

President Truman Urged to Protest Imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty

Bishop Ready Asks President To Intervene

Columbus — (NC) — Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus has sent a telegram to President Truman requesting him to direct the State Department to take immediate steps "to save Cardinal Mindszenty." At the same time, in a pastoral letter to his diocese, the Bishop asked prayers of the faithful throughout Sunday (January 9) when the Blessed Sacrament was solemnly exposed in all churches and chapels.

"IN THE HISTORY of nations, persecution of religion and of those who bear the grave responsibility of guarding and guiding the flock of Christ has been one of the usual evidences of tyranny." Bishop Ready wrote in the pastoral. "Cardinal Mindszenty's in trepid defense of Christ's Church, of human freedom and the rights of the family made him feared by cruel Caesars who hate God."

"We should use every just and proper opportunity to raise our voices in protest against the brutal action of the present Hungarian government."

THE BISHOP'S telegram to President Truman said:

"The clergy and members of the parishes of the Diocese of Columbus join me in urging our Government to publicly condemn the inhuman arrest and imprisonment of the heroic Cardinal Mindszenty by the tyrants presently ruling the persecuted people of Hungary. We fervently ask that your voice express to the Hungarian Government the full horror of our citizens in this latest evidence of an organized brutal oppression of religion among defenseless Hungarian citizens."

"We request, Mr. President, that you direct our State Department to take immediate steps either through its own channels or through the United Nations to do everything possible to save Cardinal Mindszenty and to prevent further crimes against humanity. We recommend that our Government immediately withdraw credentials from the Hungarian Minister Plenipotentiary and send him back to his puppet regime and to his persecuting political confederates."



BISHOP READY

Lutherans Hit Reds on Arrest

Philadelphia — (NC) — The arrest of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, has been deplored here by Lutheran church leaders, who also expressed grave concern for all Christian churches in that communist-dominated country.

In a statement released through the United Lutheran Church news service here, the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, said that the arrest of men like Cardinal Mindszenty should alarm Christians all over the world. This is a definite proof that the Communist-dominated government of Hungary intends to suppress the Christian church.

The Rev. Fry also is an executive of the Lutheran World Federation representing approximately 30,000,000 persons.

Several months ago Lutheran Bishop Lajos Orszag of Budapest was arrested on a charge of illegal foreign currency traffic.

Vice-Rector Reappointed
Washington (NC) — Msgr. Edward B. Jordan has been reappointed for a term of five years as vice-rector of the Catholic University of America. It has been announced by Msgr. Patrick J. McCormick, rector. The reappointment was confirmed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Relief Official Returns Honor To Hungarians

Washington — (NC) — A former American Catholic relief official who has been charged with aiding Cardinal Mindszenty's "conspiracy" against the communist-controlled Hungarian government underscored his denial of the charge here by returning a decoration given him by that government in 1947.

HE IS THOMAS J. FOX of Floral Park, N. Y., who was given the Cross of Honor, of the Hungarian Republic for "meritorious services" in distributing food clothing and medical supplies sent into Hungary by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. During this service there Mr. Fox supervised the dispensing of aid which reached 560,000 Hungarians. At one time his organization was feeding 15,000 people daily in 125 soup kitchens.

Mr. Fox mentioned in a Hungarian communique issued in connection with the recent arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty. He was described as an "intermediary" in alleged negotiations between the Hungarian Primate and Cardinal Spellman of New York.

IN RETURNING his decoration in person at the Hungarian Legation here Mr. Fox declared in an accompanying statement: "I resent and deny the public accusation of your government that I was engaged in spying activities for the United States."

He said further: "The recent disgraceful actions of your government culminated by the arrest of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty compel me to return this medal to you for transmission to the officials of your government. This travesty on justice did not come as a complete surprise to me."

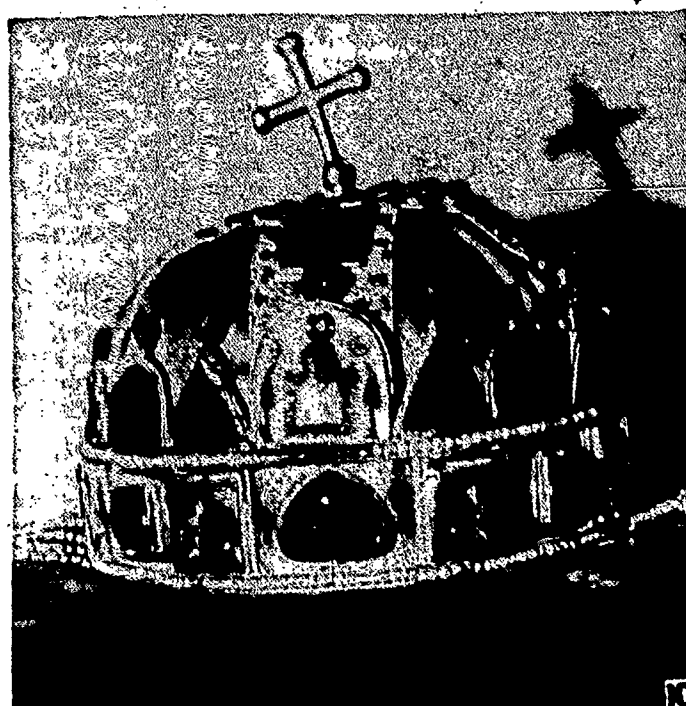
"WHILE IN BUDAPEST, the sincerity of some of your government officials was made clear to me to the extent that I was consistently hindered in my efforts to help the needy millions of Hungary; hindered by your own Minister of Public Welfare, Erik Molnar, and his Communist clique."

Mr. Fox went into Hungary for War Relief Services—N.C.W.C. in July, 1946. He also supervised the agency's relief work in Austria and Rumania. In October, 1947, he left the employ of War Relief Services and returned to private business in New York.

Tulsa Priest Heads Artist Association

(Special) — (NC) — The Rev. John L. Walsh of Tulsa, Okla., was elected president of the Catholic Art Association at its three-day convention at Mt. St. Joseph College here. Several hundred artists and art teachers attended the national meeting of the 11 year old organization.

SUBJECT OF RED DISPUTE



The Holy Crown of St. Stephen, first Christian king of Hungary. The crown was among booty taken by the Germans during World War II. Recovered by American troops in 1945. It is now in the safekeeping of the American Military Government at Munich, pending the outcome of certain negotiations. The Communist-controlled officials of the Hungarian government have accused the imprisoned Cardinal Mindszenty of conspiring to keep the Crown from delivery to the present Budapest government. (NC Photos.)

Business Executive Scores 'Will It Pay?' Philosophy

Kansas City — (NC) — The Church tells businessmen: seek your goals of efficient production, improved products, expanding sales and corporate security—but in setting a course toward those goals, first ask yourselves the question, "Is this the right thing to do?" Instead of merely, "Will it pay?"

THIS WAS emphasized here by Robert J. Dixon, director of industrial relations of the Chicago Manufacturing Corporation, a branch of the Johnson and Johnson medical supply firm, New Brunswick, N. Y., who spoke at Rockhurst College recently on "The Catholic Layman's Responsibilities in Economic Life."

Mr. Dixon described the "hands-off, devildick-the-hindmost" capitalism which prevailed until recently in this country as a thing of the past. But, he warned, it is "still fresh in the minds of men who today are managers, presidents, and chairmen of unscrupulous corporations. The tough boss (and many a Catholic is one) has not become extinct; he has only been compelled to substitute legal cunning for brutality."

"HIS POWER to do wrong continues, and it will continue until he accepts the objectives of justice, brotherhood, and Christian understanding. This change must come from inner conviction. It cannot be imposed by law," the executive declared.

However, most of the ill will in the economic world is caused, not by deliberately evil employers nor by venal labor leaders, Mr. Dixon said. "It is stirred up," he stated, "by decent well-meaning men

Journalist Sees Challenge for American Press

New York — (NC) — The need of separating facts from propaganda in the journalistic treatment of the Cardinal Mindszenty case "presents a challenge to American editors who desire to adequately cover an important news story without becoming a transmission agency for brazen communist propaganda," writes Frank Coniff in his East Side, West Side column in the New York Journal-American.

"American newspapers and wire services must devise some new approach to properly portray the rigged backdrop against which Cardinal Mindszenty will be plied," he adds. "The old court house clichés of 'charge,' 'accuse,' 'confess,' etc., will have no meaning except as communist propaganda unless they are qualified with some appreciation of the historical clash symbolized by the courtroom drama."

The columnist commented on "the unqualified manner in which the wire services presented the (Hungarian) government announcement (regarding the Cardinal's alleged 'crimes')," which had "forced practically every newspaper to carry high inserts explaining the background of the communist maneuvers."

Catholic Weekly Hits News Presentation

Philadelphia — (NC) — The Catholic Standard and Times, arch-diocesan weekly here, expressing dissatisfaction with the manner in which Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest was reported by some local newspapers and radio stations, declared that "lying propaganda" was being permitted to confuse the issue.

"The reporting of the event by a local radio station gave the impression that the Cardinal was really guilty of the crimes for which he had been arrested," the Catholic weekly declared. It also criticized a report by "our only morning newspaper," which "depicted the Cardinal as a reactionary autocrat bent on pursuing a policy that will bring disaster on his people."



ARCHBISHOP McINTYRE

Jews Support Jailed Prelate

New York — (NC) — The American Jewish League Against Communism here has wired Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, praising his condemnation of the arrest of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty.

"Now that Cardinal Mindszenty, once imprisoned by the Nazis, is persecuted by the communists, and now that facts are streaming to us from Hungary on communist persecution of Jews, your great fight against Hungarian communism is seen to be an interfaith fight," the telegram said. "It is our common fight against Red slavery and against that Stalinist scourge which is drawing ever closer to American shores."

Hospitals In Detroit Share in City Drive

Detroit — (NC) — Sponsors of the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund, who have just announced a federated campaign for the collection of \$10,720,000, have allocated more than 2 per cent of this sum, or \$2,100,000, to four Catholic projects. Fourteen hospitals in all are to be included in the fund program to strengthen the voluntary hospital system of Greater Detroit.

President Gets Appeal From Abp. McIntyre

Los Angeles — (NC) — A request for a diplomatic protest to the government of Hungary over the arrest of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty has been sent to President Truman and Under-Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett by the Catholic lay organizations of the archdiocese of Los Angeles.

"The request was in the form of telegrams to Mr. Truman and Mr. Lovett and signed both by Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles, chairman, and J. Howard Ziemann, lay chairman of the coordinating committee of all Catholic lay groups in the archdiocese. The telegrams said:

"Speaking in the name of lay organizations comprising the Coordinating Committee of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, totaling a membership of 300,000 men and women, we respectfully ask a diplomatic protest to the government of Hungary over the arrest of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the Catholic Primate of Hungary."

"This is more than the arrest of one man: it is the systematic persecution of not only the Catholic Church, its schools, organizations and clergy, but all religion."

"Charges manufactured and procedure clothed with the appearance of judicial process may make infamy technically immune in international law, but the law of God, the law of human rights, and the freedom of unprejudiced trial, must surround the shame of the dictator who seeks to crush the liberties for which the world has been at war."

"It is not some procedure that will protect the freedom and integrity of man as represented by Cardinal Mindszenty and thus restore confidence in the hearts of millions of his fellow Catholics, fellow sufferers, and fellow world citizens."

"Weather Priest" Dies
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