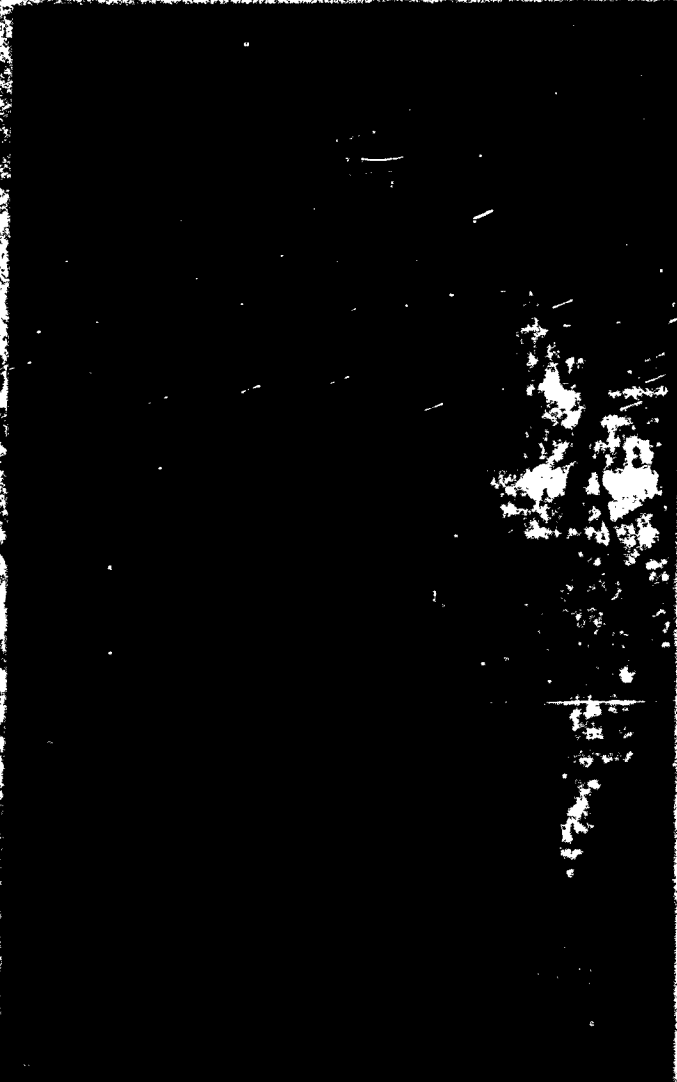


FATHER TELLS OF ARCTIC



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'Lively Corpse' in Jeep Feeds 1,200 Japanese Families

St. Joseph, N.Y. (UPI)—A "lively corpse" was the subject of a story in the Japanese press. The story was about a man who was killed in a jeep accident and whose body was used to feed 1,200 Japanese families. The story was a hoax, but it was widely reported in the Japanese press.

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Philippine Quakes Level Many Churches

Manila City, P. I. (UPI)—The Philippine Church's reconstruction program in the Philippines has been hit by a series of earthquakes. The earthquakes have caused damage to many churches, including the Manila Cathedral. The damage is estimated to be \$1,000,000 (U. S. currency).

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Every Catholic Has Vital Stake In Catholic Press, Bishop Says

By MONSIGNOR MICHAEL J. HEADY, Episcopal Chairman, N.C.W.C. Press Department

"Your hour is come!" "To be with Christ or against Christ: that is the whole question." These are the words of Pope Pius XII addressed to the world in his eloquent Christmas message. They are a vigorous challenge to action. They are a solemn and compelling call to duty.

How shall we respond to this challenge? With prayer first of all; with fervent, persevering confidence. Then, by taking up "the cross of faith and courage" in which our Holy Father urged us in his Christmas letter.

February is Catholic Press Month. If we do not make use of the power and voice of the Catholic Press in this crisis, we are stupidly ignoring our great and effective arm.

It is a fact that in our day we have excellent Catholic newspapers, teeming with information and inspired by the mind of the Church. We have reviews with analysis and opinion, and well edited magazines which cover the wide and varied field of human interest.

Happy the day is long past when a good cause had to be fought in the name of the Catholic Press. Those who read the Catholic Press today increasingly appreciate its interest and worth. Nearly 14,000,000 subscribers prove that assertion.

These months are an occasion for families and individuals to consider a more generous budget in support of the Catholic Press throughout 1948. The Catholic Press is the eye and ear of the world telling of victories and defeats but always of the issues which the devoted members of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church, must do their part.

Our Press chiefly through the efficient NC News Service reports the events of the world as they affect the Church and the welfare of all peoples.

There are present grave issues in our country which have a profound religious and moral significance. These questions must be brought to the attention of American citizens by capable reporters and honestly interpreted by skilled editors.

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New Bigotry Seen Linked To Red Hatred

New York (UPI)—Recent attacks on the Catholic Church are evidence of "the marriage of Protestant bigotry and Communist hatred of Catholicism," says Robert McCormick, Official of the Archdiocese of New York, declared in a sermon at the annual Memorial Mass of the New York County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans in St. Agnes Church, Manhattan, Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate, presided.

"This is not a natural alliance," Monsignor McCormick said, "but it seems that Protestant bigotry hates the Catholic Church more than it does Islam. How can one explain otherwise this philosophical and theological miscellany? Their progeny must of necessity be violence, injustice and possible bloodshed."

CITING the recent attack by a newly formed organization, The Protestants and Others for the Separation of Church and State, Monsignor McCormick said: "When during the recent war Catholics were inducted into the Army and Navy, no one raised his voice to say that a Catholic could not serve his God and his country at the same time. No one dared suggest that Catholics should be considered as a subversive group and put in concentration camps."

"When the Army and Navy established training schools for Catholic colleges, and Catholic scientists were asked to work on important items for defense, no one questioned Catholic loyalty or patriotism. No one suggested that the Church was trying to capture the American Government. When it came to a question of accepting dangerous assignments, no one ever suggested that Catholics were not worth dying for these United States."

RECALLING previous persecutions of the Church in this country, Monsignor McCormick said that while modern bigotry is pointing at the Catholic Church and crying, "Wolf," the real wolf is Communism. He added: "Thank God our Government has at last come to realize the real threat in our midst."

Attacks on Catholic loyalty and patriotism are a Communist inspired effort to cause religious dissension in the United States and distract the Government from its present important drive against the Reds. Monsignor McCormick charged.

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Pontiff Hails Catholic Press

Efforts to create an informed laity in the United States through instrumentalities of the Catholic Press are commended by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a message on the occasion of Catholic Press Month.

The message was sent by Monsignor Giovanni B. Montini, Secretariat of State, to Monsignor Michael J. Heady, Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Press Department. It reads:

"The Holy Father, on the occasion of Catholic Press Month, extends paternal encouragement to efforts to increase diffusion among the faithful and create thereby and informed laity interested in all problems affecting the Church, and cordially imparts to publishers and subscribers His Apostolic Blessing."


outlined in the principles enunciated by Pope Pius XII. We should accept the challenge of today with confidence. We have the weapons of truth to overcome the assaults of error. May God grant to the editors and readers of the Catholic Press the unfailing courage to meet victoriously the test of this hour.

Last Elites at 25 Below

Parent, Que. (UPI)—The Rev. Marcel Cloutier, of Barra te, Que., administered the Last Rites of the Church to as many of the nine dead and 55 injured he could reach after a Canadian National train wreck in 35 below zero weather here.

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