

# Tito War on Church Continues Unabated

Berne, Switzerland—NC—Whatever changes in Yugoslavia's internal and external policy may result from the clash between the Tito regime and Moscow, there are no indications of any letup in the communist warfare on the Church and religion in general.

## Catholic View Unchanged on Tito, Says Paper

On the contrary, latest news arriving here from inside Yugoslavia reveals further mass arrests of priests and Religious particularly in the Province of Hercegovina, which have seriously crippled the Church in that area.

THESE MEASURES, carried out by the OZNA, Tito's dreaded secret police, took place in connection with the arrest of Bishop Peter Cule of Mostar, who is still being held on unspecified charges.

Five Franciscan priests from the provincial monastery at Mostar, and six Sisters from the local Catholic hospital were taken to prison at the time of Bishop Cule's arrest, and some time later another priest and ten additional Sisters were arrested. All of the prisoners are held incommunicado as a usual practice in Yugoslavia, where the right of habeas corpus is not recognized.

No information about the charges against the priests and Sisters is available as yet; it is thought however that they will be the usual ones about "collaboration with the enemy." These latest measures of persecution will render impossible even the most elementary services of religion in many parishes of the populous and mountainous Diocese of Mostar, the reports declare.

THE VATICAN broadcast, as heard here, quoted an editorial in Il Quotidiano, Rome daily of Catholic Action, which dealt with "the usual inaccurate reports usually ascribed by some news agencies to 'well-informed Vatican circles' to the effect that, according to the Holy See, Marshal Tito repudiating his past errors, might obtain the support of the Yugoslav clergy to avoid the complete sovietization of the country."

Il Quotidiano commented as follows on these reports, according to Vatican Radio: "A clumsy error of judgment has been made. Catholics accept all established regimes and they only expect freedom to live according to their faith. Whatever some superficial observers may say, the granted freedom of worship controlled to Catholics by Marshal Tito's regime in no way guarantees the rights of Catholics."

After quoting a speech by Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, to the House of Commons on the Yugoslav situation, Il Quotidiano continued: "The trial and sentence of Archbishop Stepinac has aroused the scorn of all honest people. The harsh sentences passed on priests and monks, and the constant arrests are the sign of a state of mind still far removed from conciliation."

"There is no reason for Catholics to change their attitude toward Marshal Tito's regime. If such an alteration is desired, it is for Marshal Tito's regime to prove in deed the respect for the Church which has not shown up to now. There are evident considerations which however have escaped the interpreters of so-called well-informed Vatican circles."

## CSMC Convention To Feature Catechetics

Cincinnati, NC—The use of catechetical methods for spreading knowledge of the Catholic Faith will be demonstrated at a special session during the 13th national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at the University of Notre Dame from August 26 to 29. It has been announced here by Magr Edward A. Freking, the Crusade's national secretary.

Persons familiar with the situation do not have these charges abated, since these priests merely sought to uphold their rights of ownership in enterprises which had been confiscated by the government. It looks like another example of the practical application of Marxist dialectics, with the thief trying to send to jail the owner of that which he has stolen." one comment stated.

## Mission Bishop



Very Rev. David F. Hickey, S.J., 65, native of St. Louis, Mo., who has been named Bishop of Belize, British Honduras, by Pope Pius XII. A graduate of St. Louis University, ordained in 1917, Bishop-designated Hickey has been in Belize since 1927, and since the death of Bishop William Rice, he has served as pro-vicar apostolic. He is a brother of Sister Mary Columba of the Sisters of St. Joseph, in St. Louis. (NC Photos.)

## Catholics Will Assist Rural Overseas Relief

New York—NC—War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference has joined the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) and can be named an assignee of relief goods gathered in rural areas by CROP. It has been announced by the relief agency here.

However, because of the close association of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference with rural problems, WRS—N.C.W.C. has designated that body to take the active membership in CROP.

THE RURAL OVERSEAS Program will thus have three member agencies: the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief. The program was conceived some months ago as a means of securing the participation of U. S. rural communities in foreign relief.

In the collection of goods by CROP, the people will be invited to earmark their contributions to one of the following organizations: WRS—N.C.W.C., Church World Service, or Lutheran World Relief. A blank space will be left for those who desire to designate the contribution for any other approved foreign relief agency.

## Soviet Purge of Tito Forecast

Cleveland, NC—A Yugoslav prelate under a sentence of 18 years at hard labor in that country, who is now in the United States, believes that there is a "real disagreement" between Marshal Tito and the Cominform and that there will be a "purge" as a result.

Bishop Gregorij Rozman of Ljubljana, who arrived here from Switzerland where he had been living as a refugee, said that the Yugoslav dictator has succeeded, in gaining influence over young Yugoslavs but that the majority is more or less forced "to cooperate in praise of him."

"I DOUBT, however, that the position of Tito can be stronger than the arms of the Cominform even with this support," he declared.

Giving all this as his "personal opinion," Bishop Rozman declared that "the heads of those who have in any way offended the leadership of world communism must fall. The accusation of being a Trotskyite" means the same as the death sentence."

The prelate was sentenced on a charge of collaboration with the Germans. He said that his actual reason was because he taught his faithful "about the dangers of godless communism." Bishop Rozman was induced to leave Yugoslavia for his personal safety before the trial.

"Freedom of cult" is allowed in his country, the Bishop declared but "the teaching of religion is impossible." Priests all ways feel the supervision and persecution of the political police and members of the communist party, he said.

In three years more than 39 priests were sentenced to more than 139 years of hard labor always of course for "political reasons" as enemies of the state as reactionaries or as spies in favor of foreign powers, especially the United States," he asserted.

"This is a 2,000-year old trick in the persecution of the Church. They make a law which Catholics in conscience can't obey and they are sentenced because of it not for religious reasons but for breaking the existing laws."

Bishop Rozman, who was last in the country in 1935, plans to visit Slovenian parishes in the United States.

## CATHEDRAL FOR KOREA



Monignor Thomas Quinlan of the St. Columban Fathers, Prefect Apostolic of Kangwon Province, Korea, watches his dream of the Sacred Heart Cathedral at Chunchon slowly materialize as Korean workers cut into the granite blocks. Money contributed by members of the 100th Military Government Group helped to finance the cathedral which will take two years to build. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (NC Photos.)

## Protestant Journal Warns Against Secularism Peril

New York—(NC)—Protestants have been so preoccupied with the Roman Catholic problem" that they have neglected Christianity and Crisis, by weekly Protestant journal of Christian opinion published here, that they have contributed to an interpretation of separation of Church and State which is the opposite of what they intended and the negation of American religious tradition. The journal is published by a group of moderate Protestant leaders headed by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr.

"This new form of the doctrine of separation," the editorial observes, "tends in practice to give an advantage to aggressive secularism. The one common form of aggressive secularism, as has been emphasized in this journal, is the tendency to make the institutions and assumptions of American democracy into a religious faith or into a substitute for religious faith."

The same issue of this journal prints the recent statement signed by many Protestant leaders calling attention to the secularistic implications in the doctrine of separation of church and state now being developed by the United States Supreme Court. The editorial describes this statement as "the first endorsed by many Protestant leaders."

"The logic of the new position," the editorial states, "would destroy all types of cooperation between Church and State which the American people have long taken for granted from the millitary chaplaincy to tax exemption for church property."

Gradually we may find ourselves a nation in which the conviction forming agencies of all sorts which are aided by the State will count against rather than for religious faith. That would be the opposite of the intention of many who have contributed to the result, including those Protestants who fail to discern the full meaning of the current interpretation of the Constitution."

Plan 34 Scholarships  
Washington—(NC)—Fifteen fellowships and 19 scholarships for graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, here during the 1948-49 scholastic year, have been announced by Msgr. Patrick J. McCormick, university rector.

Journalism Course Set  
Chicago—(NC)—A program in journalism will be introduced at DePaul University in the 1948-49 scholastic year beginning in September.

## Poor Refugees Flee China's Red Areas

Peiping, China—(NC)—Within the past few weeks about 2,000 refugees, mainly Catholics, have camped in the courtyards of the Peitang Cathedral here, finding freedom under the shadow of the Cross after fleeing the fear and persecution that prevailed under the hammer and sickle in Chihshien county, 60 miles east of Peiping. Chihshien has been in communist hands for more than a year.

## Filipinos Aided By Catholic Chinese of Cebu

Cebu, P. I.—NC—The president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in this city, Tiro Uy Yengsu, is a Catholic. Other Chinese, likewise prominent in Cebu's business life, belong to the Church.

"Nowhere in the Philippines today are the Filipinos and the Chinese on more understanding and intimate terms than they are here," Yengsu told the Philippines Commonwealth, Catholic weekly newspaper.

The Chinese in Cebu have scored in civic service. In the reconstruction of the city, badly damaged during the war, the Chinese merchants are responsible for more than 80 per cent of the new buildings seen in the business center.

WHEN THE LAST drive for the Red Cross was held here, the Chinese oversubscribed their quota by more than 100 per cent. There was the largest contribution turned in by any foreign group in the city.

Last year, when a disastrous fire ravaged a section of Cebu, the Chinese residents were the first foreign group to extend relief in food and clothing to the victims. The municipal council thanked them publicly by resolution, which said that their assistance "speaks highly for the profound sympathy, cordial relations and understanding of the Chinese community with the people of the city and province of Cebu."

The Chinese are on particularly friendly terms with the Archbishop of Cebu, the Most Rev. Gabriel M. Reyes. "The welfare of the Chinese Catholics of Cebu is very close to my heart," the Archbishop declared.

Temporary lodging has so far been provided for 600 persons through the efforts of the Rev. Paul Chou, secretary to His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peiping, who was recently named by the national ministry of social affairs to the Peiping committee for refugee relief.

The archdiocesan seminary and Fr. Jen, Catholic University, among others, have allocated some buildings to shelter the homeless. The refugees who have not yet found a roof cluster in family groups, with a few household utensils, some bundles of patched clothes, sometimes with a cart and donkey, in courtyards in front of the cathedral.

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