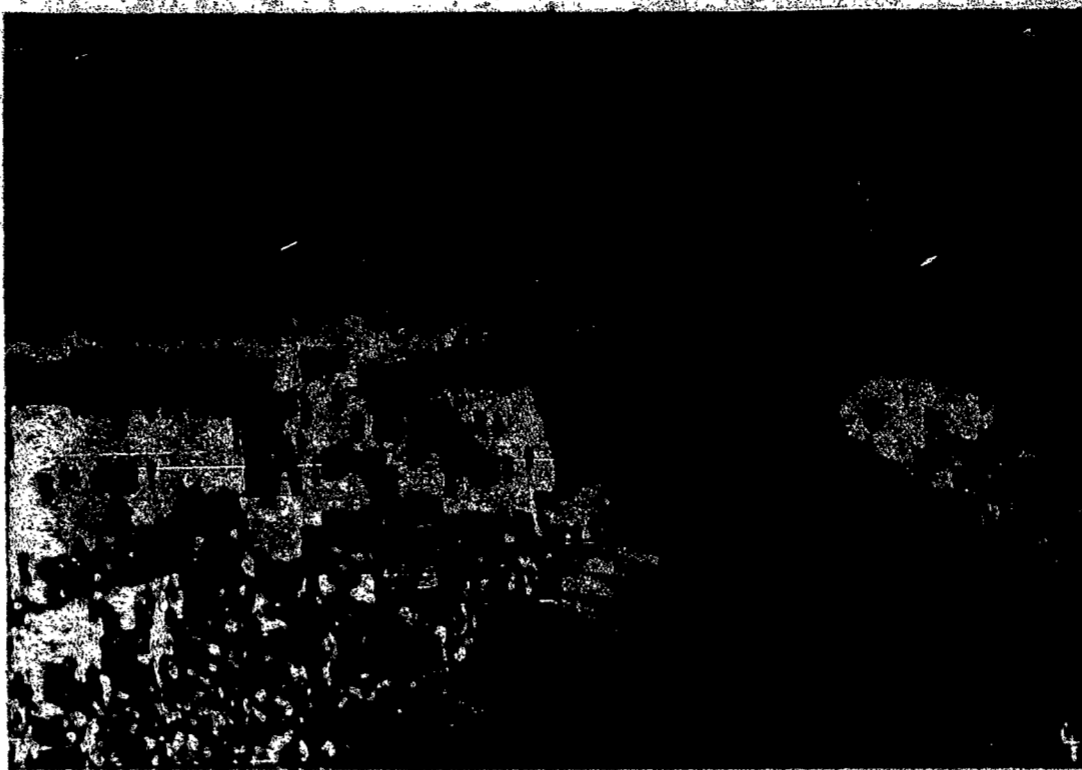


++ Pope Of Peace Celebrates Twelfth Year In Chair Of Peter

Today—March 2, 1951—marks the seventy-fifth birthday of Pope Pius XII and the twelfth anniversary of his election as Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church. Here are pictures recalling dramatic moments in the Holy Father's career and pontificate.



1953—In his coronation robes, the newly elevated Pope Pius XII blesses high prelates. Below them as the 243rd Vicar of Christ on Earth came on March 2nd. Coronation was March 12, 1953.



Today — Pius XII acknowledges the homage of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square — "Everyone wants, everyone desires, everyone implores . . . peace. Everyone has manifested with the same energetic eagerness his horror of war. His con-

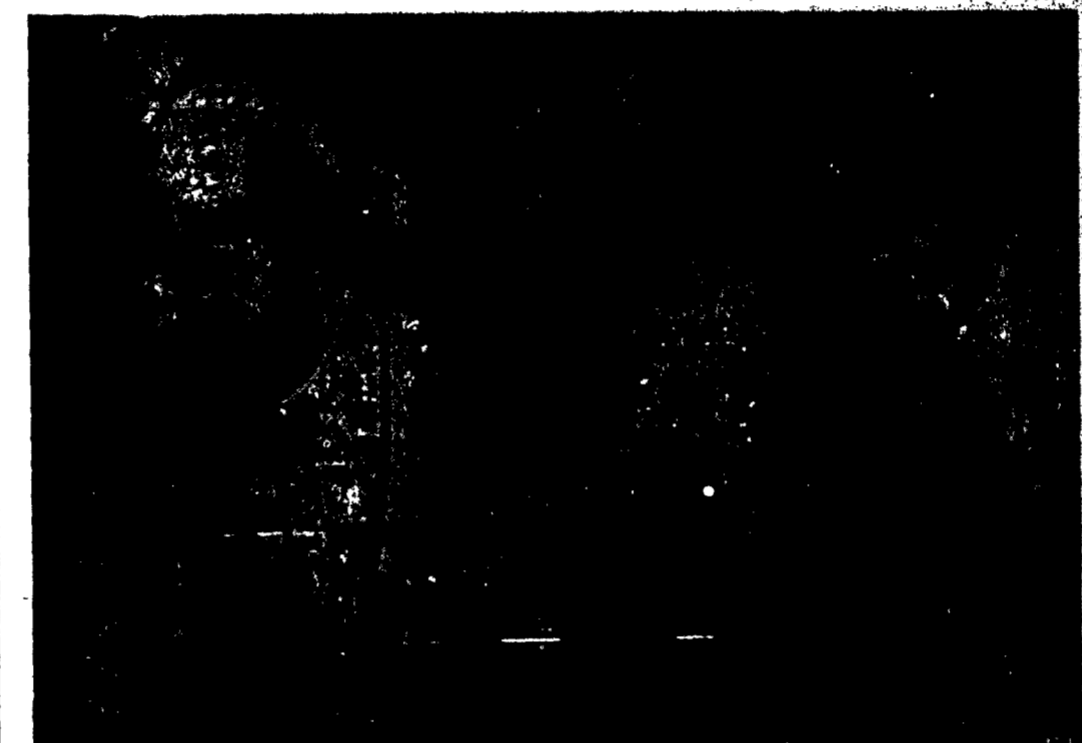
vinces that war is not today even more so than ever, a means apt to solve conflicts and establish peace."
—Speech to Vatican diplomatic corps, Jan. 2.



1947 — At a microphone in Castel Gandolfo, Pope Pius XII is famed for his use of radio.



1943 — Italian civilians and soldiers press about the Holy Father during a moment of tense prayer outside a church in Rome. Pope Pius left the Vatican to personally inspect bombed areas.



These intimate pictures of the Holy Father, taken during conversations at a Papal audience, reveal his engaging personality.



1950 — Pope Pius XII, on his state visit to the United States in 1950, is seen here in Washington's town of Georgetown.

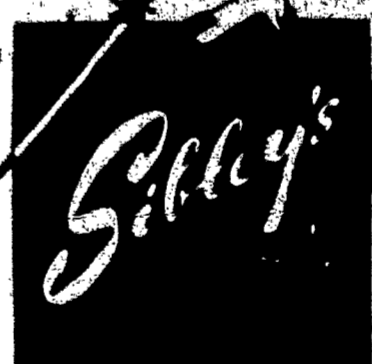


1950 — An official portrait of Pope Pius XII, on his state visit to the United States in 1950, is shown here in Washington's town of Georgetown.

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