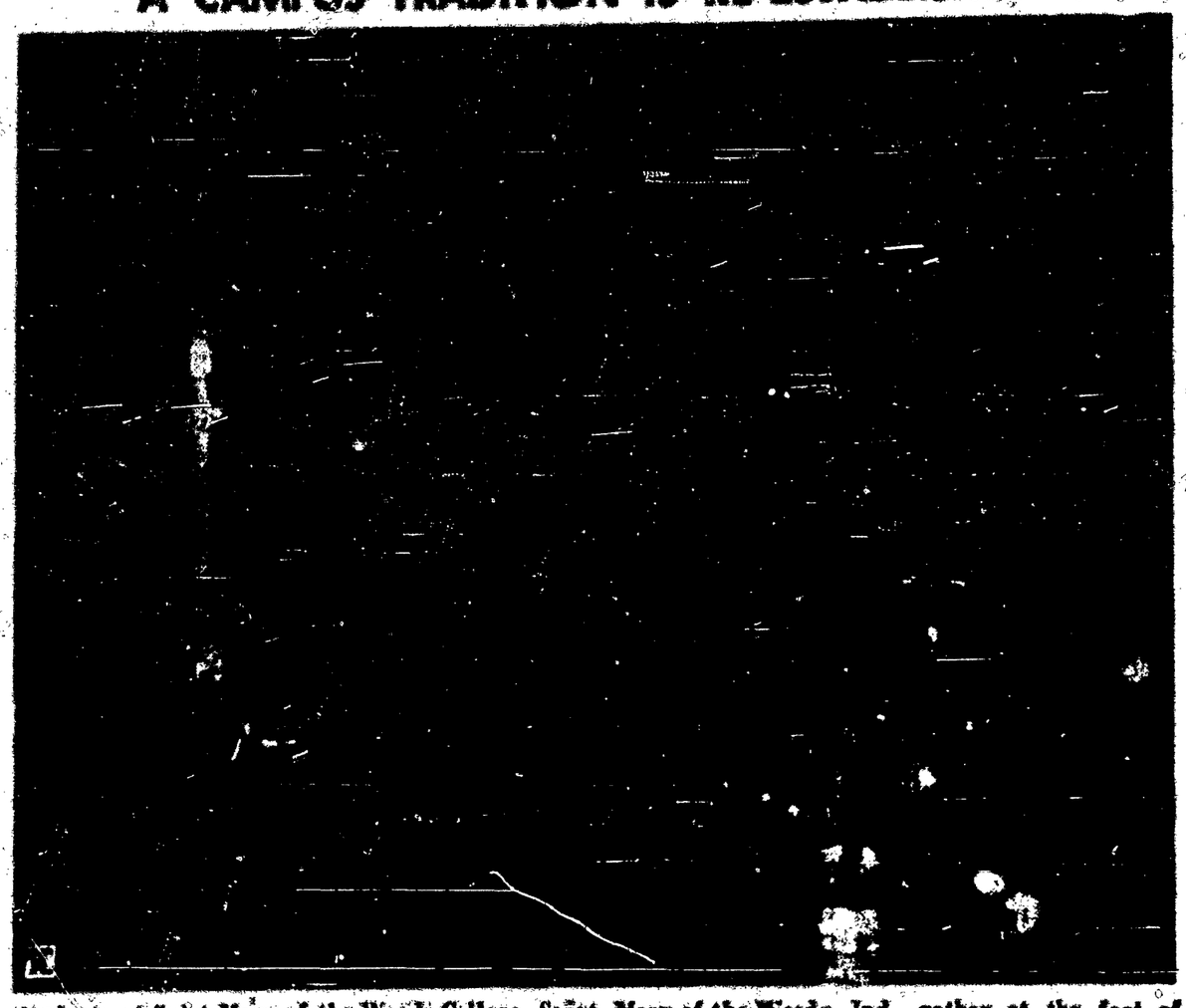

Students at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., gather at the foot of Our Lady of the Campus, favorite statue of the namesake of the College, for a "Lights Up" ceremoney which marked the first lighting of the pedestaled statue since the outbreak of World War II, and re-established the campus tradition of nightly illumination of the statue as a symbol of Mary's guidance and protection of the students. (NC Photos)

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3 Teen-Age Dances At Immaculate Hall

High school students of the city will be feted during the holiday season at Immaculate Auditorium where three dances have been scheduled.

These dances cater to teenagers and are under the supervision of young married couples from Immaculate Conception parish. Joe Nolan's orchestra will play at these holiday parties.

The annual Christmas dance will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 26 from 9 o'clock until midnight. Miss Claire Darby and Jack Blanchard will render the vocals.

Because of many requests, another old clothes dance will be presented Friday evening, Dec. 28.

On New Year's Eve, the traditional party will be held from 9 o'clock until 12. At this dance all the top numbers on the Hit Parade of the year 1945 will be played.

Miss DeSales Woodard and John E. Drew are co-chairmen of these parties and they are handling the decorations.

The chaperons will be: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Amick, Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Palmer, Mrs. Mark Bradley, Mrs. Donald Emerson and Mrs. Melvin Corey.

Heading the committees are: Terry Kost, refreshments; Marie Barr, checking; Winifred Loftus, tickets; Shirley Wahl, stage.

War Damage to Mission To Take Years to Repair

St. Columbans, Nebr. — (NC) —The city of Hankow, known as the "Chicago of China," is in ruins, reports Father John Cunningham, St. Columban missionary, in the first news to arrive from the Hanyang Vicariate since the beginning of the war.

Father Cunningham states that the material losses in the Hanyang Vicariate as a whole have not been extensive, but that the disruption of missionary work will take years of sweat and toil to repair. American and Australian priests and Sisters of St. Columban were sent to Shanghai at the outbreak of the war, leaving a number of mission stations without a priest.

Church Arch Decided Site

Panama Canal Building Result from Study

Maryknoll — (NC) — An old church arch in Panama, about twelve feet high and unsupported save from the base, influenced the final decision to build a canal across Panama, reports the Rev. Thomas Wellinghoff, a Maryknoll Missioner now in Chile.

According to Father Wellinghoff's story, the original French contractors of the canal were undecided whether to build in Panama or Nicaragua. Finally they decided that the country with the fewer earthquakes should get the canal.

One of the engineers noticed the old church arch. Standing whole and intact after several centuries, it proved as far as the engineers were concerned that Panama was relatively earthquake-free. Hence, today American ships sail through Panama rather than Nicaragua.

French Youth to Gather

Paris—(NC)—A congress to be conducted here under the auspices of Independent Christian Feminine Youth during the Easter holidays is expected to draw thousands of delegates, including many from foreign Catholic Youth organization.

New 'Easy Divorce' Law in Poland

London — (NC) — Further details reaching here on the new divorce decree of Poland's Provisional Government indicate that under it divorce may be obtained automatically upon both parties requesting it.

This decree, promulgated despite protests by the Polish Bishops, remains in force for the next three years. After 1948 divorce petitions will be heard by the courts.

Described by Poland's Communist press as "divorce for the asking," the decree makes no provision for judicial separation. Children will be allowed to join either the father or the mother, but the decree lays down that a court may give the child into the custody of a third person should its welfare demand it. This would allow the children to be taken over by the States.

5 Million Services Held

Washington — (NC) — Almost five and a half million services were held by U. S. Army chaplains with an attendance of more than 329 million from the beginning of the war until the end of August this year, a report released by the Army Chaplains' office here shows.

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