# COMMUNISTS JAIL CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

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# Christian Peace Bid Urged by Pope Pius

## Pontiff Says Faith Forbids 'Indifference'

Vatican City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in his annual Christmas eve broadcast to the world, called upon Catholics, "together with all upright men," to work for "the propagation and triumph of the Christian will for peace."

The Pontiff, who spoke from the Vatican Palace in the presence of twelve Cardinals, warned that a Catholic's religion does not condemn him to stand coldly indifferent to the day's "grave and urgent duties."

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**CATHOLICS SHOULD** help seek the solution of questions "in the field of social justice no less than on the international plane of law and peace," he said.

**"A convinced Christian,"** he said, **"cannot confine himself with an easy and egoistical 'isolationism,' when he witnesses the needs and the misery of his brothers; when pleas for help come to him from those in economic distress; when he knows the aspirations of the working classes for more normal and just conditions of life; when he is aware of the abuses of an economic system which puts money above social obligations . . ."**

Saying that "the Christian will for peace comes from God," Pope Pius added that it "has its weapons too." Its principal arms are those of prayer and love; constant prayer to the Father in Heaven, "brotherly love among all men and all nations," he explained.

The Christian will for peace "will never turn a question of national prestige or honor into an argument for war or even for a threat of war," the Pope stated.

**"MAY THE** United Nations," he continued, "become the full

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## Israeli Official Hits Desecration

**Jerusalem** — (RNS) — Desecration of Christian churches in Palestine is "deeply repulsive" to the Israeli Government and people according to Rabbi Jacob Herzog, head of the Christian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Religion.

**RABBI HERZOG** made this statement during an interview in which he outlined his ministry's attitude towards Christian institutions in the Jewish state.

He said that some months ago irresponsible Israeli soldiers had committed acts of desecration but that a number of courts martial against offenders had already been held.

**MEANWHILE, HE** added, the most stringent orders have been issued by the Israeli commander-in-chief against desecrations.

Emphasizing that relations between his department and Christian clergymen were generally excellent, Rabbi Herzog, the son of Israel's Chief Rabbi, indicated he would see that the pledge of freedom of worship and maintenance of the religious rights of non-Jewish elements in Palestine is carried out. This pledge was made recently by the Prime Minister.

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This typical scene shows diocesan teachers attending courses at Nazareth Normal School, teacher training institution conducted for the past fifty years in the Diocese of Rochester by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The school now situated at the Nazareth Motherhouse in Pittsford was formally opened December 27, 1898 by Bishop Bernard McQuaid.

## Saint Joseph Sisters' Teacher School Completes Fifty Years

By A SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH

Nazareth Normal School, directed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, this week completed fifty years as a teacher training institution for religious in the Diocese of Rochester.

It was formally opened December 27, 1898 by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first episcopal head of the diocese.

The Annals of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the records of the Normal School, faithfully kept by Sister Anna de Paul, its late dean, furnish one of the oldest histories of formal teacher education for religious in the United States.

**ALIVE TO THE** needs of the community at all times, Mother Agnes, as early as 1884, purchased land for the erection of a normal school, where a more systematic course of study might be pursued in preparation for the teaching profession.

The building, now the Rochester Monastery of the Basilian Fathers on Augustine Street, was completed in 1898 and formally opened with a Pontifical High Mass on December 27 by Bishop McQuaid who cited the purpose of the founding in these words:

**"For the better preparation of the young teacher to meet the wants of the day, we are establishing here a normal religious school, first for the preparation of the religious teacher, and in time to give all our young women the advantage of a normal training in a Catholic school, which they now look for elsewhere.**

**"The instruction is according to the wants of the day, not according to the principles laid down a hundred years ago . . . Our teachers ought to be the best teachers in the world, of their own sex, in any branch of knowledge suitable to them."**

In the years preceding the opening of the Normal School and for some time after, twelve Sisters in all were sent to Europe for special studies in art, music, and education, in courses ranging from one to three years in Rome, Florence, Genoa and Paris, and in the Normal Schools in Bruges in Belgium, and Wurtemburg in Germany.

**ON MARCH 19, 1899,** a group of twenty-four young women ar-

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## Diocese Nuns Training For Our Schools At Nazareth

## Holy Name Men Will Present Story of Fatima

"Our Lady of Fatima," a three-act play which scored a big success on Broadway recently, will be produced and sponsored by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union in Passion Week.

Completion of arrangements for the production, which will be presented in Our Lady of Mercy High School Auditorium from Apr. 3 through Apr. 10, was announced this week by the Diocesan Union executive committee.

Author of the drama, which tells the story of the famed apparitions of the Blessed Mother to the three little children at Fatima, Portugal, is the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., widely-known Dominican playwright and national director of the Blackfriars' Theater Guild.

Originally scheduled for some 40 performances last year in New York City, the play drew such large audiences that nearly 20 additional performances were added to total 64.

Father Nagle

## Columbus Daily Drops Steve Canyon Comic Strip

**Columbus — (NC) — The Columbus Dispatch, one of the largest daily newspapers in the country, has discontinued the comic strip "Steve Canyon" because it is "too indecent to print."**

**George Smallsreed Jr., editor, told the Columbus Register, Columbus diocesan weekly: "We have taken the comic strip, "Steve Canyon," out of the daily paper because it is too indecent to print and we will keep it out until it's cleaned up. We have received many calls from our readers asking for an explanation and we told them all the same thing. Some have protested, but it's going to stay out until it's made fit to print."**

**The editor's objections were to the depiction of women in indecent dress and suggestive situations. The strip, signed by cartoonist Milton Caniff, was also removed from the Sunday comic pages of the paper.**

**The Dispatch, with a daily circulation of approximately 160,000 and Sunday circulation of 217,000 in Ohio and parts of Kentucky and West Virginia, is believed to be one of the first metropolitan newspapers to take such action.**

## Communists Plot Church's End in China

**Rome** — (RNS) — Communist military leaders in China have received secret instruction to obliterate Roman Catholicism and all other religions in that country, according to Vatican spokesmen.

Church officials here said these instructions had been issued by the Chinese Communist Central Executive Committee. A copy of the instructions, now in Vatican hands, was said to reveal the following three-phase policy of advancing Communist forces:

**(1) Abolition of religion in all areas where the Reds feel they have consolidated their position.**

**(2) Formal tolerance of religions, but paralleled by an undercover persecution of Christians, in sections only recently captured.**

**(3) Official assurances that religious freedom will be respected in territories that are gradually being occupied.**

Vatican spokesmen said the secret instructions also explained to military leaders that tolerance was to be considered merely a temporary expedient to be used in order to lessen opposition in newly-conquered sections.

The instructions, it was said, indicated that Red military leaders had a certain amount of discretionary power, which they were to exercise in accordance with the main goal of creating an atheistic state.

## Loss of China's Schools Feared

**New York** (NC) Communists in China are using every means to take the formation of youth out of the hands of the Church, Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York and national director for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, declared here in discussing the January intention of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, "Catholic Schools in China."

"They put every obstacle in the way," the Bishop said, "multiplying annoyances and even using violence so as to render the existence of Catholic schools difficult, if not impossible."

**THE BISHOP** said that even in free China, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain Catholic schools. He said there are 300,000 students enrolled in Catholic elementary schools, 32,000 in secondary schools, and 7,484 in higher institutions of learning maintained by the Church. These schools, he said, lack adequate finances and teaching staffs, and receive nothing from the State.

CARDINAL JOSEPH MINDSZENTY

"I stand for God, Church, and Country."

## Arrest of Prelate Climaxes Attacks

N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE

The arrest of Hungary's Primate, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, by police of the communist-dominated Hungarian regime does not come as a surprise. It has been forecast for months in a series of Red-directed attacks against the prelate.

On November 11, N.C.W.C. News Service reported in a dispatch from Vienna that "unprecedentedly bitter attacks and threats" against the Cardinal gave rise to fear that they "foreshadow ominous developments."

**On November 24, another Vienna dispatch quoted Lajos Dinnyes, then Prime Minister of Hungary, as saying in what was described as "the most violent in the current series of attacks": "We shall break the power of reaction, may it appear in the purple cassock of Cardinals, with golden chains and rings . . . or in the sabotage of landowners."**

On December 2, Vienna reports interpreted a speech by Matyas Rakosi, Deputy Premier and generally considered Hungary's real boss, as being a deliberate piece of stage-setting in preparation for an all-out attack on the Church.

**RAKOSI TRIED** to make it appear as if the communist regime were "reluctantly" driven by the "spontaneous forces of public opinion" to end its "excessive patience" in dealing with the "reactionary forces hiding behind the cloak of the Church."

Finally, the new Hungarian Premier, Istvan Dobi, used his first address to the Hungarian parliament earlier this month for a bitter attack on the Cardinal, declaring that "anyone who fights against our people's democracy is running his head against a stone wall."

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## Appeal to UN Hits Red Ban On State Jobs

**Paris** —(NC)— **Christians cannot occupy any public posts in Hungary, according to a complaint against the persecution of Hungarian Catholics made to the United Nations here by Magr. Joseph Horvath, president of the Hungarian Christian Popular Movement. This is an association of Christian-Hungarian organizations forced to flee before the communist persecution.**

**The complaint to the U. N. made the following charges:**

**The Minister of the Interior has banned the Christian syndicates organized by Catholics and Protestants. In other syndicates, directed by the communists, Christian workers are persecuted, especially those who to show their faith wear a little white cross.**

**All Catholic youth organizations have been dissolved. All their property has been given to the communist youth groups now installed in former Catholic colleges.**

**All those who practice their religion have been removed from universities, cultural institutions, the army and the police. Many of them have been sent to concentration camps under the pretext of charges of anti-democratic activity or plotting. It can be said that a practicing Christian cannot occupy any post in Hungary.**

## Red Arrest Of Cardinal Apes Nazis

**Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty's arrest and imprisonment by Hungary's Communist dictators is not a new experience for the heroic Hungarian Catholic Primate who once before suffered imprisonment for resisting earlier aggressors against his nation — the Nazi dictators.**

The long-expected seizure of the Hungarian Cardinal, who has won worldwide recognition for his bold defiance of Communist aggression against human freedom, took place on Monday (Dec. 27).

**THIS WAS ONLY** two days after the Christmas Eve broadcast of Pope Pius XII. Some of the Pontiff's remarks were interpreted as condemning the conduct of Soviet Russia and her Communist allies.

The Cardinal's arrest was officially announced by the Ministry of the Interior as follows:

"Josef Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom, was taken into custody by police authorities on suspicion of treason, crimes aiming at the overthrow of the republic, espionage and currency speculation."

**AFTER ARRESTING** the Cardinal the Communist-dominated government announced that the Primate "has confessed his guilt."

The Interior Ministry also alleged that police had discovered in the basement of the Cardinal's home a metal box containing documents written by the prelate and requesting Western powers to "interfere in the internal affairs of Hungary."

**SIGNIFICANTLY, THESE** government charges were made public after the Cardinal had been silenced by prison bars.

Announcement of confessions by persons arrested on political charges is commonplace in Hungary and other Communist-ruled countries before formal trial. The Cardinal has been inaccessible to reporters since his arrest.

**CARDINAL MINDSZENTY** was arrested almost to the day three years after he became a member of the Sacred College. His appointment was one of the 32 announced by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on Christmas Eve, 1945. Although Hungary at that time was not yet under complete communist domination, Cardinal Mindszenty experienced considerable difficulty in going to Rome for the Consistory of February 18, 1946. He actually arrived after it had begun, aboard the airplane of an American Army general.

Fifty-six years old and a priest for 33 years, Cardinal Mindszenty has previously experienced imprisonment at the hands of enemies of the Church. In the last stages of the war, soon after his elevation to the Hungarian episcopacy, he was arrested by the nazis and held prisoner for four months. He was garbed in his full episcopal robes when he was marched off to prison.

**HIS COURAGE IN** the face of the increasingly bitter attacks on the Church has become proverbial throughout Hungary. The country's Catholics, representing more than 70 per cent of the total population, not only look upon him as their spiritual leader but see in him the embodiment of Hungary's Christian traditions and of their hopes for a brighter future.

The Cardinal visited the United States in June, 1947, to attend the Marian Congress in Ottawa.

## Vatican Organ Scores Arrest

**Rome** — (RNS) — The arrest of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, was condemned here by Osservatore Romano, official Vatican newspaper, which declared that when the Communists "want to hit at a bishop they accuse him of treason."

The newspaper quoted the words of Pope Pius XII in his Christmas message:

" . . . in all those countries where to profess the Catholic faith really means to suffer persecution there have been and there are still thousands of valiant men and women who, undismayed by sacrifices, proscriptions and torture, and fearless in the face of prison and death, do not bow the knee before the Baal of might and power."

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## Fr. Sullivan Offers St. Susanna Mass

**Vatican City,** — (NC) — Members of the American colony in Rome attended the Christmas Midnight Mass which was sung in the American Church of Santa Susanna by the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, Rome correspondent of N.C.W.C. News Service and priest of the Rochester Diocese.

Santa Susanna is the titular Church in Rome of His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit.

**Anti-Comic Book Campaign** gains impetus in Auburn when SS. Peter and Paul's (Ukrainian Catholic) pupils burn thousands of crime comic books in a schoolyard fire. The action followed a parish parent-teachers meeting. The children gathered the books in a canvass of neighborhood homes.

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