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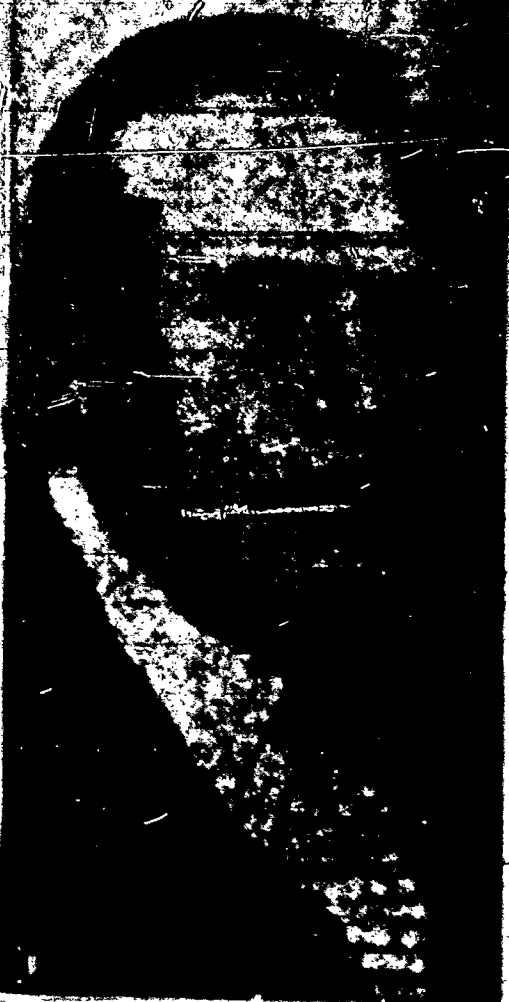
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## Pope Defines Activity Field Of the Church

(Radio, N.O.W.C. News Service)  
Vatican City — His Holiness Pope Pius XII — re-emphasizing his pronouncement in the Papal discourse to the newly-created Cardinals that the Church cannot be confined "in the retirement of the sanctuary" — has again made it clear that "the Catholic Church will never allow itself to be shut up within the four walls of the Church."  
"The separation between religion and life, between the Church and the world, is contrary to the Christian and Catholic idea," the Pontiff said in an address at the annual audience for the pastors and laymen preachers of Rome.  
"In making it clear that the mission of the pastor 'includes the entire circle of religious and moral duties of his people' and that in fulfillment of this mission he may be obliged 'to give, under this religious aspect, counsel and instruction also regarding public duties,' the Holy Father made obvious reference to a proposed Italian law which would impose severe penalties upon priests discussing election issues from the pulpit.  
Not involved in Politics  
The Church does not care, the Pope said, "to be involved in any way in mere political questions. In these the State has as much full liberty of opinion and action" as the Church. On the other hand, however, "it is a blurb out, the Church could not admit the position that the State may unilaterally judge her priests in the exercise of their ministry, even to the extent of applying punitive sanctions."  
The Pope formulated four points to make clear the position of the Church on the rights and duties of priests in questions concerning public life. These four points are as follows:  
(1) "It is the right and, at the same time, the essential duty of the Church to instruct the faithful by word and by writing, from the pulpit and in all the other normal ways, on everything which concerns faith and morals, or which is irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and, therefore, inadmissible for Catholics — whether it be a question of philosophic or religious systems, or of other purposes, or of moral concepts held by them with regard to the life"

## Vatican Bound



In the United States since last August, Myron C. Taylor will return to the Vatican shortly as personal representative of President Truman.

## Lawless Leaders Imperil Peace Says Cardinal

Washington, D. C. — Lawless leaders imperil peace and the bloodstream of humankind is poisoned by militant atheism, Francis Cardinal Spellman told graduates of the Georgetown University School of Medicine here.  
The oldest Catholic university in America conferred on the Archbishop of New York, the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.  
Cardinal Spellman  
To the graduates he said: "To shield, save and sanctify the lives of men and the life of the world is the sacred role and responsibility of both priest and doctor."  
Cardinal Spellman urged the graduates to be leaders as well as healers, adding:  
"Unlike Godless, lawless leaders who drunken with exultations and power imperiling our peace, you will be leaders who will stand the cruel and dreaded threat that compromise will bring."  
"Unlike godless, lawless leaders who claim to cure the wounds of war by lawless tyrannies and remedies, you will follow the Godly course and treat all men as brothers and their bodies as temples of the soul."  
"All men hunger for a happy life, few thirst for an heroic one. Yet, as God's men of mercy, you have chosen an heroic course, selflessly to give yourself in the endless battle against disease."  
"You have chosen to enroll in that honored army of men bound by oath to save and not to waste, to build and not destroy — an army ever exploring and expanding the frontiers of science and truth. In this war you are expendables."

## Moscow Forces Ruthenian Church Break after Killing Or Deporting All Bishops

### Standard Size Courier Journal Due Next Week

To meet our post-war responsibilities to more than 100,000 readers, the Courier Journal next week takes another important step toward the publication of a standard size newspaper.

This issue marks the final appearance of your official diocesan newspaper in tabloid form.

During the past year, an editorial and mechanical study of the Courier Journal was undertaken with a view toward making it more readable. One of the first results was the adoption of a modern style body type last spring.

A thorough study of our mechanical facilities has convinced us that a standard size newspaper is their best possible product. Therefore, beginning next week, you can expect a newspaper with a legible type matter and clearer, sharper photographs.

The eight column page of the standard size newspaper is better adapted to handle lengthy articles such as the full text of papal encyclicals and other important pronouncements. It also allows for a better display of the more important news of the week.

We feel sure you'll agree with our decision when you see the first edition of the new, expanded, standard-size Courier Journal next week. What do you think? Write us and let us know your reaction.

The Not Independent  
New York — (AP) — Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill: "I do not believe that war is inevitable or imminent; I do not believe that the rulers of Russia wish for war at the present time."

Vatican City — (Radio, N.O.) — The so-called synod held at Lvov which, according to the Holy See, was probably headed by a few apostate priests, since all the Bishops and Auxiliaries of the Ruthenian dioceses in the affected area are either dead or have been deported by the Russians.

This was pointed out in a statement issued by the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, whose Prefect, His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, earlier this month had made it clear that Moscow, east of the Curzon Line, deliberately aims at destroying Catholicism and wiping out the Ruthenian Church.

In commenting on the Moscow report, according to which the Church of Western Ukraine decided to detach itself from the Vatican and return to the bosom of the Holy Russian-Orthodox Church of our forefathers, the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church had this to say: "Church of Western Ukraine."

"By the Church of Western Ukraine" is probably meant the three Catholic dioceses of the Oriental Rite in Galicia, namely: Lublitz, Przemysl and Stanislavow. In that case it is necessary to remember that the Bishops and Auxiliaries of these dioceses have been killed or imprisoned, while a great part of the clergy has been put in a condition under which they are not able properly to exercise their ministry.

The so-called synod held at Lvov which decided to abrogate the union of the Ruthenians with the Church of Rome, a union that has existed since 1596, was probably headed by some few apostate priests, one of whom recently published a little book against the primacy of the Holy See.

Furthermore, it was pointed out by the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church of January 18, 1948, that the Church is suffering under the Bolshevik regime a cruel oppression and true persecution. It was in that synodical, ecclesiastical assembly that the following was decided: "The so-called synod held at Lvov which decided to abrogate the union of the Ruthenians with the Church of Rome, a union that has existed since 1596, was probably headed by some few apostate priests, one of whom recently published a little book against the primacy of the Holy See."

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## Pastor Dies



REV. JOHN J. GANCY

## Bishop Officially At Requiem for Father John Gancy

Pontifical Requiem Mass with more than 100 priests in attendance marked the final tribute to the Rev. John J. Gancy, pastor of St. Felix Church, United Square and U. S. Army Chaplain in World War II.  
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## On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Behind the Soviet "Iron Curtain" which has fallen across Europe "from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic," a ruthless persecution is being waged against the Catholic Church by Joseph Stalin, modern heir-apparent to the ancient mantle of the despotic Nero.

For the sake of the record, let us go back a bit. Remember September of 1943? That was when the Stalin government surprised the world. After 25 years of notorious anti-religious conduct, Moscow suddenly allowed the Russian Orthodox Church to come out of the Soviet prisons and concentration camps. Stalin allowed the late Sergius to be named Patriarch of Moscow.

## Plot to Poison Cardinal Mooney Reported Balked

By KEVIN FURCHON  
A Free Press Staff Writer  
Detroit — Police Commissioner John F. Ballenger confirmed reports that he had received an anonymous telephone tip of an alleged plot to poison Edward Cardinal Mooney at a banquet in his honor.  
Ballenger said that it was his belief the plot was "hatched in the mind of a religious fanatic whose plans were balked by prompt and thorough investigation."  
The tipster said, according to Ballenger, that the poison attempt was to be made during the banquet tendered Cardinal Mooney at the Hotel Book Cadillac by the Detroit Board of Commerce, March 12.  
Police officials said that no arrests had been made, but that "several persons" had been questioned.  
After receiving the tip, detectives as well as waiters and waitresses at the hotel.

A special chef was called in to prepare the food to be eaten by the Cardinal and his party, Ballenger said.  
An official of the Board of Commerce refused to comment, declaring "I know the whole story, but I won't discuss it unless I am ordered to do so."  
Ballenger said that the investigation would be continued.  
The disclosure by Ballenger recalled a poison plot at a banquet in honor of the late Cardinal Mundelein in Chicago in 1924.  
Hundreds of banquet guests were stricken after eating soup which was found to contain a deadly poison. Several died later. The lives of many others were saved because of the presence of physicians at the banquet.  
Cardinal Mundelein, however, did not taste the soup, and was unharmed. The plot was attributed to an assassin who was

## Fire Sweeps Pentfield Church

Fire which broke out in the vestry, gutted that part of St. Joseph's Church, Pentfield, and burned destroyed the roof above, the Rev. Jacob R. Hauber, administrator reported to the Chancery, Wednesday. Defective wiring was cited as the cause.

At the banquet, the Rev. Gancy was the guest of honor. He was accompanied by the Rev. John J. Gancy, pastor of St. Felix Church, United Square and U. S. Army Chaplain in World War II.  
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