

Peace Treaties Wreck Charter, Vatican Says

Vatican City—Radio, (NC)—The Atlantic Charter was depicted as a ship flying the battle flag of liberties, running aground "on the rocks of contradictory conclusions. In comment by Observatore Romano, Vatican City daily, on the signing of the peace treaties with the five Axis satellite nations.

HUNGARY MOURNS TERMS OF PEACE TREATY SIGNED

Budapest—(Radio, NC)—

Impressive religious ceremonies in St. Stephen's Cathedral, conducted on a note of sadness and mourning, commemorated the signing in Paris of the Hungarian peace treaty.

Catholics here paid homage to the national relic, the right hand of St. Stephen, first Hungarian king, and took part in public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Crowds dressed in black or wearing black arm bands gathered in the cathedral and thronged through the streets before the His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, read a solemn declaration pertinent to the occasion.

"In 1920, 63.5 per cent of our population and 71.3 per cent of our soil was taken away from Hungary," he stated, "giving us the beggar's sack in its place. Now on February 10, 1947, the second mutilation is much worse, because even more territory has been taken away. A million Hungarian people living in the detached territories are in a lawless state."

The Hungarian Courier, Catholic news agency, carried a long commentary on the treaty by an official spokesman for the Hungarian Catholic Church, pleading for the intercession of the Lord upon the Hungarian nation, and reaffirming the Catholic view of hope for the progress of democracy and peace among nations.

Montreal Catholics Open Temperance Campaign

Montreal—(RNS)—The Federation of the League of the Sacred Heart has inaugurated a temperance campaign here with a recommendation to the Provincial Government that there be strict enforcement of municipal regulations in local taverns, hotels and homes as to closing times, cleanliness, hygiene and fire prevention regulations.

Mrs. Luce Aids Negro Hospital

Mobile, Ala.—(RNS)—Clare Booth Luce has donated \$10,000 which she received for a series of articles written for McCall's Magazine on "Why I Joined the Catholic Church" to a \$100,000 Negro maternity hospital which will be constructed here.

The Most Rev. T. J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile, in making the announcement, also disclosed that Jack Whitney contributed \$5,000 to the same hospital "by way of apology" for statements he made in a debate on religion with Mrs. Luce.

Japanese Students Return to Vatican



The first Japanese students for priesthood to study at the Vatican since 1918 are shown in their regalia. From left to right: (left) Fr. Kiyomasa Kato, S.J., 23, of Nagasaki; (center) Fr. Kiyomasa Kato, S.J., 23, of Nagasaki; (right) Fr. Kiyomasa Kato, S.J., 23, of Nagasaki.

GI Joe Has Fallen from His Wartime Pedestal But Picture Isn't All Dark

By REV. PATRICK O'DONNAN

Peiping—(NC)—Has GI Joe

changed for the worse?

Two years ago and less, he was a hero to millions in the Far East. To missionaries and native Catholics all the way from the Solomon Islands to Chungking, he was a delight.

Now signs on Shanghai walls tell him "Go Home!" and worse than that. Chinese newspaper correspondents and friendly Orientals see faults in him that were rarely mentioned during the war or immediately after it.

Some months ago I questioned Catholic chaplains in Japan on the percentage of Catholic soldiers attending Mass regularly.

Their estimates ranged from an optimistic 70 to 25 per cent.

Last September I spent some days in an enlisted men's rest camp hotel in Atami, Japan. Just how many of the 80 men staying there were Catholics is hard to say, but only 3 of them came to Mass on Sunday. One was a native of Guam, a sailor.

Li. Roderick O'Grove, manager of the hotel, who remembered his Mass-serving from boyhood days in Indiana, and one of his staff brought the conversation up to 5.

Decrease in Devotion

A Japanese Catholic asked me last October if the U. S. Government could send only the best behaved soldiers for occupation duty. "In the beginning it was much better," he said. He felt that the non-Christian Japanese

were no longer receiving such impressive lessons in Christian self-control as had amazed them when the GI's first arrived.

A Catholic chaplain in Tientsin said recently in a Marine newspaper that no more than 15 per cent of his Marine flock attended Mass regularly.

Speaking to the same flock, obviously with the chaplain's approval, Bishop John DeViennes, C.M.I., of Tientsin, said in a circular letter last November.

"Your presence in Tientsin has brought many blessings upon the work of the Church. . . . In addition to your good example, you and your commanding officers have extended many courtesies and considerable material aid to our churches, schools and missions."

However I am conscious of the many grave temptations to which you are subject here in a pagan country, far from home. . . . Not only your own Chaplains but we missionaries . . . have noticed a decrease in devotion, a growth in vice and bad conduct, a falling away from Christ."

Works Moral Marvel

It must be recalled that the GI of 1947 is usually not the man who left the beaches in 1943. Though you meet veterans of the Pacific and European theaters overseas today, many servicemen are boys of 19 or 20, now away from home for the first time.

In this first, crucial absence, they find themselves in lands where the environment offers little help.

Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President
Very Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, E.T.O. National Secretary
Rev. Andrew M. Repach, E.T.O. Assistant Secretary

Once Wood, Now Gold
The word "pyri" means box-wood in Greek, but it is now a gold watch-like resplendence, in which the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament to the sick. Bishop Khoury, of Egypt, has just asked for four of these. Can you give twenty-five dollars to purchase one?

PRIEST WRITES HIS BISHOP
Bishop Khoury recently sent me a letter he received from his priest at Kolaly, Egypt. Father John Kates has five hundred Catholics in a population of seven thousand. Listen to him.

"I live four miles from my little chapel. Every morning at six I walk the distance. There are no trolleys, no buses, no taxis here, and even if there were, I could not afford these luxuries. Please God, these old feet will hold up until I can have at least a couple of rooms added on to the chapel."

"Locally I can use a room in the local school for meetings and one chapel, but we are still scared lest any of the kiddies put his fistful on the desks. Out we shall go, when that happens. Every Sunday I am proud of my gathering of twenty-five little Knights of Christ the King."

"Chances for converts are good but what poor people I already have! Poor I mean, of course, in this world's goods. They are humble workers, making scarcely enough to buy bread for their many children. The homes are hovels, and hygiene is not elementary. There is much charity to do, but I have no means. Please help me, if you can."

Kolaly is near where the Holy Family stopped in Egypt. Won't you help us to send Father John five hundred dollars before the month ends. He has a rich harvest before him. Shall we make money by stumbling block?"

WHAT HAPPENED?
What happened on October 12, 1947? You will find out in "EAST MEETS WEST" by Miss Margaret Shaw, which we send to all who give a little for the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima, soon to rise in the Holy Land for conversion of Russia.

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U. S. Bishops Aid to War Needy Hits 90 Millions

Washington—(NC)—

Relief shipments totaling 118,000 pounds and valued at approximately \$90,000,000 have been sent to the war-stricken countries of Europe and the Far East by the National Emergency and Relief Committee and War Relief Services.

War Relief Services, which the past three years it has shipped as far as 100,000 tons of relief supplies, was the recipient of a visit from the National Emergency and Relief Committee and War Relief Services.

Cardinal von Preysing, who time and again defied Hitler during the war years, came to this country to personally extend the humanitarian aid to the German people in the form of relief supplies. The relief aid sent during the past year.

Germany, the report noted, was at first helped from relief materials because of the restrictions of the Trading With the Enemy Act, but in February 1946 was permitted to share in the generosity of Americans with the setting up of the Council of Relief Agencies Licensed to Operate in Germany (C.R.A.L.O.G.) of which War Relief Services is a member agency.

First shipment of goods to Germany left the United States on March 29, 1946, the report stated. Since that time C.R.A.L.O.G. has made forty shipments and War Relief Services-N. C. W. C. has participated in twenty-six of this number, shipping 7,986,743 pounds. The total of relief goods shipped by C.R.A.L.O.G. to Germany totals 34,328,326 pounds of which War Relief Services-N. C. W. C. has sent 12 per cent, valued at more than \$15,000,000.

The report also points out that since the cessation of hostilities War Relief Services-N. C. W. C. has had representations in Germany for the benefit of 1,000,000 displaced persons in the American, British and French zones of occupation.

During the past year major relief projects were established in seven additional sections, including the military occupied territories of Austria and Japan, and in the "overcrowded" countries of Czechoslovakia and Hungary. These projects, the report stated, are of course in which aid has been extended by the two relief

Vatican Relations Pope Tells

Vatican City—Radio, (NC)—

The Pope's relations with the world's governments and peoples are the subject of a new book, "The Pope and the World," by the Vatican's official newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

The book, which is the first of a series, is a collection of the Pope's speeches and encyclicals, and is published by the Vatican's official printer, the Vatican Press.

The book is available in Italian, French, English, and Spanish, and is priced at 100 lire (approximately \$2.50) per volume.

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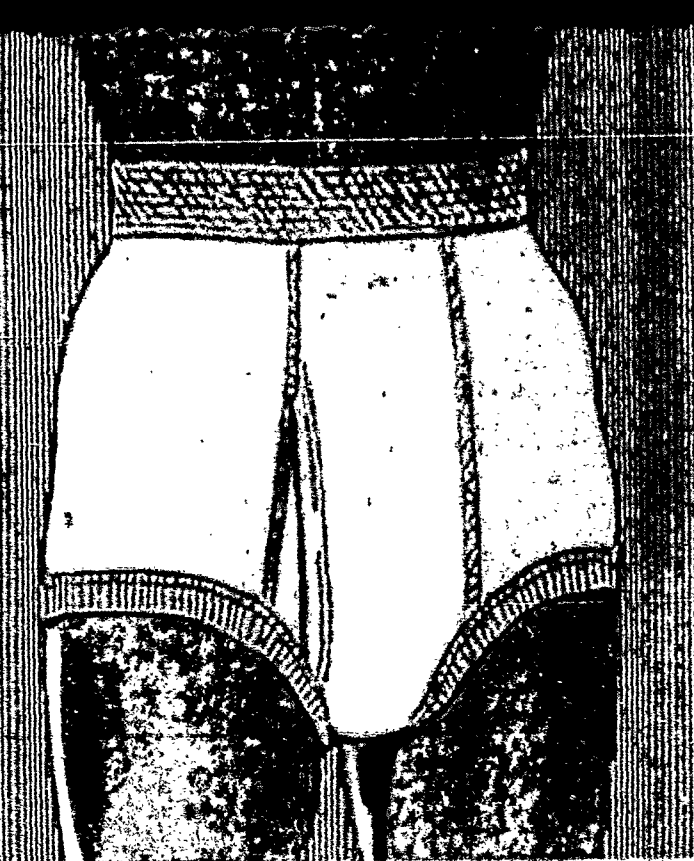
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