

## Pontiff Asks Blessings On Catholic Press Workers

Rome—(Radio, N.Y.)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has again implored a special blessing on all those who are in any way responsible for the work of the Catholic Press.

The Holy Father voiced this prayer in an address on Catholic Press Day. He called on the faithful to recognize the great mission of the Catholic daily and to cooperate in its mission.

In his address for press day, the Pontiff asked that it should not be forgotten that the daily Catholic Press is not only a means of spreading the Christian faith and for a healthy spiritual education of the people; on those who are organizing the Catholic Press in every social group and are spreading the moral sense of those who do not understand the danger of a great movement or hostile to moral and religious principles and finally on those whose generosity secures the existence of the Catholic Press.

In calling on the faithful to recognize the great mission of the Catholic daily, the Pontiff stated that they would not only receive divine reward for any cooperation in this cause but also be bound to the moral and spiritual health of society.

## Soviets Use Political 'Magic'

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were active during the war in the underground fight against Nazi totalitarianism.

However, Communists seized upon the discovery of this "plot" and there are Hungarians who suspect that it was, at least partly, engineered by the Communists themselves as a welcome opportunity to bring about a split within the ranks of the small holders' party and to eliminate, by arrest or otherwise, political leaders who enjoyed the confidence of the majority.

Considering the innate weakness of Hungary's Communists, it goes without saying that they could have never succeeded in their schemes without the backing of the Red Army that wielded undisputed power in Hungary.

There is no country in Europe where I was more aware of the presence of the Red Army than in Hungary. The Red Army is the instrument of the Kremlin for carrying out its plans, and these plans call for the domination of Eastern Europe.

However, Hungary is a 70 per cent Catholic country. The leader of the Church in Hungary, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, is without doubt the most powerful force in shaping Hungarian public opinion. He has the fullest confidence of the people, not only of Catholics but also of Protestants and Jews.

Now more than ever, all Hungarians look upon the Church as a last bulwark of strength in their struggle against being sub-

## Year Abroad



Winner of the \$400 Fellowship Scholarship offered by Rosemary College, River Forest, Ill., to sophomore French students in American Catholic colleges is Adrienne K. Popin (above), of Boston. A student at Emmanuel College, Boston, Miss Popin will sail this summer with other American students to spend their junior year at Rosemary College Abroad—the Villa des Fougères, Fribois, Switzerland. (NO Photos)

## Diocesan Priest Meets 'Martyr'

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wife and daughter were carried off to the Caucasus, with each never being told where the other was going. Such devilish splitting up was the common procedure.

### Horrible Martyrdom

In 1941, when the Russians began to retreat before the German attack, they martyred all the priests and Catholics they could find, never mercifully shooting them but always mutilating horribly and beating them to death.

This tragic priest also gave us the real story on the reported break on the part of the Ruthenian Church with Rome. The Russians were now returning and the Germans retreating. Stalin had already set up the puppet Patriarch Sergius. The Russians' new resurgent allies and partners—ordered all these people to join the schismatic church or be slaughtered. At the same time they "held a synod" with a few "phony" bishops and declared for the schismatic church against Rome. This set the stage for the announcement, promptly denied by the Vatican, that the Ruthenian Church, numbering 6,000,000 souls, had broken with the Holy See.

During this forcing or "squeeze play" a few priests, about 25 turned and joined the schismatic church. About 800, among whom were five bishops and one archbishop, were killed for refusing to join; the people, likewise, have not gone over to this day, they don't go to church, do not support the church.

He, himself, came to Germany to slave-labor camp and factory work because his people were moving with the retreating Germans in order to escape the Russians.

His description of Russian methods of persecution was touched by deep personal grief, his own aged mother died of fright, suffering a heart attack when the Russians suddenly halted in the door of her home at midnight to conduct one of their examinations and investigations.

He corroborated the story of countless other DP's from the eastern countries with whom we talked when he told of Russian methods of labor-recruiting. At midnight they surrounded a village and ordered everyone out of their beds into the streets in front of their homes; having so regaled all the fine, healthy specimens, they grouped them together, loaded them into trucks and vans, and away they went to mines, factories, plants in the hinterlands, often as much as 250 miles from rail or road and in accessible except by plane. These poor conscripts were down in never out—they worked until they dropped; their story became usually a low, short, intense chapter of suffering, poor food, endless hours of labor, sickness, death, burial.

## Belgium Blesses Memorial Bell

Antwerp, Belgium—(N.Y.)—The blessing of a bell dedicated as a memorial for Belgium's liberation in World War II attracted hundreds of thousands of spectators to this vicinity.

The bell blessing ceremony was held in Malines and started off with a procession through the town of the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Hanswijk. His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Van Roey, archbishop of Malines, officiated at the blessing, which followed an ancient and impressive ritual and was performed at a special altar erected in the market square near the medieval town hall.

Blind Youngsters Take Exams  
New York (N.Y.)—Examinations printed in Braille were taken by eighth grade students of the Lavelle School for the Blind and diplomas issued to successful candidates.

## Ex-Envoy to Tito Listed by War Vets

Cleveland—(N.Y.)—Richard C. Patterson, Jr., former U. S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, will address some 10,000 delegates from 41 states the opening session of 12th states are expected to attend.

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