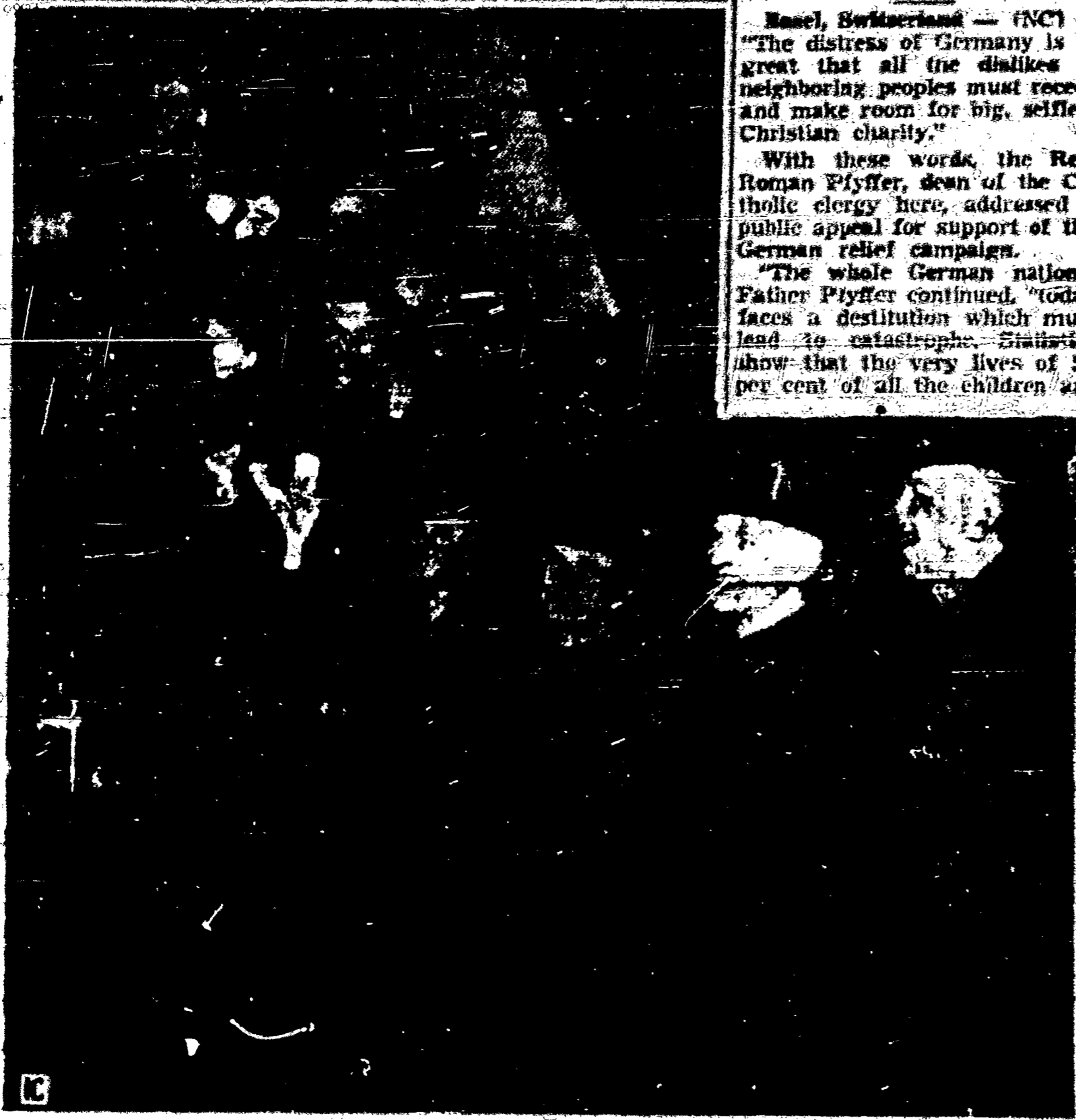


55 Percent of German Children Face Starvation, Swiss Clergyman Reports



The Archbishop of Vienna, Theodor Cardinal Innitzer was on hand to wish God-speed to this group of undernourished children of Vienna who were sent to Upper Austria under the auspices of the Public Welfare Office, USFA, and CARITAS, international charitable organization. Pictured on that occasion, left to right: Lt. A. E. Padellaro, Public Welfare, VAC; Major C. P. Murray, Public Welfare, USFA; Cardinal Innitzer; Army Chaplain Lt. Col. Roman J. Nuwer, priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, attached to the Ecclesiastical Affairs Unit, Signal Corps photo. (NC Photos)

Basel, Switzerland — (NC) — "The distress of Germany is so great that all the dislikes of neighboring peoples must recede and make room for big, selfless Christian charity."

With these words, the Rev. Roman Pfyster, dean of the Catholic clergy here, addressed a public appeal for support of the German relief campaign.

"The whole German nation," Father Pfyster continued, "today faces a destitution which must lead to catastrophe. Statistics show that the very lives of 55 per cent of all the children are

France Ouster Now Opposed by Prelate Protestant Stand Hit

Cincinnati — (NC) — Hope that Spain's "temporary government of Franco may soon terminate its work and that the Falangist party may cease to exist, but not until such time

as all danger of a Communist government has passed," was expressed in a letter by Mgr. Clarence J. Isenmann, Chancellor, to the clergy of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The letter criticized severely the action taken by the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati which in a resolution lauded the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor because it urged the United States to recognize the Spanish Republican government in exile.

"It surprises us," Monsignor Isenmann wrote, "to know that the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati is interested in the laboring man and in labor unions. In the past it has seemed to us that those men, who speak with the sanction of religion, could not see, apparently, the moral issues involved in its long problems and did not have the courage to condemn the injustices to which men who toil are subjected."

Noting that the ministers' action was taken during Brotherhood Week, Monsignor Isenmann viewed the situation as an opportunity for them "to express their habitual hostility toward anything Catholic."

Monsignor Isenmann pointed out that "there is a great division of opinion among the Spanish groups" and that the people of Spain long have been divided. He quoted from statements of Pope Pius XI, the Spanish

own solution to their own problems.

The Monsignor asserted that it is "very questionable" whether officials of the overthrown Republican government in Spain were elected legally, but "there is no question of the unspeakable tyranny, brutality, savagery, an fiendish murder of political enemies, bishops, priests, religious Brothers and nuns, and hundreds of thousands of lay men and women, by the Communist Republican government, which was controlled by Soviet Russia."

"Do the ministers of Cincinnati," Monsignor Isenmann continued, "want another Communist government in Spain? Do they want another Spanish civil war? Are they willing to have any consequences in Spain in order to overthrow the government of a Catholic country and to put the Catholic Church in an unfavorable position? Are they willing to have a government controlled by Stalin and the Soviets, which will enable Russia to dominate all of Western Europe? Do the Protestant ministers realize that communism and Communist fronts have no fear of Protestantism?"

K. of C. Protests Pressure on Spain

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The Knights of Columbus in a letter to President Harry S. Truman have vigorously protested "high-pressure procedure of unwarrantable intervention in Spain," which they declare has been "instigated by communists in France." The letter was signed by Judge John E. Swift of Boston, Supreme Knight of the K. of C.

It alleged that the intervention is "directed according to the party line from Moscow, and designed solely and shamelessly to wreak revenge on Generalissimo Franco" for his "opposition, in the past and at the present hour, to the communist revolutionaries whose high crimes against civilization, and whose unspeakable atrocities, on innocent women and children, stand unparalleled even among the propaganda-horrors of World War II."

Communists still recognize in Franco, the letter said, "the only effective force which can defeat the foul and formerly undisguised purposes of Lenin's triple design: to set Europe burning at both ends, and then to fan the flames into a conflagration that shall spread, first to France and then to the United States."

"Can you cite a single sign on the whole world horizon," the letter asks, "indicating that the Communists have relinquished, or even relaxed, a single segment of Marx's essentially worldwide plan and worldwide plot for eventual world dominion?"

Noted Innsbruck Educator Dead

Paterson — (NC) — Word of the death of the Very Rev. Michael Hofmann, 85, S.J., Rector of the Convictus of St. Nicholas, Innsbruck, Austria, and later of the Convictus in St. Ignace, Switzerland, has been received here by Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin of Paterson.

Among those who studied under the veteran teacher are three newly created German Cardinals, 30 Bishops, eight of whom belong to the U. S. Hierarchy and more than 7,000 priests.

Condemns Keeping Negroes Inferior

Cleveland — (NC) — Tracing what he called "the white man's demoralizing attempts to keep the Negro in a condition of inferiority" before the meeting of the American Catholic Sociological Society here, the Rev. John E. Coogan, S.J., of the University of Detroit, told his audience that if America has a race problem, it is largely of the white man's making.

Race prejudice is alien to true Catholic culture, Father Coogan noted, and pointed out that there is no important race consciousness in Brazil or in other Central and South American countries with a dominant Catholic environment and that the Jesuit missionaries in the Mississippi Valley in the pioneer days instructed Negroes on the same plane with the whites and Indians.

Irish in Tokyo Can Celebrate

Tokyo — (Radio) — It should be a great day for the Irish this coming March 17 here in Tokyo.

The roster of the U. S. Army chaplains here shows a Dunn, Flynn, Harrington, Hewitt, McCarthy, Norton, O'Brien, O'Connor, Eoch, Reddy, Scott, Scully and Smyth.

These represent dioceses from New York and Boston in America, and also five other communities.

Through the war, Tokyo was looked for workers of the Irish-born military units were here.

The Irish community structure in Tokyo is being built up.

Course for Farm Boys — (NC) — St. Ambrose College here has devised an educational service for farm boys of the Davenport diocese at the suggestion of Bishop Ralph L. Hayes of Davenport.

in danger because of undernourishment. Equally alarming is the clothing situation.

"Starving children, freezing old people, mothers whose hearts are

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What March 17 Means to Japs

Tokyo — (NC) — When the U. S. Marines stationed in Nagasaki celebrate St. Patrick's Day, they'll find Japanese Catholics celebrating the day, too — but for another reason. It is the only Church now standing in that atom-bombed city, something happened one March 17 that is commemorated each year by Catholics throughout Japan.

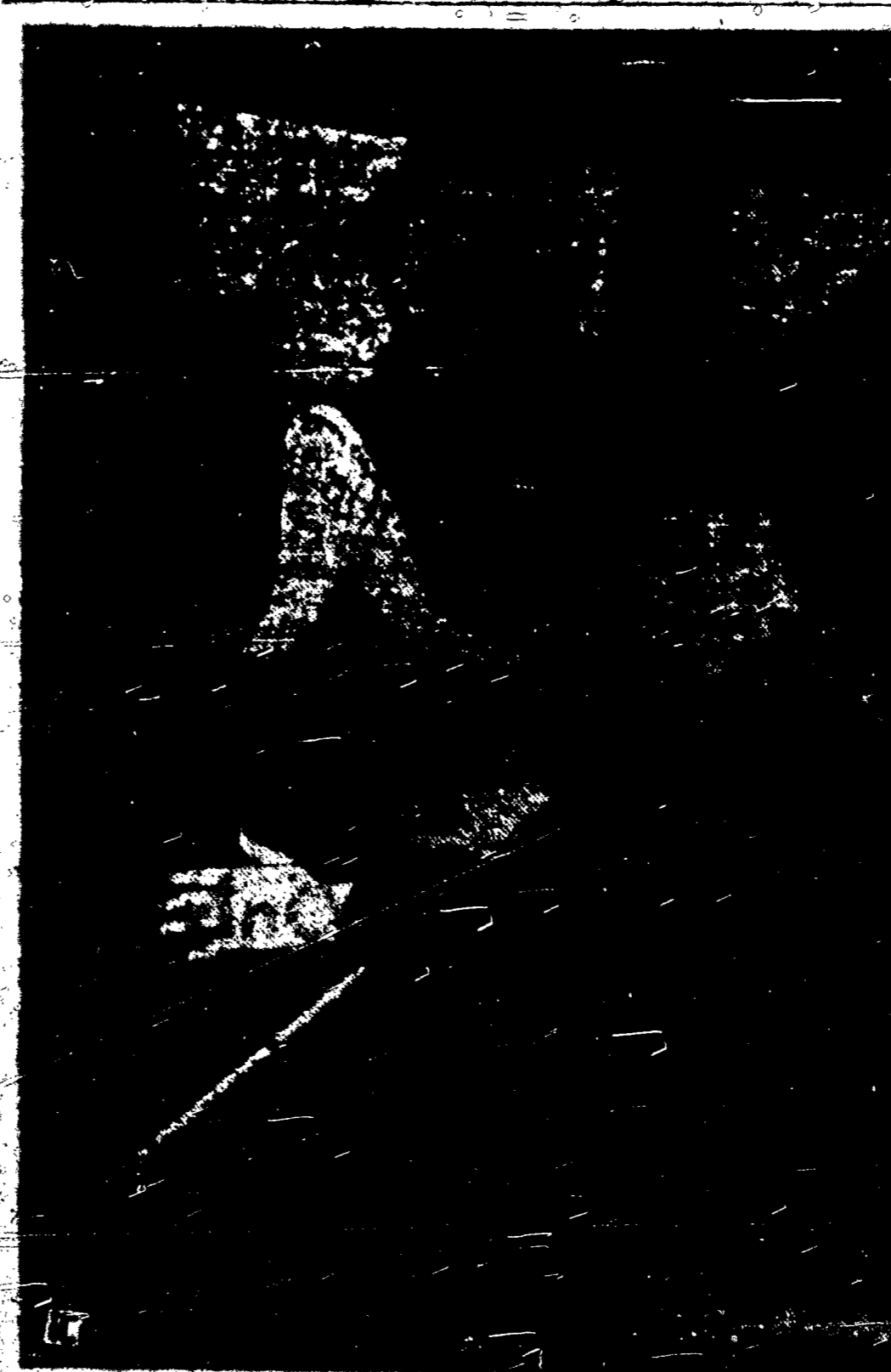
Leathernecks who visit that Church come March 17 will hear all about the greatest St. Patrick's Day in Japan's history. It happened 81 years ago, but it unraveled 200 years of Japanese Catholic fidelity — the kind of faith that would have appealed to St. Patrick, himself.

For two centuries, priests had been barred and the Faith outlawed in Japan. To the outside world it appeared as if persecution had wiped out the Christianity planted so prominently by St. Francis Xavier.

Then in the 1860's four French priests were permitted to enter certain port cities. One of the priests built a church in Nagasaki and installed a statue of the Blessed Mother and Child at a side altar.

But all the Japanese stayed aloof from the church until March 17. On that day a group came and asked to see the statue of Holy Mary. The priest led them to the side altar, where the sight of the statue evoked exclamations of joy from the group.

Next they asked the priest if he obeyed the Bishop of Rome and if he was unmarried. Satisfied by the responses to these questions, members of the group realized that they were Catholics — and that there were thousands more like them in Nagasaki and elsewhere.



Ten, Irish eyes are smiling, and sure it's little wonder when this smaller-severed colleen Betty Burns, on an Irish harp of the St. Patrick's party of the Alexandria, Va. USC, is serenaded by the National Catholic Community Service. Photo by John Galvin.

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