

Irish Dail Protests Sentence of Prelate

World reaction to the verdict passed against Archbishop Stepinac at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, grew this week on many fronts.

Dail Eireann, the parliament of Ireland, unanimously passed a resolution submitted by Prime Minister Eamon de Valera which cited "the unjust trial and imprisonment of Archbishop Stepinac" and called upon all Catholics to use their combined influence to bring religious persecution in the world to an end and to secure universal acceptance of liberty of conscience.

Tito Halts 5 Bishops

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Since the "trial" and imprisonment of Archbishop Stepinac at least five new cases of interference by the Tito regime with strictly religious functions of bishops and priests in Yugoslavia have become known here.

(1) Bishop Michael Ruzic of Zadar was arrested when setting out on a Confirmation tour of the parishes on the island of Brao.

(2) When Bishop Victor Buric of Senj and Modruca, a Suffragan See of Zagreb, was on an official visitation in one of the towns of his diocese, a mob hurled stones at him and at the parish house where he was staying.

(3) A demonstration was staged against Bishop Anton Dacic, bishop of Zadar, when he was expected to visit one of the parishes in his diocese.

(4) Archbishop Joseph Ujcek of Belgrade, who also functions as Apostolic Administrator of the Yugoslav part, was "warned" not to continue with a Confirmation tour of the parishes in the Banat.

(5) Bishop Joseph Lach, one of the two Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Zagreb, was arrested by the G.P. (Nationalist, police) and held overnight as he entered one of the towns in the Archdiocese to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

to a resolution adopted by the U. N. General Assembly which exhorts member nations to end religious persecutions and racial prejudices.

Commander Sorensen emphasized that from reliable sources outside the Catholic Church, findings have been made that the Catholic Church is being persecuted in Yugoslavia, and that contrary to charges of collaboration with Nazis, Archbishop Stepinac had been recognized as one of their outstanding foes.

The message to former Senator Austin asked a "follow-through by the United States representatives at the United Nations, as this matter is of importance to the cause of peace and the basic principles of the charter of the United Nations, and pictured Archbishop Stepinac as "a man without a country" as a result of his conviction.

Catholic Vets Urge Action by UN

New York — The United States delegation to the United Nations has been urged by the Catholic War Veterans to undertake an attempt to secure the freedom of Archbishop Stepinac, now serving a 16-year prison term imposed by a court in Tito-dominated Yugoslavia, through United Nations channels.

C. W. V. National Commander Max H. Sorensen, in a message to Warren R. Austin, head of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations, called attention

A BUSY BOY IS A HAPPY BOY



Miami Beach, Fla. — Rev. Mgr. E. J. Flanagan, famed founder of Boys Town, Neb., and Jay Reynolds Smith, U. of Miami Beach Community Church Sunday School, watch intently for a "bite" as they fish from a Miami Beach dock. Erik, boxer dog, waits in anticipation. (Acme Photo.)

Myron Taylor Back at Vatican To Speed Peace

Washington — (NC) — Myron C. Taylor is returning to the Vatican "to resume discussion of matters of importance with His Holiness Pope Pius XII and others in authority," President Truman has announced through a statement issued at the White House.

Mr. Taylor had left by plane for Europe some hours before the President's statement was made public.

Mr. Taylor's present mission in Rome "will be of short duration—not exceeding 30 days," it was stated. It was added that, in resuming his conversations with the Holy Father, "he will continue his mission in behalf of peace."

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"As in the past, he and I will in our efforts for peace continue to welcome the advice of leaders in religion of all convictions and loyalties, wherever they may be found, but through the world."

BROTHER SEES OWN BROTHER BEATIFIED

Vatican City — (NC) — An American citizen who is the blood brother of one of the 28 martyrs added to the rank of the blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in St. Peter's Basilica, was present at the ceremonies.

He is Brother Norbert Bauer, C.S.C., a naturalized U. S. citizen, who was stationed for many years in New Orleans and in Portland, Ore., and is now attached to the office of the Procurator General of the Holy Cross here.

Three Franciscan Bishops, four Franciscan priests, seven Franciscan nuns, Brother Andrea Bauer, O.E.S.B., Brother Norbert's brother; seven native acolytes, and seven servants of the episcopal household were included in the group of martyrs beatified by the Holy Father.

Franciscans from all parts of the world, including a number of dignitaries of the Order and several actual survivors of the Massacre of 1800 during which the newly blessed were martyred, formed a large part of the congregation.

Immediately after the ceremonies, Brother Norbert approached the Holy Father in the sanctuary and presented him with a specially bound biography of the martyrs.

In an interview Brother Norbert related that his brother had always had a burning desire to imitate Christ as closely as possible, and died at the age of 33, as he desired, a martyr for Christ.

IN WORLD WAR II ODYSSEY



Hope landed Mrs. Hui Li and her 13-year-old daughter (left) when she had been stranded in the New Hebrides, after four years' search, 1,000 miles away from home, following the outbreak of a typhoon ship near Singapore. In the upper left, Pao is pictured as she landed in January, 1942, recovering from Japanese cruelties on Guadalcanal. Her astounding war experiences written by Mrs. Hui Li, "The Story of a Chinese Girl," is being published by the N. C. W. News Service. It features the first of a series of "Stories from the Digest," to be dramatized soon over a new radio program produced by the Catholic Digest Magazine. (NC Photos.)

Chinese Waif's Story on Air

St. Paul, Minn. — Mrs. Hui Li, the little Chinese waif of World War II, whose astounding war experiences formed one of the most gripping and dramatic human interest stories, soon will have her story broadcast in her native China.

The story has been brought about through the collaboration of The Digest, published monthly here, and the Rev. Frederick P. Cushing, M. A., of Philadelphia, the former Navy Chaplain of Guadalcanal, who saw Hui Li through her experiences. The current issue of The Digest has printed the story of Pao's adventures, and will feature a special feature for the N. C. W. News Service.

New York to Build Abp. Stepinac School

Yonkers — (NC) — The Archdiocesan Spiritans, Archbishop of New York will erect a new school in Yonkers.

The school, which will be dedicated to the memory of the late Archbishop Stepinac, will be built in White Plains, N. Y., and will be a separate unit participating in the memory of the late Major General Stepinac.

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