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PAPAL GUARD AT POPE'S SUMMER VILLA

BERNE, Tuesday (UP). — For the first time in 75 years, the Pontifical Gendarmerie may participate in active warfare as a result of the Pontiff's decision to send a small detachment to defend the extra-territorial rights of the Papal summer villa at Castel Gandolfo.

It is announced that the decision was reached owing to the fact that the Papal villa is a few kilometres from Albano, which is almost exactly on the Nettuno front-line. The detachment, which totals 50 Pontifical Guards, armed with modern equipment, is already patrolling the villa in full war kit. Governments.



Jewish and Italian refugees protected in the summer residence of the Pope in Castelgandolfo

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SANCTUARY IN THE VATICAN

VATICAN CITY, Wednesday (R).— Several thousand refugees, largely Jews, during the week end left the Papal Palace at Castel Gandolfo—the Pope's summer residence near Marino —after enjoying safety there during the recent terror.

Besides Jews, persons of all political creeds who had been endangered were given sanctuary at the Palace. Before leaving the refugees conveyed their gratitude to the Pope through his majordomo.

Though the surrounding towns and villages have suffered the utmost destruction Castel Gandolfo itself was untouched by the war.



Refugees, mostly women and children, make a home in the papal apartments, a Castelgandolfo, outside Rome, during the fighting in Italy.

Summer residence of the Pope above and women and children in the papal apartments in Castelgandolfo below

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— Pope Pius XII, August 1944