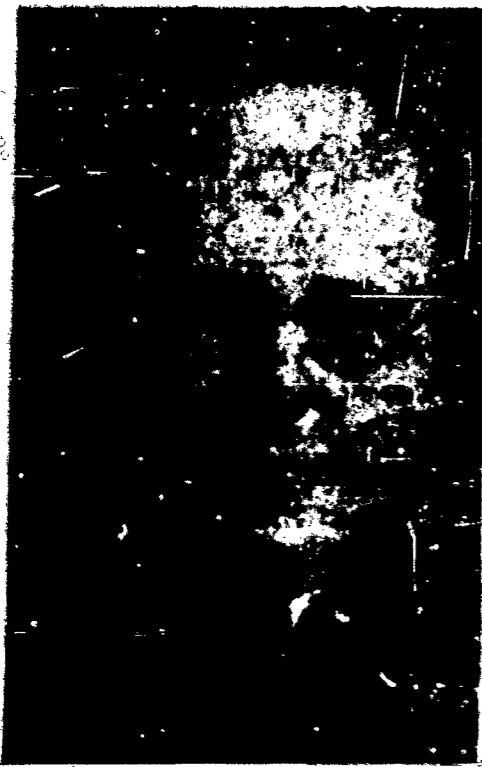


Pray for the One Nation Threatening Peace, Prelate Urges

Cincinnati — (NC) — Universal prayer for the "one powerful nation in the world today that is a threat to world peace" was asked by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, in his Christmas sermon at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Norwood.

Toronto Prelate



Cardinal James Charles McGuigan

Citing strife and personal and death in countries ravaged by war, Archbishop McNicholas said that though armies have laid down their arms "there is no peace." "The third world war is inevitable," he said, "the country whose government has arrayed itself against God, against Christ, and against the teachings of the Gospel continues in its subversive ways."

The Archbishop listed these three things the recent war has "clearly taught America": in addition to proving the Holy Father's pre-war warning that "nothing is lost with peace; all may be lost with war."

The "days of isolationism are definitely over" because the world is now too small to leave us out of any serious conflict, and we "must acknowledge our grave constructive responsibility of preserving world peace."

"What is seriously wrong morally in one nation must be the concern of all peace-loving countries," and

"The solution of all world problems is basically a moral one."

Among dangers menacing us from within he listed "pseudo-liberals, who, whether they realize it or not, are preparing revolt for a day of violent revolution by 'fighting God, revealed religion, the supernatural, Christ, and the fixed code of morality.'" A long-range program, he added, "should make us see that our public educational system, devoid of everything pointing the way to man's eternal destiny, is a menace to our country."

As other activities "uprooting the very foundations of peace" in America, Archbishop McNicholas cited divorce and birth prevention, which he said are "undermining the moral foundation of American homes."

CANADA HAILS NEW CARDINAL

Toronto — (NC) — Hundreds of messages of congratulations from persons in Canada and the United States have been received by Archbishop James Charles McGuigan of Toronto, who has been named Canada's first English-speaking Cardinal.

Among the messages from persons in all walks of life and representative of all races and creeds were those from Cardinal Rodrigue Villeneuve, O. M. I., Archbishop of Quebec, and William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada.

Prime Minister King, after offering his congratulations: "I have noted your reference to this very high honor as being a recognition of Canada's place in the world. It is, I am sure, no less a recognition of the high place in which Your Grace is held by your fellow citizens throughout Canada, and especially by the members of your own church."

Col. George Drew, Premier of Ontario, and Albert Matthews, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, called personally to pay their respects to Cardinal McGuigan, as did Robert Macdonald, Mayor of Toronto, and many of other leaders.

Japs Suspend Vatican Ties

Beirut — (NC) — The Japanese Embassy at the Holy See has announced the receipt of instructions from the Japanese Government to suspend all diplomatic relations with the Vatican, thus severing the long-standing ties between the two nations.

All Japanese diplomatic and consular offices in the Vatican will be closed and the Japanese ambassador will be recalled to Japan. In this regard the treatment of Japan by the Holy See is regarded as a "grave and serious" matter.

The Japanese Government has announced that it will not accept the Vatican's position on the treatment of Japan by the Holy See and will not accept the Vatican's position on the treatment of Japan by the Holy See.

Creation of Three New Cardinals Cheers Catholics of Germany



Cardinal von Galen

Cardinal Frings

Cardinal von Freysing

Frankfurt on Main—The spiritual happiness of being able for the first time in 12 years to celebrate Christmas in a country freed from an oppressive regime was enhanced for German Catholics by the news of the creation of three new Cardinals.

Suppressed Berlin Journal Reappears

Berlin — Suppressed by the Nazis seven years ago because in the words of Bishop Michael von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, "it fearlessly fought for the rights of God and the rights of men resulting from them, particularly for the right of freedom of conscience," the *Festschrift*, weekly newspaper for the Berlin diocese, has resumed publication.

The first issue of the paper, which now has a circulation of 20,000, carries besides an editorial by Cardinal-elect von Freysing and article dedicated to the memory of the late Magr. Bernhard Lichtenberg, canon of the Berlin cathedral, who died as the result of two years' maltreatment in a Nazi jail.

Monsignor Lichtenberg suffered imprisonment because he had publicly and frequently pleaded for persecuted Jews. The full story of his martyrdom will be presented in a pamphlet based on newly discovered documentary material.

The *Festschrift* is published by the *Morgenblatt*, named in honor of St. Thomas More, and established by the Bishop of Berlin under a license granted by the Information Control Division of the Office of Military Government. The Rev. Walter Adolph is editor of the new journal.

International Law Congress

River Forest, Ill. — (NC) — When the world congress marking the fourth centenary of Francis de Vittoria, O.P., known as the Father of International Law, meets in Salamanca, Spain, next year, American and Canadian scholars will participate in the discussions.

Americans Crowd Rome Church at Midnight Mass

Vatican City — (NC) — From all parts of Europe thousands of American troops and civilians came to Rome to celebrate Christmas Eve at the Basilica of St. Peter's.

The historic church was filled to overflowing with several thousand American men and women, many of them non-Catholics, who will long remember this Christmas Mass in the Eternal City.

Across the town from St. Peter's and just off St. Peter's Square the American Catholic Club, an affiliate of the National Catholic Community Service, provided the visiting Americans with a Christmas dinner and a Christmas party.

Religion Study Ban Protested

Berlin — Going even further than the Nazi regime the communist-dominated municipal government of the German capital has seen fit to ban all religious instruction from public school curricula.

Since the opening of the new scholastic year, such instruction can only be imparted outside of regular school hours. Teachers do not receive credit for extra-curricular religious instruction. The decision was taken without consultation with the ecclesiastical authorities.

In a letter of protest addressed to the Berlin municipality, Cardinal-elect Konrad von Freysing, Bishop of Berlin, points out that there were 80 Catholic parochial schools and five private Catholic high schools functioning here prior to Hitler's advent to power.

While the Nazis abolished all these schools, they did not abolish religion as a curricular obligation and maintained proper credit allowances for the teachers. The Bishop also devotes a special Pastoral to this subject and exhorts parents to insist on Catholic schooling for their children in accordance with democratic principles.

Cathedral Treasures Restored by Gen. Patton

Paris — (NC) — Prior to his death, General Patton had effected restitution to the Bishop of Metz of the treasures of the Cathedral which had been recovered in Germany by the American Third Army.

The solemn ceremony took place before the portals of the Cathedral, in the presence of several American generals, on the anniversary date of the liberation of the town by General Patton's Army.

Among the objects returned to the Bishop by General Patton was an episcopal cross of the XIV century.

Bing's the Best Box Office Bet

Hollywood — (INS) — Crooner Bing Crosby headed the film industry's "Big Ten" for the second straight year.

Exhibitors have voted him the screen's No. 1 box-office star in a nation-wide poll conducted by the Motion Picture Herald. He was given the position on the basis of his work in "Going My Way."

No. 2 spot was won by Van Johnson, hero of the Bobby Sox, and E. J. Busby's Green Goddess. Others in the top ten were Betty Grable, Robert Tracy, Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, Bob Hope, Judy Garland, and Margaret O'Brien.