

Lithuanians In Exile Ask Homeland Aid

Washington — (NC) — An urgent appeal for "help, justice, and liberty for the martyred people of Lithuania has been addressed to the Christian world" in a statement issued by the heads of the Lithuanian Christian Democratic Party in exile.

The statement, which has just become available here, is signed by Paul M. Krupavicius, former Minister of Agriculture in Lithuania and president of the party, and Ed. Turauskas, Minister Plenipotentiary and the party's secretary general.

Recalling "the monstrous crime perpetrated in June, 1940, against the Lithuanian people" when the Soviet Government, violating its most solemn pledges in regard to Lithuania, occupied this country and imposed on her the Bolshevik regime, the party heads declare: "We are ready in the name of our martyrs, to pardon the crimes of our executioners, if only they let us free and allow us to be reunited in our own home."

"We do not ask for reparations or for other people's territory. We claim only liberty!"

Speaking to all Christians, the leaders here call "in the name of our Christian people, in the name of all people who suffer as we do."

Reiterating "the regime of terror" which the Soviets have introduced "by fire and sword" the officials of the Christian Democratic Party urge all Christian people to "help us to recover our patrimony by your profound Christian and humane conviction."

CHINESE REDS KILL 6 PRIESTS

Peiping, China — (NC) — The list of Catholic casualties is steadily mounting in the way of religion waged by Chinese communists.

Two Chinese priests, Father Theodor Sching and Father Albert were reported killed recently following their imprisonment by the communists in Jilin province.

Over a week ago the attitude of the Reds towards the Church has changed during the past year from limited tolerance to open persecution.

The following account summarizes the information which has been received on murders by the Reds within the past few months. In Swatow, China, the Rev. Benedict King and a Catholic teacher were killed by the communists on Sept. 21. Both had been imprisoned since February.

The Rev. Scavilla Ludwig, a Franciscan of Yenching, was also reported killed by the communists. His death is not exactly determined. Two Austrian Capuchin Fathers, the Revs. Theophilus Riederstaller and Anthony Schloekardt of Klamuz, Manchuria, were shot by the Reds on June 10.

Forced Labor For Bishop

Latest reports also tell of at least one Bishop and a number of priests, brothers and sisters being held prisoners by the Chinese communist forces.

Bishop Theodor Steyer, O.S.B. of Fanki, Manchuria, and the whole Benedictine community there were arrested on May 5 and are still being held for forced labor. Reports state that the Bishop has contracted illness because of insufficient clothing.

Mgr. Nicholas Szivras, Jesuit Prefect Apostolic, was arrested at Taining, Hopei province, on Sept. 27 and the following day he was hauled before a military trial and ill-treated until he lost consciousness. He is still being held a captive of the communists, together with a Father Maron.

Reports are also arriving here constantly telling of the systematic despoliation and confiscation of mission buildings by the communists.

Hungarian Cardinal Visits U. S. Information Library

Budapest — (Radio NC) — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, accompanied by several aides, has paid a visit to the U. S. Library of Information here and was received by Lewis E. Rievy, Information Officer. The Cardinal inspected the American books, newspapers and magazines which are available at the library and saw several American films.

On leaving the library the Cardinal said he had "always followed with the closest interest the constructive ability of the American people."

Australian Prelate's Body Returned From England

Sydney — (NC) — Sixty-three years after his death in England the remains of the late Archbishop Roger Beale Vaughan, O. S. B., second Archbishop of Sydney, have been reinterred in the crypt of St. Mary's Cathedral here.

Archbishop Vaughan died at Liverpool in 1883, while on his way to pay an ad limina visit to the Pope, and was buried at St. Michael's, Belmont, Harfordshire. The translation of his remains was witnessed by His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney.

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