

THE HOLY BLOOD

of
~~The historic Belgian city/Bruges~~

For the first time since the war the historic Belgian city, ~~of~~ Bruges held the traditional procession of the Holy Blood, bearing aloft ^{the} ~~the~~ sacred vessel containing the blood of Christ. Tradition has it that 800 years ago the Count of Flanders brought ~~the~~ the blood from the Holy Land. The procession has been held every year since that time. The ~~present~~ ceremony was graced by the presence of Monseigneur Centa, the Papal Nuncio. Part of the pageant depicted episodes in the life of Christ.

~~ceremony~~
~~Moving to the altar~~

And Bruges
Near

The climax of the ceremony were represented the people of Jerusalem who cried "Crucify Him!" After them came the tragic figure who, in apparent defeat, won the greatest victory ever known on earth.