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ATTEMPT TO SPLIT CHURCH RANKS FAIL

(Continued from Page 1) AS LONG AS it seemed, the reports declare, that the government had actually succeeded in intimidating one or the other member of the Episcopate, the masses of the Catholic population felt helpless and engulfed, as it were, by floods of depression.

Their bewilderment and distress increased still further when they heard the news, given out by the government, that those negotiations had been opened for the purpose of reaching a financial agreement with the ecclesiastical authorities.

BUT THEN came the Bishop's statement that they were not prepared to negotiate with the government, which proved that the attempt to breach the united Catholic front had failed, and also that most of the reports and statements issued by the government since Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest were, in all likelihood, untrue and intentionally misleading.

Revealing facts about the Catholic population's attitude toward recent events can be gathered from a few lines which appeared in the Catholic weekly Uj Ember (New Man). Under present conditions this paper leads a very precarious existence and thus it was only on January 9 that it was able to comment, in the most careful and discreet manner possible, on Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest, which took place on December 26.

IN AN UNOBTRUSIVE paragraph tucked away under the heading "The Churches are Crowded" the paper reported reaction to the news of the Primate's imprisonment as follows: "In various parts of the capital dense crowds of kneeling and praying people filled the squares. In front of the churches, too, kneeling crowds covered the entire width of the streets, including even the tracks of the streetcars. This powerful manifestation of faith was repeated on the last day of the old year. With these sublime facts the gigantic masses of Hungary's Catholic population have furnished yet another proof that the brilliant light of the Church continues to shine far and wide with undiminished strength."

Religious Toleration Act Marked



This striking float, entered by the Free State of Maryland in the inaugural parade commemorating the tercentenary of "the first act of religious toleration in the history of the New World." A recording device recited the act of religious tolerance as the float moved along. Reni Photo.

CVW Chaplain Absolves Man at Truman Parade

Washington — (NC) — A marcher in President Truman's inaugural parade felled by a heart attack, received absolution as he lay in Pennsylvania Avenue and his fellow marchers moved past.

The Rev. Joseph Flynn, C.S.S.R., of New Orleans, National Chaplain of the Catholic War Veterans of America, was viewing the inaugural parade from a window in a hotel facing Pennsylvania Avenue. It had been arranged that the contingent of Catholic War Veterans in the line of march would give him a salute as it moved by.

Before the CVW contingent arrived before the hotel, Father Flynn saw a member of another veterans' unit fall to the street. The man was removed to the side of the avenue. He was identified as William Bulock of this city.

Father Flynn hurriedly made his way downstairs, literally fought his way through the dense throng lining the sidewalk, and knelt beside the prostrate man. Receiving from the man the reply that he was a Catholic, Father Flynn instructed him to make an Act of Contrition and gave him a solution. In a short while an ambulance removed the man to a hospital, where he was later reported in a fair condition.

'Pearl Harbor' Fate in Soviet Peace Move -- Msgr. Sheen

Newark, N. J. — (NC) — We have been fooled before and we can be fooled again, Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen said here in envisioning probable peace moves by Russia in her relations with the United States and another Pearl Harbor for us after that.

Monsignor Sheen, professor at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., addressed the Newark Council, Knights of Columbus, on the question of another war. He outlined four probable steps as follows:

1 — Russia will try to resume friendly relations with the U. S. on the ground MSGR. SHEEN said that both countries should unite to fight fascism.

2 — The Russians may announce they have made a mistake and evacuate Berlin.

3 — Then "99.9 per cent of the nation's newspapers will editorialize that Russia has had a change of heart and that peace will reign in the world."

4 — SCIENTISTS declaring science universal will demand that atomic secrets be shared with Russia. Six months after that happens "we will have another Pearl Harbor," with Russia on the attacking side.

Monsignor Sheen criticized editorial judgment based on the premise that if Russia's foreign policy is satisfactory to the Western Powers, communism is also satisfactory.

Vatican Paper Hits Red Report

Rome — (RNS) — No one should believe any "confession" Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of Hungary, may make when he is brought to trial on charges of treason.

This warning was sounded by Osservatore Romano, official Vatican newspaper, which said that Cardinal Mindszenty is "probably being given the same dangerous drug" used by Communist authorities on political prisoners in Moscow and Warsaw to obtain so-called confessions.

"This drug," Osservatore said, "is capable of breaking the strongest will. It destroys the nervous system, thus making the victim an almost unconscious tool in the hands of his capturers."

CARDINAL AND AIDE SUFFER, VIENNA HEAR

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protest and pledges of prayers from Catholic leaders in scores of countries. On the other hand, there have been few reports of any official actions taken by governments. The British House of Commons was told that the government, while profoundly disapproving of the Cardinal's arrest, deems any direct representations to Budapest useless.

Sunday, January 30, will be observed throughout Canada as "a day of prayer for all captives of persecution, especially for His Eminence Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary and Archbishop Stepinac of Yugoslavia."

AMONG FURTHER protests by American prelates was one by Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons of Albany, on receipt of which Representative B. W. (Pat) Kearney of New York sent a letter to the House Foreign Affairs Committee demanding "the necessary action in protesting the arrest of the Cardinal to the Hungarian government." Bishop Gibbons' letter to him said in part:

"If the Cardinal is to be crucified with the modern communist brand of crucifixion, let us not fail to rally beneath his cross. Let not the crime be perpetrated without stirring up a world-wide shout of protest, so tremendous and resounding that it will shake even the Iron Curtain, to disturb the smug security of those who there planned this and further crimes contemptuous of Christian sensibilities."

The twentieth century is marked by a passion of the state to supplant God in supremacy and "behind the Iron Curtain there are multitudes of martyrs to the defense of God-given rights," said Bishop John F. O'Hara of Buffalo.

Good Friday Holiday Asked

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Representative Landale G. Sasser (D-Md.), has introduced a bill in the House which would make Good Friday a legal holiday.

Under the proposed legislation, the Friday before Easter would be on a par with the eight other legal holidays — New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Maryland legislator introduced the same bill during the 86th Congress, but no action was taken. Sasser's bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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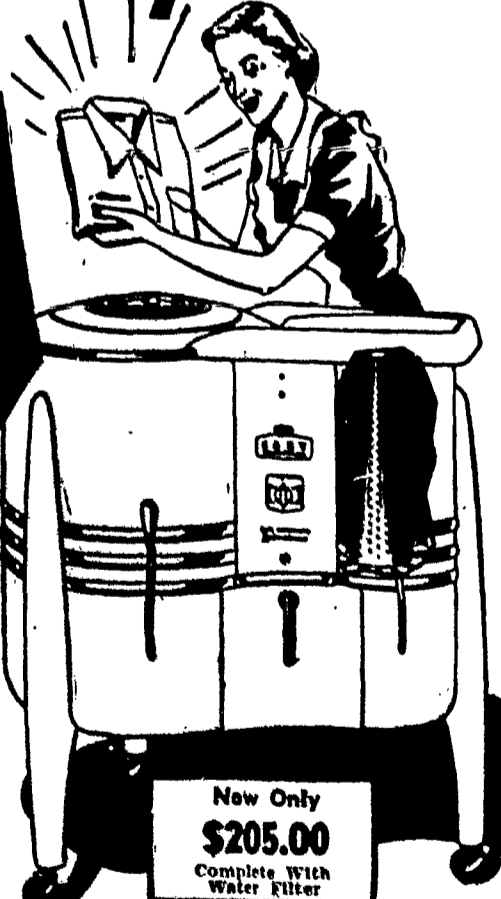
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