

London (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, will visit the Isle of Man between Britain and Ireland in February.

It was announced here. It is believed that it will be the first visit to the island by an English Cardinal since the thirteenth century.

Cardinal Spellman Refutes Budapest in Crown Dispute

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1947. Secretary Royal said: "Since the restitution of sacred relics other than to the government of origin is not properly within the discretion of the Military Government authorities, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of State requesting its careful consideration of your request."

Cardinal Spellman said he received no reply from the Department of State.

THE THIRD LETTER, addressed by Cardinal Spellman to a person "whose identity, for his security, I do not reveal," gave it as the viewpoint of international law experts that "while we might regret the necessity of giving the Crown of St. Stephen into the hands of those who have so little regard for this great spiritual leader and patron of Hungary, I am informed nevertheless that the crown is considered to be the property of the Hungarian people."

The letter added: "Since the ratification of the peace treaty with Hungary, the United States Government acknowledges the Government of Hungary as presently existing, as a de jure government. Consequently, if the Government of Hungary requests the American authorities to hand over the Crown of St. Stephen as 'loot' which was captured from the retreating nazis, it is

the opinion of those whom I have consulted that the U. S. Government may be obliged by international law to accede to the request."

THE CARDINAL added: "Consequently, it might be a cause of greater embarrassment to the Holy See if the communists of Hungary were to publicize throughout Europe the fact that the Holy See has thus innocently become the possessor of so-called 'stolen goods'. As a matter of fact, the Hungarian Government might request the Holy See to transmit the crown immediately to Hungary under threat of penalizing the Church in Hungary."

Cardinal Spellman declared that "everything that I have ever discussed with Cardinal Mindszenty has been for the spiritual welfare and physical well-being of his people," and added in conclusion:

"Cardinal Mindszenty is accused of confessing his guilt. I believe that he is 'professing' his patriotic devotion to his beloved country. In concluding my own statement of facts I repeat that as a true, God-loving American I believe in freedom not for Americans alone, but for all peoples upon the face of the earth; and, as long as there is breath in my body, I shall cry out against communist dictatorship and the enslavement and imprisonment of helpless persecuted peoples living in lands where everybody is afraid of everybody else, and even a son fears his father and the father fears his son!"

Medalist



University of Notre Dame formally conferred its Laetare Medal for 1948 on Hon. Frank C. Walker, (above) wartime Postmaster General and presidential advisor, prominent New York business and civic leader, at a dinner in New York, Tuesday.

CZECH CHURCH NEXT RED AIM

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attacks on the "reactionary" Vatican and the assertions - part of the anti-religious propaganda in all countries under Soviet domination - that the "People's Republic" does not persecute anybody for his religious beliefs... that all churches have been given a chance to cooperate... but that this must not be interpreted as a sign of weakness."

A legal pretext for any contemplated action against the Church was created in the newly adopted Law for the Protection of the People's Democratic Republic, which has one article headed, "The Misuse of the Office of Clergyman, or other Similar Functions" reading as follows: "Whoever misuses the discharge of his office of clergyman or his similar religious function to exercise an influence on matters of political life in a direction unfavorable to the People's democratic order of the Republic, shall be punished, unless an act liable to a more severe punishment is involved, by imprisonment at hard labor from one month to one year."

Czech Catholic used a public mass meeting called in Prague to mark the 60th birthday anniversary of Archbishop Beran to manifest their loyalty to the Church and her leaders. Several thousands, priests and lay folk, acclaimed the Archbishop as he entered the hall. A Catholic lay leader assured the prelate that the faithful will stand by him "no matter what happens in the future."

NEW CORNING PASTOR NAMED

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his new pastorate. In 1928, and later to St. Anne's Church, Hornell in 1929.

He became successively pastor of Rexville and Canisteo in 1932, Cato and Red Creek in 1934, Hammondsport and Prattsburg in 1937 and pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Addison, in 1941. He was named to the pastorate of St. Charles Borromeo in Elmira Heights in 1944.

Father Hurley, now awaiting assignment in the Air Corps, is a native of Waverly. He was ordained from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1942 and served as assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport. He has been at Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira since 1944.

RUMANIA NUNS REACH MUNICH

Berlin (RNS) — Repatriated German nuns of "The Order of English Ladies" have returned to their mother-convent in Munich, marking the end of a 26-year educational mission in Rumania.

The first group to return to Germany consisted of 120 sisters. Eighty others are expected to arrive shortly, while 160 will remain in Rumania.

THE DEPARTURE of the nuns came about after the Communist-dominated government of Rumania, in August of last year, suspended their activities, confiscated schools and other properties, and subjected the sisters to house arrest.

In response to an appeal from the nuns, Michael Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, and the American Military Government made arrangements for their repatriation. The first group reached Munich finally after 48 hours of shuttling from Rumania to Austria to Milan and then back to Vienna.

Congressman Keating Asks Help For Jailed Churchmen

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senatives of the world's leading Christian nation is to condemn this action in the most emphatic terms of which we are capable.

In December 1948 I took up with the Department of State the sentencing of Archbishop Stepinac to a sixteen year prison term at hard labor. Secretary Byrnes at that time wrote me that it was the contention of the Yugoslav Government that the case was an internal matter, and in the circumstances he intimated that it was not considered proper for his Department to interfere. Presumably, they would take the same position regarding the present situation.

Both Hungary and Yugoslavia were liberated, in part by the blood of thousands of American boys who believed they were fighting to preserve ideals and principles now shattered in an alarming manner by these arbitrary governments.

Probably these two fearless men of God care not what suffering and physical and mental tortures faces them. It seems to me, however, we cannot sit idly by, as these Communist outrages recur, but must register our protest and exert the influence of our United Nations representatives to request a thorough probe of the actions

taken against these stalwart Christians.

It is toward that end that I ask your cooperation through the appointment of a special sub-committee, which will serve to focus the attention of all nations on this great international and humanitarian problem.

Very sincerely yours,
Kenneth B. Keating

Senator Downey Joins Plea for Cardinal

Washington (NC) — Senator Sheridan Downey of California has joined Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York in a request that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee undertake an inquiry into the tragic affair of the arrest of Joset Cardinal Mindszenty.

"I trust that our Government will make known its concern with the violence shown Hungary's Cardinal Primate and use whatever influence we can to obtain his release," Senator Downey declared. He asserted that he had received a telegram of protest from Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego, in which the prelate said:

"Two hundred thousand Catholics in this jurisdiction and several hundred thousand non-Catholics would join me in requesting your good offices to urge freedom for Hungary's Cardinal Primate."

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