

VATICAN ADDS DATA ON NAZI EXECUTIONS

53 Jews Taken in a Warsaw Raid Are Slain, Then Ransom Is Collected for Safety

GRAVES DUG BY VICTIMS

217 Publicly Whipped in One Polish Town for Seizing Food, Catholic Documents Show

By Telephone to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
ROME, March 7—The Vatican has been receiving a copious amount of documentation on the persecution of Jews in German-held Poland, it was learned today from a source close to the Secretariat of State. The following incidents were cited as being "characteristic."

One day in Warsaw it was announced that a Jew had killed a Polish policeman and taken refuge in a house at 9 Nalewki Street. The Nazi police went there and arrested the fifty-three inhabitants in one raid. They were taken to the Fortress of Warsaw and divided into three groups.

Those in the first group were ordered to dig their graves, and after they were executed those in the second group were forced to bury them and then dig their own graves. The third group in turn had to bury the second and then prepare their own graves. The officers then addressed them and announced that since they were the last survivors, they would have the honor of being interred by German soldiers—which was done immediately after their execution.

After that the Nazis summoned the leaders of the Jewish community and told them they were keeping the fifty-three persons as hostages and would execute them unless 300,000 zlotys were paid. The money was raised and turned over to the Nazis, whereupon it was announced that the fifty-three Jews had already been executed. The Nazi authorities added that every

provocation would be paid for by the arrest of 1,000 Jews.

The Vatican's documentation has much material about Jews being driven across the new Soviet frontier. This refers to Austrian Jews as well as Poles.

As evidence of the causes for which the German are executing Jews, a number of instances were cited by the Vatican source. In Lask, for instance, 100 Jews were shot for having opposed German soldiers searching their houses for arms. In Sieradz thirty-six Jews who were accused of having fired on German soldiers were executed. At Pabianice nine Jewish men and one woman were shot for not having saluted the Nazi flag. At Colo 217 were whipped in public for having sought to satisfy their hunger by seizing food.

The Holy See's information lists many cases of suicides. Baptized

Jews, even those belonging to families that have been Christians for several generations, are treated the same as other Jews.

Held in Fur Theft From Ship

NEWARK, N. J., March 7 (AP)—Three longshoremen accused by customs officials of stealing \$3,240 worth of silver fox pelts from a ship at Jersey City were held today by United States Commissioner Joseph F. Holland for the Federal grand jury. Customs Agent James J. Lynch said the furs, shipped from Russia, were taken from the liner Mooremactide Jan. 2 and 3. Joseph Caruso and Stanley Martin of Jersey City were held in \$1,500 bail each and Joseph Smolka of Jersey City in \$500 bail. Three other men previously were held in connection with the alleged theft.

Kept Diary Daily for 78 Years

For seventy-eight years J. J. Jackson Barstow, deputy lieutenant of Somerset, kept a personal diary without missing a day until just before his death recently at the age of 96. To the last he penned the record of his life in a fine, firm hand, three days to a page. He began the record on Jan. 1, 1862, and had completed the seventy-eighth volume. "A fad, not a hobby," he called the collection.

Bee Dance Is Nectar Signal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bees have a dance language, according to an article in the Smithsonian Institution's annual report. Dr. K. von Frisch of Munich has found that a bee, after spotting a nectar-bearing flower, flies back to the hive and executes a peculiar dance which means "nectar near by." Then the other bee fly to the flower.

