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Feed Starving, or be Responsible For Their Death, Bishop Warns

Washington — (INS) — America has the choice of helping feed the starving peoples of the world or being held responsible for the death of millions from hunger, the Most Rev. Bernard J. Shell, auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, declared in a front page message in the Washington Post.

Bishop Shell recently returned from a tour of France, Germany, and Italy during which he made an investigation for President Truman. Partial text of his message follows:

"In a world like ours, still reeling from the shocks of war and still fearful of the uncertainties of the future, it is often difficult to chart a moral course. But, now and again, issues become so clear that we find one choice forced upon us, despite the clamor of other interests and the pressure of personal desires.

"Such an issue is before the American people now. It is the issue of food for the world, and the choice is: shall America feed the world, or shall America be responsible for the death of millions from hunger? This is no melodramatic question posed in feverish emotion, but a brutal query wrung from the lips of suffering people everywhere.

Cuts Through Intrigue

"The issue of feeding the hungry cuts through the jungle of political intrigues and conflicting national aims. It is starkly simple, if America does not feed the hungry of the world, the hungry will die.

"And if they die, the ideals for which we fought the war will again be imperiled. We said that we battled for freedom and justice, the foundations of democracy and peace, but freedom is a hollow mockery and justice is a macabre joke to men with empty stomachs. Democracy is an idle speculation to men who watch their families die. Peace is a tantalizing mirage to those who do not eat. Where there is the looming specter of hunger, there is no peace. Where there is the menacing shadow of death, there is no security.

"America has emerged from this war the most powerful nation on earth. But the obligations of such a nation are as great as its power. One of these obligations is to feed the hungry. There is no question that we Americans can do this, without any hurt to ourselves. There is equally no question that unless we do this, we shall be responsible for the death of millions of human beings throughout the world. Unless we do this, we can never again possess that priceless quality, self-respect.

6 Detroit Priests Given Papal Honors

Detroit — (NC) — Papal honors for eight priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit were announced following the return of His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney to his See City.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward J. Hickey, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, has been appointed a Protonotary Apostolic. The Very Rev. Magr. Allen J. Babcock, rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament here, has been given the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Six other priests have been named Domestic Prelates with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. They are the Revs. Leo De Barry, archdiocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; Carroll F. Dedy, archdiocesan superintendent of schools; Henry E. Donnelly, rector of Sacred Heart Seminary; Walter R. Hardy, pastor of St. Theresa Church here; Edward J. Szymal, rector of St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary; and Alexander Zaleski, Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese.

Rome Mass Said For Barber

U. S. Bishop Fulfills Promise He Made

Rome — (NC) — As part of his recollections of the recent Consistory the sacristan of the Church of St. Mary of the Angels here, recalls how he assisted an American Bishop in fulfilling an obligation that was literally thrust upon him.

The prelate, is Bishop Michael J. Ready, of Columbus, who came into this venerable edifice to establish the identity of the church, and of a particular chapel within it. Satisfied that he had the right place, the Bishop asked permission to say Mass at this particular spot. It was granted.

Behind these inquiries, the sacristan revealed this story: Shortly before Bishop Ready left Columbus to come to Rome in company with Cardinals Mooney and Stritch, he was overtaken on a street in Columbus by a man who had pursued him breathlessly for some distance.

The man explained that he was a barber in a shop where the Bishop had just had his hair cut, and that he had been told the Bishop was about to go to Rome. The man begged the Bishop to go to the Church of St. Mary of the Angels in Rome, which had been "his church," and offer a Mass for his intention.

The Bishop said he could not promise, but would try, and would let the man know upon his return home. The man replied that the Bishop must not fail him, pressed a dollar into the prelate's hand, and disappeared. Feeling this put him under an obligation to the man, Bishop Ready was at some pains to carry it out.

Red Birettas Go To French and Dutch Cardinals

Paris — (NC) — Cardinal Jules Saliege, Archbishop of Toulouse, who was prevented by illness from being present at the Consistories in Rome, was solemnly invested with the red biretta, symbol of Cardinalatial dignity, by Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, Apostolic Nuncio to France.

The biretta and the Papal brief were brought from Rome by Bishop Louis de Courges d'Usson, Rector of the Church of St. Louis des Français, and former Auxiliary Bishop of the Toulouse Archdiocese.

The bells of the Cathedral were ringing when the Apostolic Nuncio arrived in Toulouse, where he was met at the station by members of the clergy and representatives of the civil authorities. The Nuncio went immediately to Cardinal Saliege's residence. The ceremony of imposition took place at the old Basilica of la Daurade. Archbishop Roncalli in his discourse extolled the new Cardinal whose courageous stand during the occupation of France, he said, had given a lesson to all Frenchmen and an example to the whole world.

Utrecht — (NC) — In the presence of almost all the members of the Netherlands Hierarchy, a representative of Queen Wilhelmina, the Prime Minister and three Catholic members of his cabinet, Cardinal Jon de Jong, Archbishop of Utrecht, was solemnly invested with the red biretta of a Prince of the Church by Archbishop Paolo Gobbe, Apostolic Internuncio to the Netherlands.

The ceremony took place at Utrecht Cathedral and was witnessed by thousands. Cardinal de Jong had been prevented by illness from going to Rome for the Consistory.

Prime Minister Willem Schermerhorn was present at the ceremony, accompanied by Theodor S.C.J.M. Van Schaik, Minister for Communications and Power; L.J.M. Beel, Minister for Home Affairs; and H.A.M.T. Van Kolt-schoten, Minister of Justice. The only member of the Netherlands Hierarchy unable to be present was Bishop Joseph H.G. Lemmens of Roermond, who was ill.

Catholic Educators Arrive in Tokyo

Tokyo — (Radio, NC) — Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, Director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Secretary General of the National Catholic Educational Association, and Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, Secretary General of the Catholic University of America, have arrived here with a group of American educators sent to Japan at the request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Monsignor Hochwalt and Dr. Deferrari came to Tokyo by plane from Guam. On the night of their arrival, they visited Archbishop Paul Marella, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, and the following day were luncheon guests of General MacArthur.

CHINA'S COURSE

Chungking — (INS) — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek: "We should abandon preconceived notions and take into account China's future outlook as a whole, and carry on until peaceful unification is achieved."

German Prison Chaplain Lauded by Belgian Priest

Louvain, Belgium — (NC) — A tribute to the German army chaplain of the prison in which he was interned has been written for La Libre Belgique by Magr. Honoré van Weyenberghe, rector of Louvain University here.

Referring to Magr. Otto Gramann, Catholic chaplain at St. Gilles' Prison in Brussels during the German occupation, Magr. van Weyenberghe said: "The chaplain wore the enemy's uniform in the exercise of his charitable work, but by heart, feelings and conviction he was one of ours; all those he has helped loved him."

Magr. Gramann is now back in his parish in Vienna and is in dire need of help, the Belgian priest disclosed. All of his possessions have been taken from him, he said. "He deserves that we honor and that we help him," he added.

"He thought as we did, and while speaking of stricken Belgium, his mind went to his own Austria, suffering from the same enemy since the Anschluss. He wished for the defeat of Germany, just as we did. All the priests who were interned in St. Gilles owe a special debt of gratitude to Magr. Gramann. He saw to it that every morning they could say Mass in their cells, providing them every morning with wine and altar bread."

The Austrian priest informed the Belgian internees that a group of Basque hostages had sung the "magnificat" as they were shot by the Nazis at Liege, and that others had sung the "Te Deum" or a hymn to Our Lady. He constantly expressed his admiration for the courageous way in which the Belgians faced death, Magr. van Weyenberghe reported.

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