

Cardinal Mindszenty's Arrest by Communists Called Violation of Freedom

Card. Mooney Urges Protest By UN Group

Detroit — (NC) — Characterizing the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty as an "outstanding case of trampled rights," His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, has expressed the hope that it will evoke an energetic protest from the nations whose representatives have so recently formulated a "Declaration of Human Rights."

CARDINAL MOONEY'S statement follows:

"The arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty comes as no surprise to those who have followed the course of events in Hungary during the past two years — or, for that matter, to this heroic churchman himself.

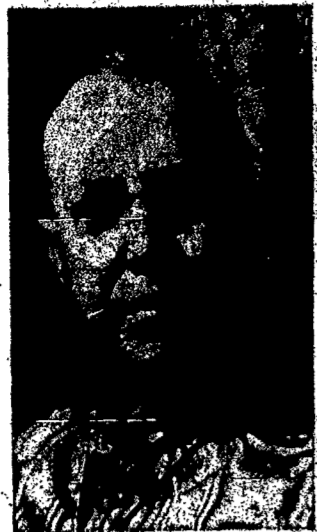
"His previous experience as a prisoner of a Nazi regime imposed by Hitler has prepared him for his present confinement under a communist regime imposed by Stalin. Neither circumstance, however, lessens the horror with which we view the ruthless suppression of freedom and truth behind the iron curtain — or our sense of responsibility for the catastrophe which has befallen another country 'liberated' by the United Nations.

"As under the Nazis, so now under the Soviets, Cardinal Mindszenty is persecuted because he dared to speak out for God and fundamental human rights against brutal tyranny.

"To the vast majority of his fellow-citizens — and, indeed, to the thinking man across the world — he has become the symbol of a free Hungary and an ancient Christian civilization. For that reason he has been made the chief target for totalitarian hatred of the Machiavellian group which through a diabolical combination of cunning and force has usurped the power in a hapless nation.

"It is heartening to note that American public opinion, as reflected in the daily press, refuses to accept the baseless accusations made by the Soviet satellite regime in Hungary. For Americans have quickly recognized the familiar pattern employed in turn by the henchmen of Hitler and the stooges of Tito, and now taken up again by the Moscow-trained members of the 'People's Government of Hungary.'

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CARDINAL MOONEY

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CARDINAL DOUGHERTY

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Irish Seek Visit With Jailed Prelate

Dublin — (RNS) — Foreign Minister Sean MacBride has urged the Hungarian government to permit an official representative of Ireland to visit Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary.

In a message to the Hungarian Foreign Minister, MacBride expressed "the grave anxiety which the announcement of the detention of Cardinal Mindszenty has occasioned in this country."

"Your Excellency will readily understand," the message said, "the concern of lovers of freedom everywhere for the dignity and welfare of one who always showed himself so fearless a champion of fundamental human rights."

Philadelphia Cardinal Hits 'Foul Outrage'

Philadelphia — (NC) — Declaring the arrest of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, a "foul and disgusting outrage," His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, said in a statement that the whole civilized world "will be indignant over such an action" which "not only as Catholics but also as Americans... we abhor and denounce."

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY'S statement, issued through the archdiocesan chancery is as follows:

"The arrest of His Eminence, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, by the Communist government of that country is an outrage that must necessarily shock not only Catholics the world over, but also all men and women of good will who look for world peace based on justice and charity.

"This travesty of justice is in direct opposition to the principles of Christianity and it is contradictory to the traditional American way of life. Accordingly, we feel that the whole civilized world will be indignant over such an action, which makes justice a mockery and law the whim of a tyrant.

"Although the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty is merely a repetition of past history wherein the enemies of the Catholic Church attempt to destroy her by first destroying her shepherds, nevertheless, we feel it our duty to protest against this shocking persecution.

"Not only as Catholics, but also as Americans, imbued with the idea that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we abhor and denounce this foul and disgusting outrage."

Not Surprised,' Says Cardinal of Cuba

Havana, Cuba — (NC) — His Eminence Manuel Cardinal Arteaga y Betancourt, Archbishop of Havana, considered the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty the natural outcome of a churchman trying to carry out his religious duties in a communist regime bent on the destruction of spiritual values.

"The arrest of the Primate of Hungary does not surprise us," Cardinal Arteaga said, "when we consider the virtues and patriotism of that prelate and the fact that Hungary is dominated by communism which seeks the destruction of the spiritual values represented by Catholicism."

New 'Travesty on Justice' Seen by Cardinal Spellman

New York — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, saw in the arrest of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, the "first grim step in another totalitarian mockery, another travesty on justice."

In a public statement issued here, the New York Cardinal said:

"While the chant of Christmas carols and prayers was still echoing messages of peace on earth, good will towards men, news flashed across the earth after months of threatening and plotting, Red fascists had arrested Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. Thus was taken the first grim step in another totalitarian mockery, another sacrilegious travesty on justice.

"Names and places change, but communist persecution of the church continues. Yesterday it was (Archbishop) Alojzius Stepinac in Yugoslavia. Today it is Hungary's Cardinal Mindszenty. But to this present martyr, prison walls will be no novelty. For nearly a year he languished in jail rather than bow to Nazi dictatorship. Then Hungary was liberated, but with 'liberation' came shackled freedoms, a muzzled press and confiscated schools, in an endless chain of totalitarian treacheries.

"Cardinal Mindszenty foresaw the role he was destined to play in the present enslavement of his nation! Only a year ago, I had the honor to have the Cardinal as a guest in my home, he was asked by some one if he did not fear to return to Hungary. Calmly, simply he answered: 'Why should I fear to return? That is where by God's will, I ultimately, all that my enemies can take from me is my life!'

"On behalf of the Cardinal who uttered these noble words, I beseech freedom-loving peoples to lift their voice in common bond of prayer for Hungary's saintly spiritual leader and for communist-enslaved peoples everywhere, and never to relax their efforts to help achieve and guarantee for all men their God-given rights, no matter how hopeless our protests may seem to be, when our cause is God's cause, we cannot, in the end, fail to triumph!"



CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Liberty Lost In Hungary Says Toronto Prelate

Toronto — (NC) — "Cardinal Mindszenty's was the last free voice left in Hungary; the tyrannical, communist and atheist government has vacillated for a long time between fear of letting that voice be heard and fear of alienating it," His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, declared.

Cardinal McGuigan was the Papal Legate to the Marian Congress held in Ottawa June 18 to 22, 1947, when the Hungarian Cardinal was one of the Princes of the Church in attendance.

CARDINAL McGuigan's statement follows:

"I know Cardinal Mindszenty intimately. He told me terrible things of the outrages committed on the population of Hungary by the Red army. Yet he was always prudent and restrained in his language. It has been well known that martyrdom might be his fate, but he has done everything to avoid provocation while saying what was necessary to save his people from despair and to expose the designs of the communist government to destroy every vestige of Christianity.

"The religious schools, both Catholic and Protestant, in Hungary have been seized by the government under the name of nationalization; religious teachers have been expelled, and the atheism of Marx and Lenin has been imposed on the children.

"No criticism of the government is tolerated. The slightest whisper of dissent leads to arrest and those who go to prison expect to go to their death. Every family lives in daily fear of the disappearance of its breadwinners and its women who are sent off to Russia as slave laborers."



CARDINAL STRITCH

"Let the Hungarian people freely give their answer..."



CARDINAL MCGUIGAN

"He told me terrible things."

Regime Called Tyrannical by Card. Stritch

Chicago, Ill. — (NC) — The arrest of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, reveals the "undisguised tyranny" of the communist regime in Hungary and shows that communism brings with it "the suppression of human rights" and a "violent aggression against man," His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, declared in a statement issued here. The statement follows:

"THE ARREST OF the Cardinal Primate of Hungary on charges which plain facts deny reveals the undisguised tyranny of the communist group which by violence holds Hungary in bondage.

"His Eminence is an intrepid protagonist of the rights of man, rights which we hold to be the endowment of the Creator and not the grant of human authority. Let the Hungarian people freely give their answer and it will be a proclamation that the Cardinal is the hero of his countrymen. He was in the way of tyrants because he fearlessly spoke the truth. Only a regime which is afraid of the truth would perpetrate such a crime.

"It horrifies right-thinking men everywhere and evidences that communism brings the suppression of human rights and is a violent aggression against man."

'Shameful,' Charges Cardinal of Peru

Lima, Peru — (NC) — The arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty was a shameful act, said His Eminence Juan Guaberto Cardinal Guevara, Archbishop of Lima, Peru.

"What the Cardinal did was simply to defend freedom of education, and the rights of the Church and of parents to see that their children are educated in a Christian way."

Red Treatment of Primate 'Outrageous,' President Told

Washington — (NC) — Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati, chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has scored as "outrageous" the Communist seizure of Hungary's Cardinal Mindszenty.

In messages to Pope Pius XII and President Truman, the Archbishop stated:

"THE CATHOLIC Bishops of the United States, their priests and people, unite with His Holiness in the profound grief which oppresses the whole Catholic world at the outrageous arrest of the Cardinal Primate of Hungary by a tyrannical communist government.

"All informed Americans know that Cardinal Mindszenty has been the intrepid defender of human rights and an apostolic witness of the teachings of the Gospel. Right-minded men everywhere in the world have admired the Cardinal and seconded his courageous condemnation of a tyrannical government, and applauded his defense of God-given freedoms.

"THE UTTERLY false and stupid charges made against the Cardinal by a communist government do not hide the real purpose of attacking, persecuting and liquidating religion. We recognize that the pattern followed by a communist regime is the same everywhere. Its pace of introducing iniquitous measures to reduce a country to a slave state varies only because of local circumstances. In the United States our citizens prize their religious freedom as a gift from God, not a concession from any government or from any human authority.

"With all the vehemence of our souls, we protest against the criminal arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty. In the name of humanity we ask the whole world to demand release of the Cardinal, that His Eminence may have unfettered freedom to be the pastor of his people and the devoted father of his spiritual children."

Pope Aids Egyptian Poor. Cairo, Egypt — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has made a Christmas donation of 2,000 Egyptian pounds (about \$8,000) for aid to children of needy families and war orphans in Egypt.

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U. S. Government Bonds	111,632,256.35
Other Stocks and Bonds	5,500,343.83
Loans	57,112,710.95
Mortgages	19,044,213.15
Real Estate and Banking Houses	4,736,751.99
Other Real Estate	27,510.28
Accrued Interest Receivable	856,060.19
Other Assets	296,256.73
Letters of Credit and Acceptances (per contra)	185,799.10
	\$257,754,615.07

LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$239,762,303.27
Reserve for Interest and General Expense	348,137.51
Reserve for Federal Income and other Taxes	683,647.52
Reserve for Unearned Discount	615,722.67
Letters of Credit and Acceptances (per contra)	185,799.10
Dividends Declared and Payable February 1st	150,705.00
Capital Funds	16,028,200.00
Common Stock	\$6,028,200.00
Surplus	7,100,000.00
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