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Vatican Radio Tells of 'Horror' In Nazi Poland

Speaker Terms Brutality Against Poles and Jews 'Thrust at Heart of Pope'

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 23 (AP).—The Vatican radio station broadcast today in English an account of "horror and inexcusable excesses" which a speaker said had been inflicted on poles under German rule and which he said had pained Pope Pius XIII.

The speaker, identified as an English Jesuit recently returned from Poland, said 70 per cent of the Polish population was facing starvation, and that Poles and Jews were being herded into separate ghettos while food reserves and tools were stripped from Poland to replenish German stores.

"The crowning iniquity," he said, "is the cynical suppression of all but the merest suggestion of religious worship."

The speaker broadcast the same account in Italian last night and arrangements were made for a re-broadcast in German later today. The broadcast was not an official Church statement, but the station is under Vatican control.

Conditions in Poland were "an open thrust at the heart of the Pope," the speaker said, adding that bad as conditions were in the Soviet-occupied part of Poland, "even more violent and persistent is the assault on elementary justice and decency in that part of prostrate Poland which has fallen to German administration."

The richest part of Poland, he said, "has unceremoniously been stolen" from its rightful proprietors, who are being "packed off in foul-smelling trains."

The broadcaster asserted that "a system of inferior deportation and ignominy is being organized in the depths of one of Europe's severest winters on principles and by methods than can be described only as brutal."

"Loyalty to fellow Catholics in Poland compels us to draw attention to these things happening in western Poland," he went on. Then he said that the majority of the clergy had been arrested, "the greater number of churches closed," and church records confiscated by the Germans.

"Boys and girls are herded together and transported to Germany like slaves for hard labor," he said.

"We hope there will come forth from the sacrifices of the Catholic people a victory which will put the powers of darkness to shame."

France to Issue Stamps With War Aid Surtax

Three Semi-Postal Varieties Will Go on Sale Soon

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PARIS, Jan. 23.—The first French war stamps soon will appear with the issue of three types of charity stamps, which will be sold at more than face value. The surtax will go to organizations aiding soldiers and their families.

Although the denominations have not yet been announced, it was learned that the first variety would show a peasant woman plowing a field in the absence of her soldier husband. The second series will be devoted to France's military leaders in the World War—Ferdinand Foch, Joseph Joffre and Joseph Gallieni. The third will picture "artisans of the national defense," such as the late Premier Paul Painleve, who planned the Maginot line, and the late War Minister, Andre Maginot, who built it.

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