

# Refugees in Jungle Poles, Fleeing Reds, Live In African Mud Huts

New York — (NC) — The amazing story of a people who were forced to flee from their homeland in Poland to the jungles of East Africa and who, with a fortitude worthy of their forbears, have survived unbelievable trials has been told by Joseph H. Wyszynski, of Philadelphia, representative for War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, who has just returned from a three-year assignment overseas.

Four years ago, Mr. Wyszynski related the first of these horrendous, hungry-refugee stories of a long trek from Russia down to Persia, on to India where they remained for a short period, and finally landed in East Africa where the present camps were established.

Although the dread black war has never been visited the camps, few facts have remained. Mr. Wyszynski disclosed, due to the ability of the Polish doctors to check the disease. During one of these epidemics two persons were forced to occupy each hospital bed, consisting of four boards with straw mattress.

The hospitals, staffed by refugees, were equipped with surgical instruments and provided with medical supplies by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., which organization, Mr. Wyszynski reported, "has earned the undying praise and gratitude of the camp doctors and nurses, as well as the patients."

**The Spread of Disease**

Many refugees, particularly the children, suffer from the early stages of tuberculosis. He said a sanatorium was established at Lohanda, near Arusha, for which War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. supplied X-ray and other equipment and created a budget to take care of the staff.

**Mr. Wyszynski was deeply impressed by the zeal of Catholics in carrying on their work. He told how the many churches in the camps stood out like beacons amid the mud black homes. "Some of them are really beautiful," he said. Realizing that these shrines would be used as missions long after they had gone, the refugees built kilns to make the genuine brick used in constructing the churches. Hand-carved statues of St. Roch, Our Lady of Czestochowa, and Our Lady of Ostrobrzema adorn the altars.**

War Relief Services has also actively participated in the adult program, consisting of instruction in the trades and crafts as well as higher education. There are tailor shops, bakeries, laundries, small farms and co-operative stores. Thriftiness is the order of the day and few are wasteful.

In the beginning, the people had no shelter. They were in the dry and with little. Mr. Wyszynski said, "It was not until War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. sent materials together with blackboards and desks that there was any great semblance of a school."

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**General Says Priests Aided Allied Flyers**

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# MILLION-DOLLAR BUILDING



Archbishop John Gregory Murray of St. Paul officiates at the cornerstone laying of the new million-dollar school building under construction on the St. Thomas College campus, St. Paul. The building is a part of an ambitious expansion program planned for a greater St. Thomas of the future. Here Archbishop Murray blesses the cornerstone. Governor Edward Tamm witnessed the ceremonies. (NC Photos)

# Prelate's Arrest Reveals Tito Plot

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Not just a year ago for his opponents stood against the Yugoslav Communist regime. Observers here said: "As a friend of the victor, you were a savior of the people. It just took a hero but as a friend of the defeated you are, instead, a traitor, an enemy of the people, a coward, a perfidious scoundrel. You are being accused and judged by your adversaries with the same fervor they would have shown in praising you had you belonged to the winning party."

Paying tribute to Archbishop Steplac's "high moral qualities, patriotism, and zeal for souls," observers declared he "stands as a defender of the truth of the Catholic Faith and of the national aspirations and Christian civilization of his people before judges, who being partial, cannot even talk of right to mask their injustice."

"We think of him," observers said, "accused, as was Ella Lord, of having betrayed his people or not having given to Caesar what is Caesar's, and of having said he will be able in three days to destroy the temple of Tito."

Valican circles recalled that Pope Pius once described the archbishop as "a rare model of church leader." Officials expressed the opinion that one reason why the Tito regime had taken action against Archbishop Steplac was his repeated protests against confiscation of church properties following enactment of new agrarian legislation. They pointed out that the archbishop's protest would have been a serious blow to the "Croatian" militia operating in the mountains of Croatia and Slovenia.

# JAILED PRELATE FOUGHT NAZIS

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substantive in their areas. When the archbishop's statements, which also declared that the Germans were responsible for their bombing of the Holy sites they were the first to attack cities from the air, was read from church pulpits, over eighty priests were arrested by the Germans.

Archbishop Steplac was placed under house arrest on several occasions and was frequently attacked in the Nazi press.

**Condemned Tito Sentences**

In 1943, following the ascendancy of Marshal Tito and the establishment of Partisan courts to punish "war criminals," Archbishop Steplac joined the other bishops of Croatia in condemning the unjust sentences pronounced on Catholic priests and others by "the enemies of the Church." Despite his stand against the Nazis during the war, he was often violently attacked by Tito supporters and threatened with being included among the "war criminals."

Late in the same year, the bishops of Croatia issued a pastoral letter denouncing the "bitter persecution" of the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia and urging that representatives of other nations be named on an international commission to conduct trials of persons accused as "war criminals."

Following the issuance of this pastoral letter and protests by Archbishop Steplac against agrarian reforms introduced by the Tito regime, the prelate was attacked by a Communist mob when he attended the opening of a new parish church in Zagreb, near the city. The archbishop escaped injury, but his secretary, Fran Salich — one of his accusers at the Belgrade trial — was slightly hurt when stones were hurled at the archbishop's automobile.

Born at Kratic, Yugoslavia, in 1888, Archbishop Steplac was ordained in 1910 and was consecrated a bishop in 1934, succeeding to the See of Zagreb December 7, 1937. During the war, a brother of the archbishop was executed by the Nazis as a hostage.

# On Guard!

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we don't think that the late president would be very happy to hear that his birthday had become more important in the eyes of the workers than the birthday of Christ.

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# Korean Martyr's Centenary

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — Catholics in Southern Korea celebrated the centenary of the martyrdom of the first native-born Korean priest, Blessed Andrew Kim. After a year of missionary labor, he was captured and put to death by beheading on September 16, 1846. He was beatified, along with 78 other Korean Martyrs, in 1925.

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