



### A DIVINE NUCLEUS

"The Church bores me" said an airman to me one day. The Nazis have been saying the same thing for a long time. So they have tried to recast the Church in Europe, and mould her nearer their evil designs. Part of the Church submitted, accepting the way of least resistance, but a divine nucleus remains. Of this nucleus thousands have been slain or tortured in internment camps. But in spite of persecution and threat the Church in Europe carries on. It isn't dead, and it cannot be destroyed, nor can the gates of Hell prevail against her.

The Nazis had to crush the Church if they would be free to pursue their godless and ruthless program. She seriously opposed their extermination of the Jews, and all other acts of sadism and brutality. Through the Church has come all those prized possessions for which men are dying today, and she is the only reliable guardian of them. - governments sometimes betray the people, so in order to deprive mankind of them the Church must be destroyed.

The only living hope in Europe today is a struggling Church, who, with head bloody but unbowed, goes on reviving hope in the hopeless, encouraging the despairing, and shouting defiance in the face of organized evil. As long as there is a living soul in that bloody mess there will be an unconquerable Church. Such a spirit is to be seen in the following story.

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