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Catholic Bishops' Prison Site Cloaked In Secrecy By Russia

The names — (CIP) — Three Ukrainian Catholic bishops, arrested by the Soviet Secret Police in 1945 and imprisoned until recently at the concentration camp of Volokha, north of the Arctic...

This was learned when relief packages sent to the bishops in October, 1948, were returned with a notification from the police that the present whereabouts of the bishops is "unknown."

THE PRISONERS are Archbishop Joseph Illyj of Lvov, Bishop Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Przemyśl, and Bishop Nikolai Czarnecky, Vicar Apostolic for Eastern Poland.

They were arrested by the Soviet Secret Police as part of the liquidation of the Catholic Church in the territories of the Polish Ukraine annexed by the Soviet Union.

At first imprisoned at Kiev, they were later taken to Volokha, just west of the Ural Mountains, where the prison population is estimated at several millions.

JUST WHAT is meant by "address unknown" is a matter of conjecture. While it is possible that the bishops are dead, or have been transferred to another place of imprisonment, the date of the "unknown" notice has caused speculation that the bishops may be kept "incommunicado" in retaliation for the assassination of Orthodox Bishop Gabriel Kostonik of Lvov on September 21, 1944.

After Kostonik became a Bishop of the Orthodox Church following his apostasy from the Catholic Church.

Arrested with the three bishops who have since died in captivity. They were: Bishop Gregory Chomysyn, of Stanislav, who died on January 27, 1947, in a Kiev prison, and Bishop Joseph Kacylovsky, Coadjutor Bishop of Zhyromy, who died in the spring of the same year after being "repatriated" by the Communist-dominated Warsaw Government, and handed over to the Soviet police.



Returned on their return from Seattle, where they won for the second time, the National Oriental American championship tournament, are these members of St. Mary's Chinese Saints' Basketball Team of San Francisco. The team is composed of the best players from the best teams in Chinatown. They hope to try for the Pacific Athletic Association Crown this spring. It is sponsored by St. Mary's Chinese Mission, conducted in San Francisco, by the Paulist Fathers. (NC Photo)

American-Chinese Champions

Tito Continues Drive To End Religion Study

Rome — (CIP) — Tito's differences with the Communists have in no way lessened his determination to root out any religious influence in Yugoslavia.

One more step towards that end is evident in the directive issued by the Minister of Instruction in the Croat Popular Republic, which aims at disclosing the names of individuals engaged in teaching religion.

THIS DIRECTIVE was sent to all elementary and secondary schools. It called for information on the following subjects:

(1) Is religious instruction given in the school?

(2) How many students in each class attend religious instruction? How many receive instruction in the Church or elsewhere? Where?

(3) HOW MANY students attend church on Sundays?

(4) What is the social background and nationality of the students who receive religious instruction?

(5) List the names of those who give religious instruction, the source of their permission to give such instruction, and their relation to their students, to the popular authorities, to the National Liberation Front, to the teachers, and how well they fulfill their task.

(6) WHAT TEACHERS of religion receive a stipend from the State, or, if from elsewhere, from whom and how much?

(7) Name the teachers of religion who do so without approval, either in the church or elsewhere, and the reason why they were not granted approval.

(8) How does the priest unite parents on the subject of the religious instruction of their children?

(9) WHAT MEANS does the religious instructor use to attract children?

(10) What is the attitude of the mass organizations towards it?

(11) Is there, despite the directive, a cross or some other religious sign in the classroom?

(12) How many teachers in the school attend church and how many of their students do they take with them?

(13) Does any teacher hold the post of organist or any analogous religious function?

(14) What is the attitude of the teachers on the above questions?

Bishops' Views in "Record" Washington — (NC) — "The Christian in Action," 1948 statement of the Bishops of the United States, has been inserted into the Congressional Record at the request of Representative John E. Fogarty of Rhode Island.

Women, Nuns Are Red Work Slaves

Frankfort — (NC) — Tens of thousands of women and Sisters are among the hundreds of thousands of Germans still being detained in Russia as slave laborers in mines, quarries and at road-building on starvation rations and with incredible sufferings.

This bitter complaint was made by Bishop Wilhelm Berning of Osnabrueck, while His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, deplored that there are still hundreds of German prisoners awaiting trial in France, Belgium and Holland, besides those behind the Iron Curtain, who should be brought before the bar as soon as possible.

"I am convinced," said Cardinal Frings, "that there are many innocent and some whose guilt is small, but all should be accorded the legal protection customary in civilized countries."

HE STRESSED again that these cases are handled by "military tribunals even though the war is over, and that there are no means for appeal or review, except by clemency." At the same time, His Eminence pointed out again that "real war crimes must be atoned for."

Bishop Berning, in his sermon, went on to say that the German people want to go to work to get back on their feet, but they must be permitted to work.

"WHY, THEN, the dismantling of industrial plants which formerly served military ends, but now could be devoted to peaceful reconstruction?" the Bishop asked. "This causes mass unemployment, unrest and bitterness, and creates doubt whether the victor powers really care to see our people have peace in life."

Bishop Berning also appealed for concerted action on the part of all German Christian churches.



CARDINAL FRINGS

Rumania Prisons Hold 600 Clergy

Rome — (CIP) — Approximately 600 Catholic priests of the Eastern Rite are held at present in Rumanian prisons, and more than 500 are hiding in the forests and the mountains, CIP has just learned from a well-informed source inside Rumania.

About 300 of the priests are imprisoned at Ajud, Transylvania, about 300 Canons of various Catholic cathedrals are under arrest in a monastery in Moldavia, 6 Bishops are in the monastery of Dragolave near Campu-Lung; the others are held in smaller groups in prisons throughout the country.

AT AJUD, the priests share captivity with a large number of political prisoners. The Warden of the prison is an ex-convict, according to the same source.

The Bishops, according to the same Rumanian source, have been visited several times by Patriarch Justinian Marina of the Rumanian Orthodox Church who endeavored to persuade them by promises and threats to recognize the "merger" of the Catholic Church of the Eastern Rite in Rumania (with about 1 1/2 million members) with the Rumanian Orthodox Church.

The fact that the Canons, who include Rectors of Seminaries, \$3,000,000. It is expected that Diocesan Chancellors, etc., are not held in ordinary prisons, but in a monastery, would seem to indicate that they are objects of similar endeavors by Orthodox Church dignitaries.

German Church War Losses Told in Report

Frankfurt — (NC) — With 682 churches wholly destroyed or heavily damaged, the Diocese of Wuerzburg suffered most by acts of war; and the number of Catholic refugees in the Diocese of Hildesheim is almost five times greater than the native Catholic population.

THIS AND other information is contained in the German Catholic Year Book, published in Heidelberg, the first publication of its kind in Germany. The editors state that because of the tremendous population shifts in Germany since the war and the influx of expellees from eastern areas and the former Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia, the figures given for diocesan population are only approximate.

According to the Year Book, 83-year-old Archbishop Franz Rudolf Bornwasser of Trier is the oldest member of the German Hierarchy, followed by His Eminence Michael Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, who will be 80 next March. The youngest member is Bishop Julius Doepfner of Wuerzburg, who was 35 years old when he was raised to the episcopacy last year.

OTHER DIOCESES that suffered heavy war damage are Cologne (170 churches destroyed, 450 damaged); Aachen (138 destroyed, 453 damaged); and Muenster, Westphalia, (71 destroyed, 302 damaged). Even heavier losses are feared in the eastern dioceses of Breslau and Ermland, now under Soviet and Polish control, but no exact figures are available.

Of the 24 German dioceses, Cologne is the largest with 2,473,995 souls; followed by Muenster with 1,962,972; and Munich-Freising, Freieberg-Im-Breisgau and Fulda with about 1,800,000 each. Practically all dioceses register population gains compared with pre-war figures. These gains are attributable to the millions of refugees from the East. As a result, there is a grave shortage of priests.

Ottawa Seminary Ottawa, Ont. — (NC) — Plans have been completed for a new Diocesan Seminary which will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. It is expected that Archbishop Alexander Vachon of Ottawa, will announce the start of the actual building early in the Spring. The site will be on a 120-acre farm adjoining the Canadian Capital.

Hungary Dances Go Socialistic

Rome — (CIP) — "Bourgeois dances" have been condemned by the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior in a decree stating that "dances have a socialist content."

The decree prohibits a Communist-dominated Warsaw Government, and handed over to the Soviet police.

Red Brutality Blamed For Priest Deaths in Prussia

Berlin — (NC) — Seven of the eight members of the Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese of Ermland (East Prussia), now virtually extinct because of the Soviet occupation of that former German territory, have lost their lives as victims of brutal communist persecution, according to reports now available here.

CATHEDRAL PROVOST Franz Xaver Sander, who was 82 years old, was left to die of starvation in a shack, Vicar General Alois Marquart died in Siberia, and the Rev. Bruno Grosse in a labor camp in the Volga area.

Father Andreas Hinzmann froze to death in a barn, which was left to him as his only quarters. The Revs. Franz Heyduschka and Anton Krause died of typhoid fever.

ACCORDING TO BISHOP Julius Doepfner of Wuerzburg, Bavaria, who has just returned from his first visit to the Soviet zone sectors of his diocese, close cooperation is being maintained among Protestants and Catholics there.

The number of Catholics in those parts having grown considerably through the influx of refugees, many Catholic services are being held for them in Protestant churches. In one town the Catholic pastor resides in the Protestant parish house.

Hostility to religion continues to manifest itself throughout the Soviet zone. Officials concentrate their attention on the public schools, banning whatever remnants of religious influence they may be able to discover there.

Physicians also suffer under the communist terror, since they are forced to apply birth control wholesale by applying the rule of "social indication," which can be interpreted as "shortage of space for larger families."

Tyrone Power Free to Wed

Rome — (NC) — Movie actor Tyrone Power was free to marry actress Linda Christian in Santa Francesca Romana Church here January 27 because Power's previous civil "marriage" to Annabella was invalid. Annabella was a baptized Catholic and was validly married prior to the union with Power.

Miss Christian was never married before. In the eyes of the Church, Power has always been free to marry.

These facts were established in an investigation begun last August by the Diocesan Curia in Rome.

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