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WORLD AT YOUR ELBOW

Sending a message to all Roman Catholics at the beginning of a New Year, Pope Pius XII appears before a crowd of 500,000 people in St. Peter's Square, Rome. After celebration of Mass before the basilica, His Holiness recalled how refugees were given sanctuary during the war. His appeal for renewed faith in 1947 was acclaimed by the listening thousands.

Finally the Pope bestows a blessing on his listeners - and on Catholics throughout the world.

Near Thornton, Fife, in Scotland, private enterprise begins the sinking of its last coal pit. The National Coal Board will complete the new mine and operate it. Using a silver spade, Mr. Carlew (Chairman of the Fife Coal Company) cuts the first sod, with the same spade his mother used 45 years ago for the same purpose.

Left to right - Col. Baxter and the Earl of Elgin. And here, Mr. Joseph Westwood, Scotland's Secretary of State. Scottish miners have already passed the production targets. The newly dug coal will beat their record.

Into Suez harbour 1,500 Moslems return from their pilgrimage to Mecca. In their visit to the Holy City they have achieved the aim of every Moslem.

This year from Egypt alone, more than 25,000 people have made the journey. For years they save their money for this one pilgrimage to Mohammed's birthplace. Friends and relatives wait at the quayside. Bands and stick dancers join in the welcome.

In Cairo, the Holy Carpet (also back from Mecca) is welcomed by King Farouk's representatives. For the past year it has lain in a Mecca Mosque. A new one has now been sent to replace it. The pilgrims keep part of the holy tapstry.

For Cairo, it's a day of parades - and celebrations.