

## Thief Profanes Seville Church

Madrid — (RNS) — An unidentified individual broke into the Church of San Roque in Seville, stole a valuable crown decorating a statue of the Virgin, and took the chalice from the tab-

ernacle of the high altar, scattering the sacred Hosts on the altar steps.

The theft caused a sensation throughout the city. Catholic Action leaders and students of Seville University immediately organized an act of public reparation. Then Cardinal Archbishop Peter Segura y Sáenz issued a pastoral letter denouncing the sacrilege.

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## FOR EUROPE'S CHILDREN



German prisoners of war, former soldiers of the Afrika Corps, now at Fort Davis, Washington, make a recording of the special program in which they returned the 1750 Christmas donation of Pope Pius XII and asked that it be used for the children of Europe, "the innocent sufferers of the war." Signal Corps photo. (NC Photos).

## Arctic Oblate Missionaries To Have Own Supply Plane

Montreal — Their own plane is harder and must be sawed. Asked where the missionaries stayed while on a tour of their stations, Father Bazin said that when he was spending only a day or two at a station he made his home with an Eskimo family in their igloo, but if he was staying for several weeks he made his own igloo, with the eager assistance of the Eskimos.

The Rev. A. A. Cartier, O.M.I., will be at the controls when the Oblates' plane makes its first relief flight. So far it has been considered impracticable to aid the isolated missionaries in the Arctic by air because of lack of refueling arrangements for the return trip. However, a Hudson's Bay plane did reach Repulse Bay; it was on this plane that Father Bazin came back to civilization.

Father Bazin, who was in charge of the Repulse Bay mission post, gave a first-hand account of the experiences of the Oblate Fathers who were cut off from their ordinary supplies due to the wrecking of the mission boat "M. F. Thorne" in 1944 and the failure of the Hudson's Bay supply boat to get through the ice last Fall. Chapel Heated

He said that the priests from the missions "closest" to him, the Revs. Théophile Didier and Julien Cochard, of Igluhiu, 240 miles to the north, and the Rev. Pierre Henry, of Pelly Bay, 220 miles away, had assembled with him at Repulse Bay in order to pool their resources and make them stretch as far as possible.

The four priests closed off a small portion of the chapel and kept it heated with what gasoline they had left. The gasoline is now gone, and the three priests who remained in the Arctic have turned to the Eskimo methods of keeping warm, burning seal grease and moss in a hollowed stone.

Father Bazin described how the Oblate missionaries traveled about their vast territories by dog-sled, going from one tiny village to the next, and always traveling with an Eskimo guide whose uncanny sense of direction could be relied upon in the wide open spaces even in an Arctic snow storm.

He said that an aged Eskimo or even a missionary could build an igloo in three-quarters of an hour, by cutting out blocks of the hard-packed snow that had been laid by one and a half feet wide by six inches thick. When the Eskimo says the snow will be cut with a knife, he means

## Nazis Held 563 Belgian Priests

Antwerp — (NC) — According to statistics made available here, 563 Belgian priests and Religious were arrested by the Nazis during the war.

Among Religious the Jesuits led with 33 arrests, the Benedictines had 21, the Redemptorists 16, and the Cisterians 15.

Publication of these arrests has greatly chagrined certain enemies of religion because they were trying to put all priests and Religious among the "Blacks," a name given to those who collaborated with the Nazis in any way.

### NCWC Gets Gold Medal

New York — (RNS) — War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference has been awarded a gold medal and certificate by the French Academy of Medicine in recognition of its services in saving the lives of children in France.

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