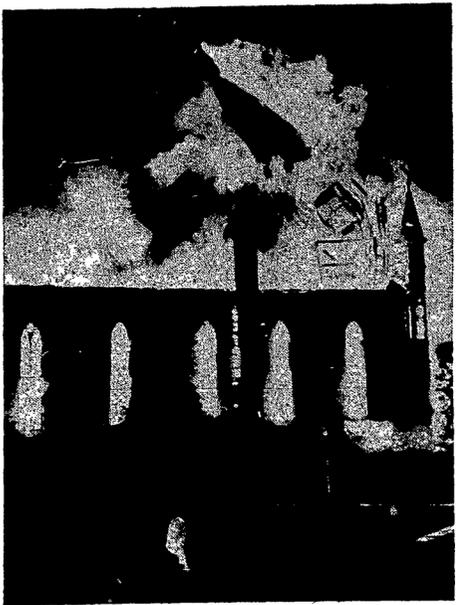


# A Steeple Topples



The steeple of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Brimfield, Ill., topples into the burning structure during the disastrous fire which completely destroyed the church. Rev. Thomas C. Harrison, pastor, was able to remove the Blessed Sacrament. Some of the Mass vestments and furnishings were saved. AP. (NC Photos.)

# 'Stop Secularism Tide' Nazareth Told

Only an awareness of the dangers in the current "secularist philosophy" and a "reinvigoration of the religious bases of democracy" will stem the onrushing tide of totalitarianism in America, the associate editor of "America," national Catholic weekly, warned 80 graduates of Nazareth College at commencement exercises in the college gymnasium Wednesday afternoon.

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Speaking on "Who Will Educate Your Children?" the well-known Jesuit editor asserted: "If the trend toward secularism in this country continues its march toward totalitarianism, your children and the children of America will become wards of the state within the next generation. If totalitarianism comes to this country, it will come not by way of Communism as much as by way of a secularism which is being erected into a religion and a way of life.

"The inevitable result," Father Farrell continued, "will be a declaration that religious education and religious schools are unconstitutional—thus destroying freedom of education. Shortly thereafter will come the destruction of freedom of religion and other democratic freedoms."

FIVE "GREAT CAUSES" of increasing secularism were listed by the priest, as follows:

1. The absolute secularists, for whom secularism itself is a religion, who deny all dogma except their own dogma of naturalism and call all others "authoritarian and antidemocratic." Among such adherents he mentioned John Dewey, Sidney Hook, Horace Kallen and the ethical culture groups headed by V. T. Thayer.

2. The statist, who hold to one public school system, declaring that private and parochial schools are "unnecessary duplication of public school efforts and a divisive factor in American democracy." This group, he added, "confuses unity with uniformity—the latter a totalitarian ideal."

3. Those Protestants who, until the recent Campaign decision, were all for public schools only, in which thousands of Protestant ministers teach, in which the Protestant Bible is taught and which Protestants by and large control." This group, Father Farrell contended, "now is facing the dilemma of finding an antidote for the secularism in public schools."

4. "Public school people who fear that public school education will lose dominance and that they will lose their jobs or be forced to accept private school employment at so-called salaries."

5. "So-called Catholics, who not only do not send their children to parochial schools when there is room for them, but call the parochial school system divisive and inferior."

AGAINST THESE efforts of "secularists in education" the Jesuit educator listed four required objectives:

1. A realization by Catholics of the extent of secularism and therefore an awareness of its dangers to themselves.

2. A restoration and reinvigoration of the religious bases of democracy—a recognition that

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## Primate Hits Terror Rule In Hungary

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Budapest — (NC) — Arraigning the Hungarian Government for misrepresentation of the Catholic attitude concerning current problems of the nation, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, has issued a pastoral warning the faithful of misrepresentation of the Church in government news, papers and radio broadcasts.

"To the bitter disgrace of this country," the Cardinal said, "falsehood, deceit and terror were never greater in the course of its history."

Conflict in Hungary at present centers in the proposed plan of the government to nationalize all the Catholic schools of the nation. Cardinal Mindszenty recently issued a pastoral on this question, expressing unalterable opposition of the Church to deprivation of the right of parents to educate their children in schools of their choice and the plan to deprive them of Church schools.

DURING A DEBATE in parliament on the proposed plan, a leftist deputy made a personal attack on His Holiness Pope Pius XII, shouting in the assembly: "He is not the representative of Jesus, but of the capitalists!"

Commenting on the incident, New Mass organ of Hungarian Catholic Action, called it "the cause of great consternation for the Hungarian Catholic public." The paper relates that "only hours afterwards was an indignant reprimand audible from the seat of the chairman."

THE MINISTRY of the Interior has blamed the Church in its opposition to the plan to establish a state monopoly of education for an outbreak of rioting which it said, occurred in the village of Jocsopirt. The Ministry of the Interior said a policeman had been killed in the affray.

In his latest pastoral Cardinal Mindszenty stated that "the efforts of Hungary are united in their efforts to defend the rights of religion."

## BOYS TOWN HAILS TRUMAN

Boys Town, Neb. (NC) — President Harry S. Truman honored Boys Town with a one-hour visit Saturday. It was the first time a President of the United States has ever visited Boys Town.

President Truman placed a wreath on the sarcophagus of Father Flanagan in the Dowd Memorial Chapel after hearing a special sacred concert by the Boys Town Concert Choir.

The President was given a rousing welcome upon his arrival. With the Boys Town Band playing "Hail to the Chief," and the boys hoisting placards and banners of welcome, some of the boys who work on the farm here rode two Missouri mules as signs of welcome. The President got a chuckle out of this.

Speaking to the boys, President Truman urged them to take advantage of their opportunities at Boys Town, so that they may be prepared for the opportunities which await them in later life. The Chief Executive paid high tribute to the memory of Boys Town's founder.

## Japanese Bishops Plan Charities Unit

Tokyo — (NC) — Prominent among decisions reached at the recent annual meeting of the Japanese Hierarchy here was the creation of a National Charities Association which will be known as "Caritas" and will serve to coordinate the work of all the charitable and social agencies directed by the Church throughout the nation.

Of international significance are the plans for the celebration of the fourth centenary of St. Francis Xavier's arrival in Japan, next year. A special sub-committee is being established within the National Catholic Committee to arrange the program for a nationwide observance of the centenary and it is expected that conditions permitting, a large number of pilgrims from Europe and America will take part in the ceremonies.

# POPE PROCLAIMS HOLY YEAR IN '50

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has told the Sacred College of Cardinals and "the whole Catholic universe" that "in the year 1950 the 25th Holy Year in the history of the Church will be celebrated. If so pleases the Lord, according to the prescriptions sanctioned by sacred tradition."

With this announcement Pope Pius brought to a close his address to the members of the Sacred College of Cardinals who had gathered to offer him their well wishes on his name-day, the Feast of St. Eugene, who was Pope I and occupied the Chair of Peter from 654 to 657.

It was a ringing discourse that called for "just and necessary social reforms" to be put into effect in the world in order to overcome the problems brought on by "the ruin and revolution of the war and its aftermath."

In proclaiming the Holy Year, Pope Pius expressed the hope that "after the sad times that have just passed, filled to the cup's brim with sorrow and anguish, may this really Holy Year, by the grace of the Most High, and through the intercession of the august Mother of God, the Princes of the Apostles and of all the Saints, be for the human family a harbinger of a new era of peace, prosperity and progress."

"May the days of the Holy Year," the Holy Father continued, "be a time when we shall be able to look upon the world with a single heart and soul, and address to God: 'Give us joy for the days in which Thou hast humbled us, for the years in which we have suffered misfortunes.'"

Full text of Pope's speech on Page 11.

## Vatican Note Backs Envoy

Nuremberg — (NC) — A letter by Vatican authorities figures prominently in the defense of Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, former German Ambassador to the Holy See, who is on trial here before an International Military Tribunal on war crimes charges.

Together with a number of affidavits given by priests and religious which are said to support the contention of the defense that von Weizsaecker assisted the Pope in saving Rome from destruction and that he helped to save many persecuted persons from death, the Vatican document is included in a 106-page volume that has been prepared by the defense for introduction as evidence.

The Vatican letter, dated February 18, 1948, states that von Weizsaecker:

- (1) Took an active part in the negotiations to make the demilitarization of Rome an actual fact and to get certain places, such as for instance Siena, Assisi and Chieti, recognized as hospital cities;

- (2) Assisted the direct efforts to bring to places of safety historical, bibliographical and artistic prints and documents especially in the region of the province of Lazio;

- (3) Used his endeavors to get several death sentences pronounced by the German military tribunals commuted and to induce the German military authorities to issue protective documents to the religious institutions in Rome to the personnel of the Pontifical departments and to the members of the Palatine Guard."

**Named Berlin Auxiliary**  
Berlin — (NC) — The Holy Father has named the Rev. Paul Tkotsh as Auxiliary Bishop to His Eminence Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin. The new Bishop, who was born in Upper Silesia 52 years ago, will be consecrated on June 11.

## Nazis Planned to Remove Pope From Rome in 1944

Nuremberg — (NC) — Plans of Nazi henchmen for the forcible evacuation of the Pope to Germany or some neutral country, like Liechtenstein, after Rome became an open city in 1944 were thwarted by Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, according to testimony of the former German elite guard General Karl Wolff in the trial of the former German diplomat to the Vatican.

G. Hoffmann Guenther, former chief of the Vatican division of Rome by the Germans was testified that the evacuation of the Pope to Germany was a "blatant lie" and that "if Berlin is being destroyed why should Rome fare better?"

Other evidence introduced at the trial purported to show that the bombing raid over Vatican City territory, late in 1943, was engineered by Alberto Farinacci, then secretary general of the Italian Fascist party. At the time, Vatican authorities identified the bombs as being of British origin. Farinacci had tried to blame the Allies for the violation of Vatican neutrality.

## Seven Children of Bormann, No. 1 Hitler Aide, Enter Church

By MAX JORDAN

Ingolstadt, Bavaria — (NC) — Seven of the eight children of the man who was Adolf Hitler's deputy and one of the bitterest foes of the Church in Germany have become Catholics. That is the amazing story I was told by one of the sons of Martin Bormann, 18-year-old Adolf Martin Bormann, when I interviewed him at the "Caritas Konvik" here, a Catholic boys' high school.

Young Bormann was in a Nazi school in Bavaria when the war was close to its end. With a group of SS troops he escaped to Austria, but the soldiers left him behind on a Tyrolean farm.

"One day," he told me, "I picked up a booklet in my host's living room. It was a Catholic pamphlet and I read it just because there wasn't anything else to read. It aroused my interest. One of the maid servants of the farm had brought the booklet from the church book rack and I wondered whether all I had been taught about Catholicism wasn't a distortion of the facts. The shock of Germany's sudden collapse may have added to my bewilderment."

YOUNG BORMANN sat there in the principal's study and talked quietly. Perhaps, he looked a bit too serious for a lad of his age, yet he was entirely at ease and willing to answer all questions. Father Henry Hotbeck in charge of the school had told me before that the boy had become a convert to the Church a year ago and was now one of the most zealous among the pupils.

"I had read the booklet in the morning, and often as late as 10 o'clock at night. He prays for hours at a time, and it seems that he has a subconscious desire to atone for the evils his father and so many of his associates are responsible for," the priest said.

"How did you happen to become a Catholic?" I asked young Bormann.

"Well," he answered, "after I had read that booklet I happened to visit a nearby pilgrimage center of the Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart. There I had an opportunity to talk to the Fathers and soon I decided that I wanted to become of their faith."

"WHAT DID your family say when they heard of it?"

"With the exception of one brother who is still non-religious, all became Catholics, too."

"You mean to say all your brothers and sisters came into the Church with you?"

"No, they came in on their own."

It seemed incredible. Of Martin Bormann's ten children, eight remain alive, four girls and four boys. What prompted them to discard their allegiance to the Nazi tenets, of which their father was so prominent and fanatical a proponent? Young Bormann has the whole story. His mother had sought refuge in a summer home of the Bormann family

near Meran, Tyrol, at the end of the war. She fell ill, was taken to a German army hospital in that Austrian city and became acquainted with the Rev. Theodor Schmidt, the Catholic chaplain. He is now a parish priest in the Berlin suburb of Neukoolln.

"Father Schmidt was very kind to mother," related young Bormann. "There was a Protestant chaplain, too, but when my mother's condition became serious she asked to see the Catholic priest, even though nominally she was a Protestant. On her deathbed she begged Father Schmidt to look after her children."

"MY MOTHER DIED," young Bormann continued, "and my three brothers and four sisters came to be very close to Father Schmidt who was kind and helpful to them even though he never made any effort to win them over to his faith. Eventually, as I said, all except one of my brothers asked to be received into the Church. Two of my sisters now are studying in the Meran convent of the 'English Ladies' and hope to become teachers."

"And what happened to yourself?"

"The Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart took me to their home near Salzburg when I expressed the desire to finish my high school studies. From there I was sent to the school here where several boys are preparing to become seminarians of that order."

"It has been reported," I said, "that you yourself want to become a priest."

"That is correct," answered young Bormann. "I hope to become a missionary."

Of his father young Bormann seems to know nothing. He assumes that he is dead, but doesn't know for sure.

"Wouldn't it be an outstanding manifestation of Divine providence," said one of the priest teachers, "if the very man who was one of the bitterest foes of the Catholic Church in Germany were to leave behind children who now accept the very faith their father despised and if one of them even were to become a priest?"

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# Holy Land Plea Sent To Vatican

Jerusalem (Via Amann) — (NC) — Asserting that their protests to the Truce Committee of the United Nations and to the International Red Cross have been fruitless, the leaders of Catholic religious communities in the Holy Land have addressed the Papal Secretariate of State at Vatican City as follows:

"We, the heads of the Catholic religious communities of Jerusalem, have the honor to submit for the information and consideration of the Holy See the following:

"From May 8 the City of Jerusalem enjoyed the benefits of a truce until Friday, May 14, when the Jews, without any previous notice and without any justifiable reason, broke the truce and again started attacking the Holy City. On Saturday morning, May 15, they occupied by force the Convent of Notre Dame de France of the Assumptionist Fathers, the Convent of the Reparative Sisters, as well as the French and Italian hospitals, in spite of the protests of the superiors and in spite of the display of the Pontifical, French, Italian and International Red Cross flags."

"ON TUESDAY, May 18, they occupied the Dormition Monastery of the German Benedictine Fathers, the residence of the Apostolic Delegation, as well as the Franciscan Convent of the Cenacle and the Greek Convent of the Holy Trinity and St. George, all situated on Mount Sion. They have turned these convents and the monastery into internment camps where their mothers and other automatic arms incessantly pour their fire without discrimination on the Holy City."

"The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, as well as other convents and churches, were also hit. Many priests, nuns, women and children—all innocent—were sheltered in the convents have either been killed or wounded in the City of Jerusalem which the whole civilized world respects and venerates."

"THE ARABS, volunteers and of the regular army, have promised to respect the Holy Places, convents, churches and institutions of the Red Cross, and they have kept their word up to the present. If they have occupied a certain convent, it was only to defend the Holy City against Jewish attackers who tried to penetrate and spread death and confusion. If the Arabs shelled Notre Dame de France and the Convent of the Reparative Sisters — which the Jews have themselves destroyed and burned — it was to return fire against their foe who, from these buildings, fired on them and on the Holy City. The Jews have turned these convents and hospitals, as well as their synagogues and Hebrew University, into military bases from where they attacked the Holy City for the purpose of occupying it and with the announced purpose to plunder it as they had done in Haifa, Tiberias and Jaffa."

"Our protests to the French, Belgian and American Consuls (who form the Consular Truce Committee appointed by the Security Council of the United Nations) as well as to the representative of the International Red Cross failed to give fruitful results."

"The statement is signed by Msgr. Vincent Galat, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate; Father Albert Gori, O. F. M., Custos of the Holy Land; Msgr. Michael Assisi, Vicar General of the Greek Catholic Patriarchate; and Msgr. James Ghirgolas, Vicar of the Armenian Catholic Patriarchate."

**Vatican Names U. S. Delegate To Red Cross**  
Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy See has accepted an invitation to participate in the 17th International Conference of the Red Cross to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, on August 23, and has designated Msgr. Walter S. Carroll, priest of the Pittsburgh diocese and on the staff of the Vatican Secretariate, as its delegate, Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, reports.

This will be the first time that the Vatican has sent a full delegate to the International Red Cross conference since the one held at Geneva in 1925, although it has at times sent observers. The Holy See was among the signers at the first convention of the International Red Cross at Geneva in 1864.

**Holy Father Receives Two Bishops From U. S.**  
Rome — (NC) — Two American Bishops have just been received in audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Savannah, Ga., now Regent of the Apostolic Nunciature in Bucharest, Rumania, was received by the Holy Father on Friday, and Bishop Floyd Egan, Auxiliary of Cleveland, was received Monday.

"Floral arrangements for my occasion always present my attention and always the beautiful floral money of Savannah, Fla., 25 Lake Ave., Call them, but characters, good characters, cover all occasions, and they are all."

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Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston preached the sermon at the Baccalaureate Mass, offered by Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, and told the 900 seniors to make their Catholic

faith the permanent element in their lives.

Hoffman, who spoke twice at successive commencement exercises designed to accommodate the large number of graduates and guests, summed up the European Recovery Plan in these words: "As the Soviets seek to share their slavery and starvation with the rest of the world we seek to share our freedom and abundance."

He stated his belief that never before have so many nations been drawn together by their common heritage of Western Christian culture, and said: "In this growing sense of solidarity among all free peoples—in their awareness of the type of conflict in which we are now engaged—lies our greatest hope of avoiding another world war."

"Whether we like it or not, and most of us do not like the idea the leadership of the free world rests with the United States of America. To meet this new responsibility calls for action on our part at home and abroad," he stated.

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