

# Interfaith Groups Ask UN Stepinac Probe

New York — (RNS) — The United Nations was urged by the National Conference of Christians and Jews here to conduct an impartial investigation into the "treatment" accorded the Most Rev. Louis Stepinac, Catholic Archbishop of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, who was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment on charges of collaborating with Nazi elements.

Holding that such an investigation is "vital" because "persecution of minorities leads to world war," the National Conference declared in a report forwarded to Senator Warren E. Austin, chief U. S. delegate to the UN, that the conduct of the United States has "seriously damaged friendly relations with Yugoslavia."

The National Conference request for a United Nations investigation came as the result of a report submitted by its Committee on Human Rights, headed by James N. Rosenber, New York attorney, chairman; GEORGE M. SHAW, president of Hunter College, and HENRY N. MARSHALL, president of the University of the City of New York. The committee stated that it is appropriate for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a body dedicated to better understanding and good will among men to request an impartial investigation of the case by the United Nations in order that the human rights and fundamental freedoms may be assured by the United Nations in the world.

Reports Submitted — The Committee on Human Rights said it had studied and heard reports on the case of Archbishop Stepinac and his religious, political and laymen alike.

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"(1) He persecuted and imprisoned Stepinac.

"(2) He declared in a sermon that the Catholic Church would never admit that the race or nation has the right to force its domination on another race or nation.

"(3) He stated that Catholics were responsible for the bombing of Germany cities because the Nazis started the practice of bombing cities. As a result of this declaration 80 Yugoslav priests were arrested by the Nazis."

Heads Irish Delegation — Dublin — (RNS) — The Rev. Dominic Geelan, O. P., superior of historic St. Margaret's Priory, Drogheda, has been elected Irish Provincial.

# WON'T YOU HELP THEM?



Some of the 100,000 people who lost their parents during the war look at a badge of the Sacred Heart, worn by one of them. They need your clothing for the winter. It meets their need and the needs of many other victims of the war. A "Clothe the War Stricken" campaign is being conducted by the Rochester Diocese and 21 other Dioceses by the War Relief Service, National Catholic Conference. It is expected to realize some 4,000,000 pounds of usable clothing for men, women and children in the areas of greatest need in Europe and the Far East. (NC Photos)

# Diocese Clothing Drive Set for December 1-8

Spurred by the special appeal of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, people of the Rochester Diocese will join in the "Clothe the War Stricken" campaign to be conducted throughout the diocese from Dec. 1 to Dec. 8.

A letter from Bishop Kearney will be read in churches of the diocese, emphasizing the importance of responding to the appeal of War Relief Service, N. C. W. C.

The Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director and the following area chairmen were named this week: Geneva, the Rev. Robert Kennedy; Auburn, the Rev. Joseph P. Hatley; Elmira, the Rev. Frederick Walker; Corning, the Rev. Thomas K. Cleary; Danville, the Rev. Orrin Felton; and Hornell, the Rev. Paul Gibbons.

A citywide pick up of Rochester parish collections is set for Dec. 14.

Parishes Organized — Under the direction of the area parish chairmen the parish committees have been organized. Members of the Diocesan Unit of National Council of Catholic Women will cooperate in the campaign, according to Mrs. Frank J. Curley, president.

Millions of a globe war, men, women and children will be destitute in the war areas, this winter, unless help arrives from outside. The War Relief Service, N. C. W. C. leaders point out. Nationally a goal of 4,000,000 pounds of clothing has been set to fill the acute need. Items needed according to the campaign directors are: overcoats, topcoats, raincoats, windbreakers, suits, trousers, breeches, undershirts, pajamas, robes, gloves, neck-ties, woolens, hosiery (in pairs) work shirts, sport shirts, overalls, coveralls, dungarees, work jackets, blouses, mufflers, dresses, skirts, nightgowns, bed jackets, scarfs, aprons, jumpers, smocks, knitted suits, sweaters, blankets, pillowcases, handkerchiefs, sheets, pillowcases, quilts and quilts.

The matter of packing and sending the donations of clothing will be worked out by the parish committees under the diocesan and area direction.

# Nuns Exiled from Red-Ruled Albania Saved Sacred Hosts

ROME — (RNS) — Vatican officials said today that Catholic nuns who have been expelled from Albania have saved the Sacred Hosts of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Sacraments.

For a time the Albanian Sisters, who were expelled from their convents in Albania, were confined to a city hospital in Argyre, where and replacement were not available.

At length, the information service says, the expulsion order for these sisters came and guards were posted to their residence to seal the convent after they had left. One nun slipped past a guard into the chapel, went to the tabernacle and hurriedly placed the Sacred Hosts in a casket, which she hid on her person. The next morning the five Sisters were secretly consumed the Hosts before starting on their journey. This happened on Good Friday, April 19, 1946, SICO records.

# Reparation Prayers Asked After Theft

Paris — (RNS) — Parishioners of the Nice Catholic diocese have been asked to join in special prayers of reparation for recent sacrilegious thefts of sacred vessels and hosts from parish churches. On five separate occasions churches have been stolen from church altars in various parts of the diocese.

# Catholics Lose New Move for School Buses

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Parishioners of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kennett Square, have lost the second round of their legal fight to regain transportation for parochial school pupils on public school buses.

The setback came in Chester County Court, West Chester, as Judge Ernest Harvey dismissed their petition asking the busier of 20 directors of the Kennett Square Consolidated School. The directors had cancelled public school bus transportation for parochial school students at the start of the current school year.

"There was no evidence that the directors had not acted in good faith" when they halted the bus service, which had been provided since 1932, Judge Harvey ruled. His opinion did not rule on the question whether it is mandatory under the school code that public school directors provide bus service for parochial school pupils.

It is refusing the dismissal of the school directors, Judge Harvey decreed that the petitioners failed to present facts "from which the court could determine whether or not all the members of the School Board had been delinquent, or if not, which individuals had."

He also declared that the power to remove the directors is to be exercised in the legal discretion of the court and there is no inflexible rule which compels the removal of directors given if there is proof of their failure to perform a mandatory duty.

# Eucharistic Congress Committee Formed

Chicago — (RNS) — Formation of a permanent committee for the National Eucharistic Congress was one of the accomplishments of the first national convention of the Priests' Eucharistic League, which was held here under the presidency of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, who assumed office as national protector of the League.

Seventy diocesan directors of the League from all sections of the United States and English-speaking Canada attended the convention. The League, whose membership is worldwide with general headquarters in Rome, was established in this country in 1891. Its present membership in the United States, comprising both diocesan and regular priests is about 25,000. The Rev. John J. O'Brien, R.S.M., of New York, is national secretary.

# Army Gaffer



Morgan Jack Fitzpatrick of Akron, O., former golf captain in the University of Notre Dame, captured the U. S. Army golf team from Japan in the Pacific inter-command golf meet in Hawaii. Having with the 4th Japanese Occupation Corps, breaking a record with a 10-hole-in-hand score on one round. The Japan team came third in Hawaii. Sgt. Fitzpatrick is ready for discharge from the Army. (NC Photos)

# Pope Warns Farm Against 'Easy Gain'

Vatican City — (Radio NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a discourse to the national convention of Italian and farmers, exhorted them to preserve a genuine spirit and warned them to resist the "abolition temptation of easy gain" by speculating on the needs of their neighbors, and counsel self-help, particularly in matters of credit, through cooperative unions in order to maintain a sound rural economy within a truly organic national economy.

The Pope made a searching inquiry into the causes of the existing conflict between city and country and cited the Encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno" of Pius XI to illustrate the danger of a false economy in which the interests of capital determine human needs, and capital moves men and their work "like bills in a game."

The labor on farms "still represents the natural order willed by God," the Pope said, "namely that man, with his own labor, ought to raise material things, and not that material things raise man."

6 EDITORS QUIT 'THE PROTESTANT'

New York — (RNS) — In protest against the rigid control of administration and policy of The Protestant by its editor, Kenneth Leslie, six members of the staff of the monthly publication have resigned to form an organization of their own.

The group includes Pierre van Paassent, contributing editor; Rev. Mr. James M. Freeman, managing editor; three associate editors, and a member of the editorial advisory board. According to the withdrawal statement, this leaves Mr. Leslie as the only remaining member of the executive staff of the magazine, which was founded in 1938 to combat fascism in America.

Mr. Leslie's actions have resulted in the "single collapse" of The Protestant and its activities, the statement of the withdrawing editors declared. The new enterprise of the dissidents, it was stated, would nullify the cooperation of "all democratic groups and agencies, both religious and lay, engaged in the fight against anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, and anti-Negroism."

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