

INSIDE ROME
WITH
THE GERMANS

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O Roma nobilis
Orbis et domina
Cunctorum urbium
Excellentissima.

—*Ancient pilgrim chant*

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Last night, at about 8 o'clock, six bombs were dropped near Porta Cavaleggeri, close to the Vatican City by an aircraft flying low. The extraterritorial Colleges of Propaganda Fide and of the Augustinian Fathers were hit, while two other bombs exploded near the Palace of the Holy Office. Considerable damage was done by splinters, even inside the Vatican City, where the Cortile San Damaso, Piazza Santa Marta and the railway station suffered. It is very curious. Is all this bombing near the Vatican done by "Nazifascist" planes?

Today is the fifth anniversary of the Pope's election, and it finds him hard at work for the alleviation of the pain and sorrow brought about by war, and for the establishment of peace on a solid basis of Christian principles.