

U. S. Attitude Towards Spain Is Criticized

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The current official attitude of the U. S. government toward Spain is deplored by the Rev. Dr. James A. Wagner, of the Catholic University of America, in an article in the Ave Maria magazine, published at the University of Notre Dame.

In an article, entitled "What To Do With Franco?" Father Wagner observes that the attitude of the U. S. government in recent years toward the Franco regime has taken a puzzling change. During the war, he asserts, the U. S. willingly recognized the Franco government, but at the end of hostilities the apparent friendship was repudiated "after we had gained our ends." This type of dealing, he avers, cannot build confidence in those who guide the U. S. destinies.

"Hardly anyone can doubt," Father Wagner writes, "that the Franco regime represents but a temporary political arrangement for Spain. Franco himself has given definite indications that the Spanish government must undergo important modifications to assure its permanence and transmission of power.

"If the purpose of the San Francisco and Potsdam pronouncements is simply to hasten a legitimate process, well and good, providing the acceleration is not ill-timed or immature. But if it represents an act of revenge on the part of Russia, or the signal for a violent upheaval in Spain, or an invitation to communism, then let the intervenors be prepared to carry the responsibility."

Father Wagner asks that if Franco and his entire government must go, "who or what will be the successor? Is it acceptable to succeed him?" He asserts this is a question of greatest moment which should be answered now. Father Wagner asserts the personnel now recognized in Mexico under the name of the Spanish republican government bears names "that are none too reassuring."

Vets Shun Anti-Bias Rally Due to 2 Aides

New York — (NC) — Listing of two officials of a magazine at a number of occasions has published anti-Catholic material among the sponsors of a meeting under the auspices of Veterans Against Discrimination, was given as the reason for refusal of the Catholic War Veterans of New York to participate in the proceedings.

Frank J. Manley, N. Y. State Commissioner, and Lawrence J. ... Commissioner of the ... that the CWV organization is opposed to discrimination and consequently could not support a meeting ... are engaged in publishing discriminatory material against Catholics ... among its ... editor, ... associate ... magazine

Father Flanagan Blames Parents for Delinquency

New York — (NC) — Parents and society share responsibility for juvenile delinquency, Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder and director of Boys Town, Neb., stated in discussing the youth problem over a national radio forum program. The home is a natural and divinely appointed unit of society, he said, and upon parents falls the duty of rearing children for citizenship.

Father Flanagan held society responsible for influences which encourage delinquency. Sweat shops, crowded tenements, slum districts, bad movies and easy divorce laws were cited among the causes of delinquency.

"There is no such thing as a bad boy," Monsignor Flanagan

asserted. "There is only bad example, bad parents, bad environment."

"Punishing our boys and girls will not eliminate the causes of their mistakes," he said. "A stronger padlock does not make a better boy. Our unfortunate children are spiritually sick. Let us stop blaming them for their mistakes and put the responsibility where it belongs — on parents and society."

Bishop Holds Land is Basis of Family Life

Manhattan, Kan. — (NC) — "Land is the foundation of family life which in turn the foundation of society," Bishop Frank A. Tull of Salina said in an address to the Rural Pastors' conference here. Priests from three Kansas dioceses and ministers of many denominations attended the meeting.

The Bishop pointed to religion as the only remedy that can correct the bad adjustment of modern man to the world in which he lives. "Continuous farming," he said, "acreage allotment, and farm subsidies will never keep men and women on the land. Religion, however, is strong enough and deep enough to accomplish even this, provided it is made a vital interest in the lives of farm people and enshrined in the rural home."

Promoter



Margdalene Gramling, of Toledo, President of the Alumnae Association of the Institute on Industry, a summer school for women workers which has been sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women and the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference for the past nine years. Miss Gramling announced that she is working to promote increased attendance this year. The Institute dates are June 16-23. (NC Photos)

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Ottawa — Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, believes the UNO can make war impossible. "But let us be very clear that if we fail, we may well be signing a post-dated death warrant for our civilization as we have known it."

Berlin Lists 21 Churches Levelled

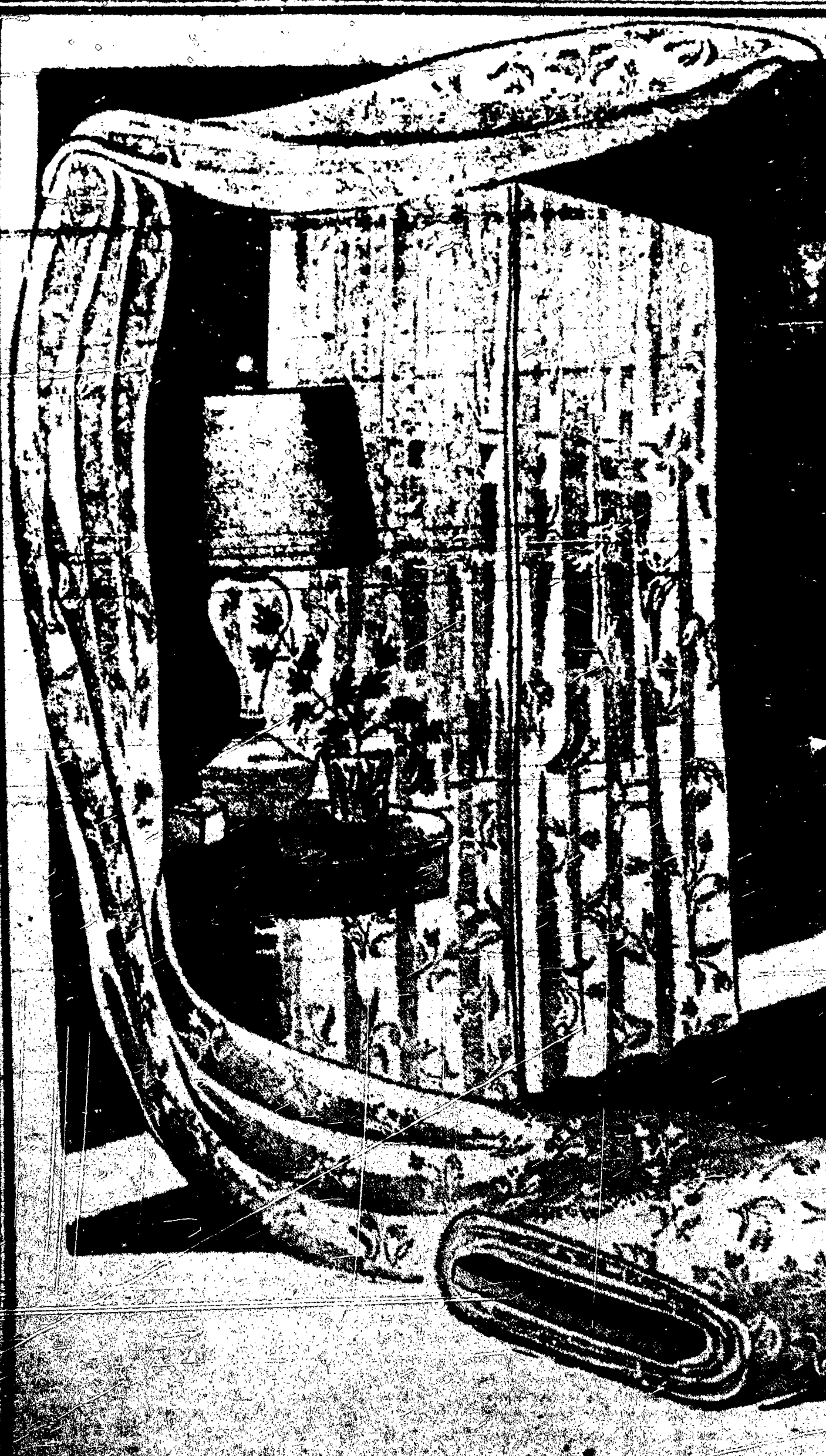
Berlin — (NC) — Twenty-one of Berlin's Catholic churches and 21 of its chapels were completely destroyed in the course of Allied air-raids during the war, according to a survey made by Petrus Blatt, local diocesan organ. A total of 25 churches and 9 chapels were damaged badly, and 14 churches and nine chapels damaged slightly. Only 12 churches and 18 chapels within the city area remain usable.

The survey, undertaken ten months after V-E Day, shows that elsewhere in the Berlin diocese 14 churches were destroyed and two badly damaged.

Best known of the destroyed Berlin churches is St. Hedwig's Cathedral, which was dedicated in 1773. It burned to the ground on March 1, 1943. On November 23, 1943, the Episcopal residence and all the diocesan offices in Behrenstrasse suffered the same fate. Cardinal (then Bishop) Conrad von Preysing and six of his clergy lost all of their possessions and all of the files of the diocese were lost.

Canada Consecration Set

Three Rivers, Que. — (NC) — Consecration of Bishop-designate Maurice Roy, of Three Rivers, will take place at the Three Rivers Cathedral on May 1. It is announced. Cardinal Rodrigue Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, will be the consecrating prelate.



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