

Church Made Basilica Prague — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII has elevated the Church of St. Margaret in Brevnov to the rank of basilica. Brevnov is the site of ceremonies being held to commemorate St. Adalbert, Bishop of Prague, and founder of the church, who was martyred in 997.

Bishop's Peace Role Revealed by Hull

(Following are excerpts from the memoirs of Cordell Hull, wartime Secretary of State, touching on conversations with Japan in the hope of preserving peace. This material, taken from copyrighted articles of the North American Newspaper Alliance and based on the forthcoming work to be published by The Macmillan Company, New York, is reproduced here with special permission obtained for the Catholic Press by N. C. W. News Service.)

After stating that he had received notice from the American Ambassador to Japan, Joseph C. Grew, that rumors were circulating to the effect that Japan intended to attack Pearl Harbor in event of "trouble" with the United States, prominent Catholics in the Administration, and on the other several members of the Japanese Embassy.

"The President and I agreed that Bishop Walsh and Father Drought, along with Postmaster General Walker, could continue their contacts with the Japanese Embassy on a purely private basis and seek to reduce to writing what the Japanese had in mind."

Mr. Hull then speaks of his conversations with the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, and continues:

"The informal conversations conducted by Bishop Walsh, Father Drought and Postmaster General Walker with Japanese representatives, including Ambassador Nomura, reached a head on April 9. On that day I received from them a draft proposal on which the participants had agreed: 'During the next few days I went over this carefully with the experts on Far Eastern affairs of the State Department.'"

MR. HULL expresses keen disappointment that the document, after study, proved to be much less accommodating than he had expected it to be. "I concluded, however," he writes, "that however objectionable some of the points might be, there were others that could be accepted as they stood and still others that could be agreed to if modified."

He received the Japanese Ambassador, added four basic points to the document drawn up as a result of the private conversations between the Catholic group and the Japanese representatives, and asked that the matter be transmitted to the Japanese Government. The result, he states, was further evasion and subsequent actions leading to further deteriorations in relations between the two countries.

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Reds Victim



Father Aloysius Liang, 31-year-old Chinese priest, who has been killed by Communists. The victim of the People's Court trials, he was so brutally beaten that he was unable to walk. Communist soldiers then killed him, charging that he favored the Nationalist Kuomintang. (NC Photos)

BACK PARENTS' SCHOOL ACT

London—(NC)—Catholic parents of the Gagenham and Barking areas of Essex, just outside London, received official clerical support this week for their refusal to send their children to school because they could not go to a Catholic school.

The children have not attended class since last September. They were then refused admission to St. Ethelburga's School, Barking, because the local education authorities considered it already sufficiently crowded. No other Catholic school was available.

An official announcement read from the pulpits of the parishes on Sunday said that the vicar general of Brentwood, Msgr. William O'Grady, had been appointed by the Bishop to negotiate with the education authorities and that in the meantime the pastors of Barking, Gagenham, Hornchurch and Rainham gave "their unqualified support" to the parents.

Dagenham is a town which has sprung up around the British center for Ford Motors.

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Vatican Pact Breach Charged (Continued from Page 1) fault that the matter came to a standstill. On the contrary, it will be the present application of the land reform laws that aggravates a final solution of the problem." Despite the protests of the Bishops, new tracts of Church-owned land have been expropriated by the Revision Commission of the Ministry of Agriculture, now in session at Bratislava, Slovakia. The commission expropriated 41,900 acres belonging to the Chapter of Esztergom (Hungary), leaving only 123 acres to the original owners. Of 51,800 acres owned by the Archbishops of Esztergom, 42,200 acres were seized, despite the protests of Slovak farmers who declared their satisfaction with present arrangements. Also expropriated were the 18,500-acre holdings (mostly forests) of the Chapter of the Cathedral in Olomouc (Moravia). Only 617 acres were left in the possession of the Chapter.