

### Secret Thorn Unharmed In Burglary at Rheims

The thorn which was the symbol of the French people's resistance to the German occupation during the war, was unharmed in a burglary at Rheims, France, last night.

The burglar, who was seen by a policeman, was seen to enter the cathedral and to go to the treasury where the thorn is kept. He was seen to take the thorn and to run away with it.

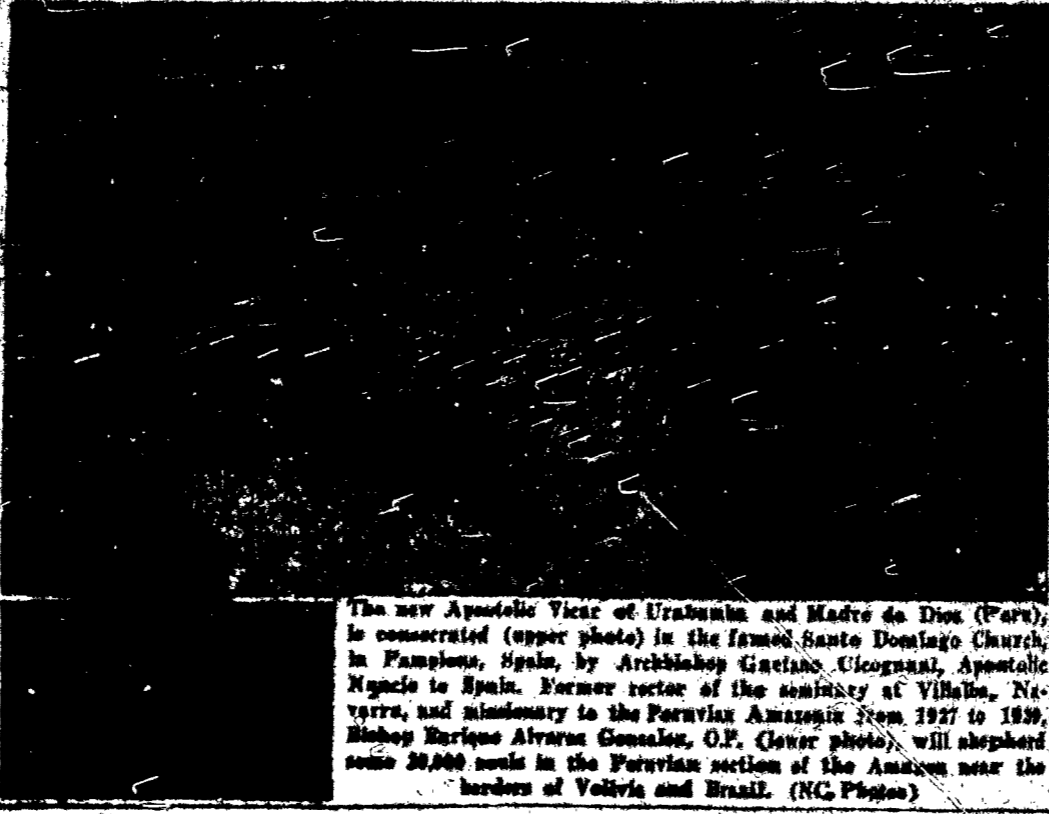
The thorn is a small piece of wood, which was used by the French people to make a cross for their homes during the war. It is now kept in the treasury of the cathedral at Rheims.

The burglar, however, failed to break into a strong room where the most valuable objects are being kept. Most of the things they carried away were copies of the original. They also stole a gold cross from the treasury of St. Denis which is in Paris.

The burglar is a man of about 30 years of age, of medium build, with dark hair and eyes. He was wearing a dark suit and a hat.

The police are looking for him and are offering a reward of 100,000 francs for his capture.

### A New Missionary Bishop for Peru



The new Apostolic Vicar of Urubamba and Madre de Dios (Peru), is consecrated (upper photo) in the Immaculate Conception Church in Pamplona, Spain, by Archbishop Gaspar Ugarralde, Apostolic Nuncio to Spain. Former rector of the seminary at Villavieja, Nicaragua, and missionary to the Peruvian Amazon from 1927 to 1939, Bishop Enrique Alvarez Gonzalez, O.P. (lower photo), will shepherd some 20,000 souls in the Peruvian section of the Amazon near the borders of Bolivia and Brazil. (N.C. Photos)

### School Crisis Threatening In Hungary

The maintenance or abolition of church schools is one of the crucial questions being debated by rightist and leftist groups in Hungary.

Since the return of Premier Francis Nagy and the other government ministers from visits to Washington and London, a prolonged crisis has ensued in Hungarian home politics. One of the most difficult problems arises out of demands by Communists and Social Democrats to secularize all public education and limit religious instruction to self-supporting schools.

The standpoint of the Catholic Church in this matter was made clear when Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty issued a pastoral letter concerning church education. The primate declared the Church will not yield "the divine right to educate."

He claimed that Catholic schools must be subsidized by the state, partly as compensation for the confiscation of church estates under new agrarian legislation and partly because the expenses of public education are met in large part by Catholic parents who have every right to demand state aid in keeping up church schools.

Communist ministers claim to have learned "something new" during their visit to the West.

Addressing a public meeting, Deputy Prime Minister Mathia Rakosi declared that both he and the Socialist members of the government discovered "with great surprise" that in the western democracies it seemed to be right and natural not to teach religion in public schools.

A leading article in the Communist Party paper, Szabad Napi (Free People), referring to the words of the party chief, demanded that religious teaching in Hungarian state schools be abolished.

It does not seem likely that showdown on the church school issue will be forced just now. Hungary is preoccupied at the moment with critical problems of inflation. However, the unresolved questions connected with church schools and education are bound to become paramount sooner or later.

### Saint Forecasts Man's Vocation

Baltimore — (NC) — Mother Mary Raphael, who is finishing her term as superior of St. Leo's Italian Orphanage here, had her religious vocation predicted for her when only eight years old by St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, first U.S. citizen saint.

It happened when Mother Cabrini was visiting an orphanage in Arlington, N. J., where Mother Mary Raphael was then being cared for by members of Mother Cabrini's community. All the orphans were overjoyed by the Saint's visit, and in her bounding enthusiasm the future nun interrupted Mother Cabrini's talk with the declaration that she wanted to be a nun.

The embarrassed superior of the orphanage apologized to Mother Cabrini and added that the young girl would never make a sister, because "she is too lively."

"Yes, she will become a Sister," Mother Cabrini took up for the little orphan, adding that sisterhood "do not like girls who have no life in them." "Lively girls make the best Sisters," she said.

### Paris Nuncio Said Nuremberg Witness

Paris — (NC) — Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, Papal Nuncio to France, has submitted testimony for the War Crimes trials at Nuremberg, Paris newspapers report. He received the seal of Paris justices at the request of the International Tribunal to obtain the Nuncio's testimony.

The Archbishop's declaration was requested by the attorney of the former German chancellor, Franz von Papen, the reports assert, adding that before submitting testimony Archbishop Roncalli obtained permission from His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The nature of the testimony is not known.

### St. Bernard's Crusade Anniversary Marked

Paris — (NC) — It is 800 years since, under a column at Vézelay, St. Bernard preached the Second Crusade. The celebration of the anniversary in the historic village has been marked by a series of exceptional character and superb symbolism, announcing the beginning of a "Crusade for Peace."

Fourteen enormous wooden crosses of massive pattern, designed to compass a Way of the Cross which will remain as a memorial of this anniversary, have been carried to Vézelay, coming from many points of Europe and even from the New World.

There is a cross from England, America, Canada, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, The crosses of France came from the Basque, from the Basque frontier, one from Alaska and one from Paris. There is also the Cross of the Captives — carried by German prisoners.

Some were carried in trucks to the vicinity of Vézelay, but the greater part traversed the roads of France on the backs of pilgrims.

Fourteen Ann, which seem to answer one another, were lighted successively on the heights near the village, each marking the arrival of another cross. The last one was placed on the altar where the first monastery was erected by St. Francis of Assisi. Blessed by the Archbishop of Sens, all the crosses were then

### 68 Missionaries Leave For Fields Afar

Cap De La Madeleine, Que. — (NC) — In the presence of thousands of pilgrims, 68 missionaries—priests, brothers and nuns—representing nine religious communities, consecrated their lives to the Blessed Virgin and prayed for divine help at Our Lady's shrine here prior to their departure for mission fields in every corner of the world.

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He proposed that 20th century Christians gather behind the Cross and carry on a campaign for universal peace, taking up the very cry of St. Bernard: "God wills it! God wills it!" At the conclusion, 21 priests distributed the Sacred Hosts.

Only a part of the pilgrims could find places in the nave and 30,000 stood on the shaded terrace which surrounds the ancient basilica.

On the last day of the assembly, the Feast of St. Madeleine, which is the feast of the abbey, presided at the Apostolic Nuncio to France, Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, gave the benediction of the Holy Father to the pilgrims. In the concluding ceremony on the elevated terrace before the basilica, a group of Christian artists presented an appropriate mystery play recalling the life of St. Bernard.

Vézelay is one of the most illustrious pilgrimage spots in Christendom. In the basilica are the relics of St. Madeleine, which were brought into Burgundy in the 9th century when the Saracens invaded this Province and threatened their security. The present basilica, one of the grandest creations of romanesque art, was begun in 1000 and consecrated in 1024. It caught fire from some undetermined cause in 1220 on the vigil of the Saint while a congregation filled the nave. A number of the faithful lost their lives.

It was from the terrace that St. Bernard preached the Crusade in the presence of King Louis VII of France, of the Emperor Conrad and of an immense assembly of barons and chivalry. Twenty years later, St. Thomas of Canterbury, in exile, pronounced at Vézelay the sentence of excommunication against Henry II, King of England.

The Benedictine Abbey of Vézelay was twice devastated by the Normans. At the time of the Reformation, the Huguenots pillaged it and transformed it into a stable for their horses. The Cardinal of Lorraine rebuilt it from its ruins, but later the monastic buildings were destroyed in the Revolution leaving only the church itself standing.



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