

War Earned by Sins of World, Pastor Believes

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In recognition of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Father Ullman of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Descanso has written this week's article. Father Ullman came to Descanso in August, 1949, and he is very active in the Youth Center of Alpine, Alpine being a mission of the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Next week's writer will be Clarke Irvine.

A PEARL HARBOR RESOLUTION

Undoubtedly the United Nations Council can and is making definite steps toward unified world peace, but there is an underlying cause of war over which they can exercise no control. War, I am convinced, is a punishment for a sinful world.

In ages past Almighty God has punished sinful generations in various ways. The most destructive was the Deluge which obliterated the entire human race except for Noah and his immediate family. Another punishment for sin was the confusion of tongues during the erection of the Tower of Babel. Other castigations were plagues, famines and pestilences, not to mention God's chastisements of individual sinners. More terrifying, destructive wars, therefore, might be drastic steps on the part of God to reawaken in us the sense of sin.

This thought taken on added significance in view of a number of apparitions of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to three young children at Fatima in Portugal in 1917. To quote from the only one of the three children who is still living, the Mother of God had this to say: "The war (i.e. the 1914-1918 war) is about to end, but if men do not cease to offend God there will begin a worse one in the Pontificate of Pius XI (which came to pass). When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign that God gives you that the punishment of the world is at hand for its so great sins by means of war, famine and persecutions directed against the Church."

On this anniversary of Pearl Harbor each of us might be our own individual U. N. Council for world peace by resolving to live our lives more in conformity with the mind and will of God than we have in the past. It might tend to soothe His justifiable anger.

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