

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

From Canada comes a grim... From Germany itself comes another shocking account...

Breaking this evil conspiracy of silence... The eastern half of the Russian zone has been thoroughly plundered...

The Vatican radio further reveals that cries for help are going up to the Russian zone from girls and women who are being brutally raped and whose bodily and spiritual health is completely shaken...

Today behind the Iron Curtain millions and millions in the Silesia, in Germany, and even in Russia, are praying for the hour when they will be free of the bondage of Stalin's Red Fascism...

How can we help these who now suffer behind the Iron Curtain? Some may think we should fight our way to them with guns but America has already failed to free the world by force...

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3 Yugoslav Nuns Doomed To Die by Military Court; Fourth Gets 21-Year Term

Washington—(AP)—Three Yugoslav Sisters of Charity have been condemned to death and a fourth received a 21-year prison term after a "trial" by a military tribunal which refused to permit the nuns to defend themselves against charges of complicity in the murder of hospitalized Partisan soldiers.

Parishes Step up Plans For New Food Drive

Parishes of the Rochester Diocese were geared this week for another all-out effort to gather canned food for the 150 million Europeans and Asians now facing death and starvation.

Gannett Hears Pope Stress Value Of Truth in News

—(RNS)—Twelve American newspaper executives, including Frank E. Gannett of Rochester, N. Y., were received in audience by Pope Pius XII, who declared in a brief address that the press must be loyal to the truth.

Comet Discovery Told by Vatican

Rome—(AP)—The discovery of a comet by an astronomer of the Vatican Observatory at Castel Gandolfo is featured as the outstanding event in the annual report on the observatory's activities made to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

150 Belgian Priests Said Nazi Victims

Montreal—(AP)—The Rev. Edouard Froidure, director of the Station on Plain Air of Brussels and military chaplain who was imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp, said during a visit to Montreal that 150 Belgian priests had been deported to Germany and in deportation camps during the war.

Atomic Funeral, Sermon For Nagasaki's 8,000 Souls

The following is the text of an address delivered by Dr. Paulo Nagai, a Japanese Catholic, medical officer, at services for 8,000 atomic bomb victims in the Unkaijima Parish of Nagasaki. When the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki last August, Dr. Nagai lost his wife and two of his own children. His home was also destroyed.

At midnight as the flames surged from the large church of Unkaijima, the Emperor, applying pressure to the army leaders, declared his will to halt the war.

On the 15th of August, 1945, he addressed the people of Japan by radio to new step in the history of Japan and announced his desire for peace. He stated that he wished, and was firmly determined to give peace to the world.

This happened on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. We remembered then that Japan, and especially the Church of Unkaijima, had been consecrated to Mary. Shall we call that a strange coincidence, or would it not be better to regard it as a predestinated act of Providence?

Jubilant

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DR. EMIL GEFELL TO OBSERVE 50TH YEAR AS PRIEST

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