



Bethlehem Home, Ligomer, Pa., and the reading of the last pastoral letter of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty on Dec. 26, the second anniversary of his arrest in Hungary.

Italy — Special recordings by Italians in Stamford, Conn., and at the American Farm, Bethlehem, Pa., and New York; and Christmas dramatizations and music.

Poland — Invocation and a dramatic presentation depicting Christmas in modern Bethlehem.

Romania—A religious message and other special features.

Yugoslavia—A dramatization of Christmas observance by Americans of Croat, Slovene and Serbian origin, and music by orchestras in Detroit, Pittsburgh and Chicago.

Bulgaria—Music and features, with additional program scheduled for Jan. 7, the day Christmas is observed in Bulgaria.

Spain — Christmas narratives, greetings and music.

Ukraine—A statement by Archbishop Mstyslav of the Greek Orthodox Church of Philadelphia, and carols and a Christmas sketch.

Greece—Two dramatic presentations and other special holiday features.

Turkey—A story of a Christmas visit to an American home by a Turkish student.

Latin America—Special features in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Near East—Broadcasts in Arabic, including a message by Mayor Bey Bandak of Bethlehem in Palestine, special music and a feature telling of Christmas in America.

## RULE BUYERS ROUTED BY TEAR-GAS BOMB

A practical joker, believed to be a teen-age boy, tossed a tear-gas bomb on the main floor of the Gertz Department store in Jamaica, Queens, at the height of the Christmas buying rush yesterday afternoon. As a result 200 shoppers made a hasty exit with tears streaming down their faces. No injuries were reported by the police.

Twenty-five hundred men, women and children were on the first and main floor of the four-story building, 162-10 Jamaica Avenue, at 3:55 P. M. when the bomb fell between the second and third aisles, near the exit. Seven hundred persons were milling around at that point, and only 200 left the store. Their exit was orderly.

The arrival of half a dozen police radio cars attracted several hundred pedestrians. Despite the flurry of excitement Christmas shoppers continued to enter the store. The police reported that most of the 200 shoppers who were driven out by the gas re-entered the store to resume their purchasing of gifts.

W. H. Larsh, general manager of the store, said that the throwing of the tear-gas bomb was malicious in intent.

## Research Meeting Tomorrow

The twenty-third annual meeting of the American Academy for Jewish Research will be held tomorrow, beginning at 10 A. M., at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 40 West Sixty-eighth Street. Speakers will include Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the college, and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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We shall hear again the irrepressible shouts of jubilation, the devout prayers and hymns whose enthusiastic chorus was re-echoed from the vaults of the Vatican Basilica, which, being unable to hold the ever-growing multitudes, took on new dimensions, stretching forth the arms of its colonnades to receive them. We shall see again in spirit Easter Sunday and the Feast of Corpus Christi, the evening of the Canonization of Saint Maria Goretti, the morning lit with an unusual secret splendor when the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary was proclaimed; we shall see once more the great processions of penance and propitiation which honored through the streets of Christian Rome the venerable images of the Crucified and of the Virgin. There will crowd in upon our mind the memories of all the congresses which have met to study the sacred sciences and problems of the Apostolate; the echoes of our documents addressed to such a great variety of persons, and especially the encyclical Humani Generis and our exhortation to the clergy, from which we expect the most fruitful results.

## Pope Recalls Pilgrims

There will pass before our mind's eye with deep sense of loss the cherished memory of your countenances, the countenances of you, especially, Venerable Brethren in the Episcopacy, who flocked to us in such imposing numbers and listened to our words with such docility and then your countenances also, beloved sons and daughters, we shall never be able to forget the expression of your eyes, even more than the motion of your lips, when you came to confide in us your sorrows and your intimate hopes. Our heart was touched with unspeakable emotion every time we descended into the midst of our dear Christian people.

No anxiety, no weariness was ever able to prevent us from satisfying your earnest desire, or make us omit our meetings with you. To admit you into our presence, or rather to expect you and to long for you, was more a need of our heart than a duty of our pastoral office. Every time we delayed in saluting you, calling out your names by nations, by dioceses, by parishes and by groups, we wished, as it were, to gather all your words, all your prayers which you desired to have pass through our hands in order to present them to Jesus.

How we would have then wished to press all of you to our heart, to make known to all how we returned tenderness with tenderness, and instill a word of confidence and of hope into all of your hearts, into your hearts especially beloved of Jesus and ourselves, the poor and sick, who on some days formed the most beautiful adornment of the Vatican Basilica, and in whom we have always seen the richest and the most precious treasure of the church.

If, however, during the Holy Year the Confession of Saint Peter in the Vatican has been the witness and center of such impressive manifestations of the unity of Catholics of the entire world in faith and in love, the glory of this sacred place has been increased also in another respect. The excavations beneath the same confession, at least inas-

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## Fruits Must Mature

As a tree in the garden of the father of the family the Holy Year has flowered magnificently and if its flowers at the year's close drop their petals to the ground, it is only that the fruit may grow and mature. For it is necessary that this fruit should grow and mature. The world hungers and thirsts for it while its living conditions, with all the material and spiritual misery involved, are far indeed from giving men the legitimate satisfactions they seek. The needs and anxieties of each day completely absorb the energies of so many hearts which no longer find neither time nor leisure nor inclination to devote to things of the spirit even that minimum which is the essential duty of every Christian.

Even in those places where the secular and regular clergy aided by the wholehearted collaboration of the laity have quickened Christian life, even there the number of Christians who are spiritually undernourished, enervated and vacillating in their faith is such that the Church in her material solicitude cannot but be concerned.

To arouse these sons of the Church from their easy-going but dangerous lethargy is the urgent task which now confronts the Catholic Apostolate.

Every attentive observer who knows how to consider and evaluate the present situation in its concrete reality must be struck by the serious obstacles which oppose the apostolates of the Church. Like a mass of molten lava, which gradually flows down the side of a volcano, the destructive tide of the spirit of this world advances threateningly and spreads into every sphere of life and into every class of society. Its progress and its intensity as well as its effects vary from country to country, ranging from a more or less conscious disregard of the social influence of the church to a systematic distrust which, under some types of government, take the form of open hostility and downright persecution.

We have full confidence that our beloved sons and daughters will have the clarity of vision and the courage to face and to fulfill with resolution the responsibilities arising from such a situation. Without harshness, but also without weakness, they will endeavor to dissipate the prejudices and suspicions of not a few who have been deceived, but who are still open to a peaceful argument based on facts; they will convince them that, far from there being any conflict between loyalty to the Church and devotion to the interests and well-being of the people and the state, between

## Exhortation of Support

In the sweet name of Jesus, we exhort them to support generously their sufferings and humiliations with which they make a contribution of inestimable value to the great crusade of prayer and penance which will begin with the extension of the Holy Year to the whole Catholic world. With magnanimous outpouring of charity in keeping with the example of the Church, the Apostles and the true followers of the Redeemer, may their prayers and ours include even those who are today amid the ranks of the persecutors.

Now, if we can look toward the future, the first urgent problem that presents itself is peace within each country. Unfortunately the struggle for life, the concern to earn a living, divides into opposing groups even those who inhabit the same country and are sons of the same fatherland. Those on either side want, and rightly so, to be considered and treated in social life, not as mere chattels but as persons with human dignity, especially in matters regarding the state and the national economy. For this reason we have repeatedly, and with ever greater insistence, proclaimed the fight against unemployment and this striving after a sound social security as an indispensable condition if all members of a nation, both high and low, are to be united in a single corporate body.

But he who would selfishly see today in the groups that oppose his own personal interests, the source of every difficulty and an obstacle to recovery and progress, how could he dare to flatter himself that he is serving the cause of peace in his country? Certain organizations, in order to protect the interests of their own members, no longer appeal to the laws of justice and the common good but depend on the organized numbers of their followers and the weakness of their opponents, who do not happen to be so well organized, or who always strive to subordinate the use of force to the laws of justice and the common good. How can such organizations dare to flatter themselves that they are promoting the cause of civil peace?

## Common Good Is Stressed

A nation cannot expect to enjoy peace within its own boundaries except on certain conditions. Governors and governed, leaders and followers, must not defend their own social interests and their particular opinions with obstinacy and short-sightedness, but should learn to take a more comprehensive view of things and make their aim the good of all. If it is regretted in some countries that there is a deplorable lack of participation in public life on the part of the younger generation, perhaps the reason is that the younger generation sees too little or too seldom the shining and attractive example of men such as we have described.

Beneath the surface, then, of unquestionable difficulties in the political and economic sphere, there is hidden a more serious evil of a spiritual and moral character. It is evidenced by the number of men with narrow minds and mean spirits, of egoists and "go-getters," of those who follow fortune's favorites, who let themselves be swayed from illusions or cowardice by the spectacle of huge mobs, the shouting of opinions, and the intoxication of excitement. Left to

the foundations of the industrial and capitalistic systems have undergone essential changes that, after a long period of preparation, have been accelerated by the war. Peoples that have known subjection for centuries are winning their way to independence, others who till now have been in a privileged position, strive by new means and old to maintain it. The thirst for social security, that is ever growing in intensity and extent, is but a symptom of the present state of society in the various countries, where many things that once seemed traditionally solid have become unreliable and uncertain.

Why, then, does not this common uncertainty and doubt, arising from present circumstances, create a certain solidarity among the peoples in different countries? Is not the interest of the employer and the employed in this respect identical? Is it not true in every country that industrial and agricultural production are now more than ever linked together on account of the reciprocal influence they exert one upon the other? And you, you who remain insensible to the hardships suffered by the wandering and homeless refugees, should you not have a fellow-feeling for him whose unhappy lot today may well be yours tomorrow?

## Solidarity Is Urged

Why should not this solidarity among all those peoples who are restless and in danger become for all the secure way leading to safety? Why should not this spirit of solidarity be the basis of the natural social order in its three essentials—the family, property and the state—and make these elements collaborate in one organic whole that is adapted to present conditions? These present conditions are, after all, despite all their inherent difficulties, a gift of God; why should they not conduce to the strengthening of the Christian spirit?

The real danger to international, as well as national, peace is the presence of men who are bereft of this Christian sense; some have been deceived in the past; others are fanatically bent on attaining some Utopia of the future; in every case, they are dissatisfied with the present. We do not wish to speak here of a foreign aggressor who is proud of his power and scorns every duty of justice and charity. He finds, however, in additional crises and in the lack of unity within nations as regards spiritual and moral matters a powerful weapon and, as it were, an auxiliary force inside the country itself. It is necessary, then, that nations should not be led by motives of prestige or antiquated ideas, and so create political and economic difficulties against the strengthening of the national forces of other countries, while they ignore or take no thought for the common peril.

## Alliance Is Advocated

It is necessary that they should understand that their natural and most faithful allies are to be found among those countries where Christian thought, or at least faith in God, have an influence even in public life; they should not make their only consideration some supposed national or political interest that neglects or overlooks profound differences in fundamental concepts of the world and of life. The reasons why we utter these

Christmas Cards were virtually unknown in Spain, except among Anglo-Saxon residents, until the last ten years when they became popular.

warnings is the ambiguous and irresolute attitude which we see adopted by some true lovers of peace in the face of such a grave peril. And, because we have at heart the good of all nations, we believe that the close union of all peoples who are masters of their own destiny and who are united by sentiments of reciprocal trust and mutual assistance, is the sole means for the defense of peace and the best guarantee of its re-establishment. Unfortunately in these past weeks the cleavage which in the external world divides the entire international community into opposite camps grows constantly deeper, placing in jeopardy the peace of the world.

Never has the history of mankind known a dissension of greater magnitude; it reaches to the very ends of the earth.

If a regrettable conflict should occur today, weapons would prove so destructive as to make the earth "void and empty," (Genesis i, 2) a desolate chaos, like to a desert over which the sun is not rising, but setting. All nations would be convulsed, and among the citizens of the same country,

## TOMB OF ST. PETER FOUND, POPE SAYS

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and Prof. Enrico Josi. According to some officials, archaeologists of other nations will be invited to examine the results of the excavations.

It was pointed out that although general opinion in the Vatican is that the bones found next to the tomb were those of St. Peter, the Pope could not say so specifically inasmuch as this opinion was based on circumstantial evidence. "How can one identify the bones after nearly 1,900 years?" one official remarked today.

According to tradition, the Prince of Apostles was crucified under the reign of Emperor Nero, during the first Christian persecution in history. He was said to have been buried by faithful disciples in a pagan cemetery on the site of Vatican Hill. On his tomb, Constantine the Great built the first Basilica of St. Peter's in the Fourth Century.

## Legion Head Urges Prayer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—Erle Cocke Jr., national commander of the American Legion, in a Christmas message today urged Americans to seek divine guidance in a "troublesome time." "Today, more than ever before, we need spiritual power to bolster our material strength," he said.

## Impellitteri Victory Dinner

Mayor Impellitteri will be the guest of honor at a victory dinner to be held Thursday evening at the Abbey Hotel, 151 West Fifty-first street. It is being arranged by the men and women who worked for him at his campaign headquarters in this hotel.

the future, for as long as it shall please the divine founder of the church to leave on our frail shoulders the dignity and the burden of supreme pastor.

The way leading to true peace is long and hard, and impeded by briars and thorns. However, the great majority of men are ready to make the sacrifice in order to be preserved from the catastrophe of a new war. Still, the undertaking is so great and merely human means so ineffective, that we turn our gaze to heaven and raise our hands in supplication to Him who from the glory of the Divinity came down to our level and became "one of us." The power of the Savior who moves the hearts of rulers wherever He will, like streams of water whose course He regulates (Proverbs xxi, 1), can still the tempest that tosses the bark, when not only the companions of Peter are alarmed, but the whole human race. However, it is the sacred duty of the church's children to implore with their prayers and sacrifices to the Lord of the World, Jesus Christ, God blessed forever (Romans ix, 5) to command the winds and the sea, and grant to harassed humanity the great calm (Matthew viii, 26) of true peace.

With these sentiments we impart from our heart to you, beloved sons and daughters, and to all who listen to our voice throughout the world, the apostolic benediction.

## CITIZENS UNION PLANS UNIT TO STUDY CRIME

The Citizens Union announced yesterday that it would soon extend its "watchdog function" over government by establishing a crime bureau.

Milton M. Bergerman, chairman of the civic organization, said the bureau would be supervised by a volunteer group modeled after the Chicago Crime Commission. Mr. Bergerman reported that he would confer in Chicago soon with Austin Wyman, president, and Virgil Peterson, executive, of the Chicago commission.

"If the project receives the financial support expected," he said, "the Citizens Union will add to its staff trained investigators who would follow up leads on official wrongdoing or laxity in law enforcement. Any evidence of substance would be submitted to appropriate officials. Where necessary, the Citizens Union would publicize conditions, bring legal action, call for official investigations or push remedial legislation."

After the new bureau is established, Mr. Bergerman said, the public will be invited to submit evidence of "racketeering activities, official corruption or laxity in law enforcement." He declared that the Crime Bureau was a logical extension of the union's work during the past fifty-three years in combating official corruption. Mr. Bergerman expressed the hope that public officials would welcome the new bureau.

## Sanatorium Dinner Tonight

The twenty-seventh anniversary dinner of the Deborah Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Browns Mills, N. J., will be held tonight in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Joseph S. Elichman, president, announced yesterday.

has word that mother suffered accident. "Please rush medical statement and doctor's recommendation as to whether serviceman's presence is necessary."

## The Red Cross Answers

An hour later this reply went out: "Doctor reports mother multiple injuries hands, knees, shoulders, head due to fall aggravating severe cardiac condition. Prognosis guarded. Doctor recommends serviceman's presence."

On the basis of the reply the Red Cross director at Camp Carson can judge whether the commanding officer should be urged to grant an emergency furlough. If it is granted, the Red Cross will do everything it can to expedite the serviceman's trip.

Sometimes there is a rosy side to the picture.

"Re Recruit E. H." the first wire read. "Fiancee begs serviceman's presence for marriage scheduled Dec. 28. Verified through priest who states plans made over three months ago. Banns of marriage announced Dec. 11. Priest urges serviceman's presence. Couple engaged a long time."

Came back this reply: "Furlough granted effective Dec. 22. Please advise fiancée."

## INDUSTRY DEFENSE SET UP

Lieut. Gen. Wickersham Names Nassau County Committee

MINEOLA, L. I., Dec. 23—Lieut. Gen. Cornelius W. Wickersham, Nassau Civil Defense Director, has named to his industry committee William H. Walters, chairman; Preston R. Bassett, George H. Hauser, Irving Lubo, Franklin T. Kurt and Robert L. Conlin.

The committee will be in charge of civil defense program for all Nassau County plants, factories, stores and related establishments. Part of the program will consist of setting up regulations governing the action of employes and customers in case of enemy air raid, creating warden services in establishments, educating management and employes in civil defense rules and supervising of civil defense activities.

The planning section of the Nassau Civil Defense, headed by Maj. Gen. John W. Foes, will aid the industry committee in drawing up preliminary rules.

## Heads Charity Buying Agency

Nat H. Aronsohn has been named chairman of the board of the Joint Purchasing Corporation, central purchasing agency for the institutions affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Mr. Aronsohn, who is vice president of the Jerry Rossman Corporation, a rayon converting concern, succeeds Richman Proskauer, who was recently elected president of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews, a federation affiliate.

## Buttenwieser Returns to U. S.

Germany's contribution for the rearming of Europe "will have to be developed in a spirit of integrating it with the whole European army," Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, United States Assistant High Commissioner in Germany, said yesterday at La Guardia Field on his arrival from Frankfurt.

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