

**Trial Reaction**

A world dismayed by the Budapest trial verbally flays Communist tyranny and defends principles of human freedom. Read comments on Page Two.

**Card. Spellman**

Reads his eloquent warning to all Americans in the sermon preached at St. Patrick's on the trial and conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty on Page Four.

**Bishop Urges Council Plan For Industry**

Chicago—(NC)—The "Industry Council System" must replace our economy of scarcity if we are ever to produce enough goods and services within reach of all the American people, according to Most Rev. Francis J. Haas, Bishop of Grand Rapids, in a special management address here.

The great need today, Bishop Haas declared, is to have "employers who are banded together by industry, meet with workers who are banded together by industry, sit together to negotiate through democratically chosen representatives the questions of wages, hours, prices and other matters of common interest to each industry or profession.

THE ADDRESS BY Bishop Haas was the first in the John A. Ryan Series, sponsored by the Catholic Labor Alliance of Chicago and dedicated to the priest whose name has become synonymous with the struggle for social justice in America.

"IN REALITY," he continued, "the whole program is that of private enterprise at its best, and in its most Christian sense. The program insists throughout that the producer—whether employer or employee—is to be compensated for what he produces, and that the enterpriser is to be rewarded for undergoing

The profit motive is to be maintained, although made to operate within the framework of serving the whole population."

The Grand Rapids prelate, who served on numerous government labor boards during the 1930's defined the Industry Council system as "in essence a tri-partite system of organized employers, united with organized workers, and assisted by the government serving as mediator but in no sense a dictator or even arbitrator."

"UNDER THE Industry Council Plan, as perhaps in no other each employer and each worker will be stimulated to secure from his own industry or profession and indeed from all taken together a maximum volume of goods and services for all the people," he said.

**Fr. Donoghue Named To St. Augustine's**

The Rev. Francis Donoghue assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Webster, has been appointed assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the Chancery announced today. The appointment is effective at once.

**Jewess Repays Priest's Aid**

(Continued) — (NC) — A campaign to raise money to restore the bells of a French Catholic church has been inaugurated here by a Jewish woman who fled from the Nazis through Belgium and France early in World War II. It was the pastor of this church who sheltered her and her 13-year-old son for four months as she sought to get out of Europe through Spain.

The woman is Mrs. Dora Kahn, a native of Bavaria, now an American citizen. She has been sending packages of food and clothing to the priest for the children of his parish, and recently received word from him that the steeple of his church had collapsed.

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**Moscow Priest Cites Free Russian Church**

Washington—(NC)—The Soviet Union is three times as large as the United States. But there are today only six, or perhaps seven, Catholic priests officially functioning within its vast boundaries.

This information comes from the only American among these priests—the Rev. George Antonio Laberge, member of the Assumption of the Virgin, who has just spent upwards of three years in Russia. He arrived here this week from Moscow on a short visit to his family in Pawtucket, R. I.

Father Laberge refrained from discussing the religious situation in the Soviet Union, where he has been stationed for more than three years, holding the office of Apostolic Administrator and chaplain of Roman Catholic Americans in Moscow.

"Any conclusion drawn from my statements as to the religious situation in the USSR is entirely chargeable to the person making such conclusions," he said tactfully.

REGARDING THE number of Catholic priests in the USSR, Father Laberge explained that the total of six or seven does not include the priests serving in the Baltic countries, and Polish, Rumanian and East Prussian areas that have been incorporated in the Soviet Union since the war.

In addition to the American Father Laberge, there is a French priest, also an Assumptionist, Father, stationed at the Soviet capital's only Catholic church, the Church of St. Louis of the French.

The two priests in Moscow's sole Catholic church, which is located within a fifteen minute's walk from the Kremlin, offer two Masses every weekday morning, and three Masses on Sundays, Father Laberge said.

The priests have no means of ascertaining the exact number of their parishioners, but they estimate them at "several thousand," including the Catholic members of diplomatic representations in the Soviet capital.

THE SUNDAY MASSES, offered at 9, 10 and 12 o'clock are crowded, Father Laberge said. "A great many people attend all three Masses," he added.

Sermons are preached in three languages—English, Russian and French. The strictly sacramental functions of the priests, including hearing Confessions, baptisms, marriage ceremonies and burial services are in no way impeded by the Soviet authorities, Father Laberge said.

IN HIS PRESS conference, Father Laberge revealed little information about the Soviet Union. He declined to discuss political questions but when queried on the attitude of the Russian people toward the possibility of another war, he replied: "I think they are rather calm."

**Senate Slight Non-Public Schools, Votes Split Aid**

Washington—(NC)—The Senate Committee on Education and Labor has decided to divide the matter of Federal aid to the nation's school children into two separate bills.

One following the formula of the Taft Bill for 388 million dollars for schools passed by the Senate last year and the other providing for health aid to children in parochial as well as public schools.

THE TAFT BILL, leaves all question of participation of parochial school children in general federal education funds up to each individual state and thus effectively rules out such aid for all nonpublic schools.

A subcommittee has been appointed to draw up the health aid measure. Proposals to set the amount of this aid at either 25 or 35 million dollars are before the subcommittee. This bill extends health funds to public and nonpublic schools.

The education bill, which is sponsored this year by Chairman Albert Thomas of the Education and Labor Committee and 13 other Senators is almost a carbon copy of the Taft Bill. It would allocate 300 million dollars.



FATHER LABERGE

**Report Asks Federal Aid For Housing**

Boston—(NC)—Immediate State and Federal subsidization legislation and the full cooperation of private enterprise are imperative to put an end to the present national housing crisis, the Housing Committee of the Archdiocese of Boston declared in a report issued here.

The conclusions in the report were the result of a two-month study made by the committee appointed to the task by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston last October, with Msgr. Daniel J. Donovan as chairman.

THE REPORT falls into three parts: 1) Middle-income group housing, for which "a wholly inadequate" private enterprise program has been developed; 2) Low-income group housing, the need for which the Government must meet with subsidization; 3) The clearance of American city slums, which are described as "one of the most malignant defects in our social system."

The "traditional American tenement," which summons the Government to intervene in economic and social life only to the extent that the nation is faced with problems which individuals and private associations are unable to cope with on their own initiative—harmonizes with persistently reiterated papal announcements, the committee's report said in its preamble.

The report quotes from Pope Pius XI's Encyclical on Christian Marriage in reference to "suitable dwellings."

"If for this purpose . . . private resources do not suffice, it is the duty of the public authority to supply for the insufficient forces of individual effort, particularly in a matter which is of such importance to the communal, touching as it does the maintenance of the family and married people."

"UNFORTUNATELY, a wholly inadequate program has been developed, or rather just happened, for the meeting of this need," the report went on.

"Only 900,000 homes for investment were built in this country in 1948. This is 600,000 short of the estimated annual need of 1,500,000 for that year and the three following years. Much of this construction is beyond the reach of the so-called 'middle-class' group."

Coming to the low income group, the committee said that it was "strongly of the opinion that the Government must meet this need through subsidization. Private home-builders, as well as Government agents, admit this necessity."

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**Launch Drive To Rebuild Burned-Out Church**

Trumansburg—Enthusiastic public support for the \$27,000 campaign to replace the gutted St. James the Apostle Church, was touched here Sunday night at an organization meeting sparked by cash gifts and pledges totaling \$2,000.

Private financial backing is also coming in from outside the parish as a result of interest and sympathy aroused by the Courier-Journal front page story and picture of the tragedy last week, Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, Trumansburg pastor, reported.

WITH THE permission of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, pastors throughout the Rochester Diocese are offering their pupils, to Father Kelly, and many made appeals on his behalf to their congregations last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell, pastor of Old St. Mary's Church, Rochester, where Father Kelly served his first assignment, was the first to extend an invitation for a personal appeal visit.

CASH AND PLEDGES amounting to \$2,000 from Father Kelly, William Ryan and John Quinn were turned in at the opening campaign meeting Sunday. The general report meeting is scheduled at 10 p. m. Friday, Feb. 11.

A piano concert is being planned by the Rev. Benedict E. Mann, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, for the benefit of the burned-out Trumansburg church, and St. Helen's Parish, Rochester, will hold a card party for this purpose.

Other benefits are being sponsored by the Catholic Daughters' Club of Watkins Glen and the Rosary Society of Corpus Christi, Rochester.

Details of these events are on the local pages of this paper.

Children of the parish will do their part to help their pastor rebuild the fire-swept St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg, by filling their Lenten coin cards during the Holy Season. Assuring the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly of support in the diocesan-wide drive for funds are (from left) Bertha L. Carter, Interlaken, and Susan Low and Eddie Hayes of Trumansburg.—Adv.

**Angry Protests Mounting Over Cardinal's Conviction**

**Prelate Gets Prison Term For Treason**

Basel, Switzerland—(NC)—The conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty, first Prince of the Church to be tried on civil charges in modern times, was found guilty of "treason" by a five-man Hungarian People's Court on Tuesday, Feb. 8, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Thus ended tragically a hurried three-day trial climaxing an imprisonment of thirty-five days. The conviction and the obvious dishonesty of the hearings aroused a storm of worldwide protest against totalitarian terrorism engineered by Soviet Russia.

In the tense atmosphere of the dingy Budapest courtroom the 56-year-old Cardinal stood quietly, hands folded before him, as Judge Vilmas Ott, youthful President of the People's Court, announced the decision of the "trial." Prosecutor Gyula Elapl immediately attacked the sentence as too light.

THE CARDINAL'S six defendants also were found guilty and sentenced to prison terms ranging from three years to life. Three of the accused are priests, one a Cistercian monk professor, one a lay editor of a Catholic daily newspaper and the sixth a rich nobleman and landowner.

An immediate appeal to the Supreme People's Tribunal was made in behalf of the Cardinal and his associates. The tribunal has power to increase the punishment to a death penalty by hanging, reduce the life sentence or let it stand.

The sentences also provide for confiscation of all property and loss of civil rights by the seven convicted men. The spiritual leader of Hungary's seven million Catholics was said by Vatican sources to be personally "poor," holding only a small plot of ground near his mother's farm in his home town and no house other than the Archbishop's Palace.

THE STUDY FARM BORN Cardinal, arrested at his Palace on the evening of December 26, 1948, was accused of treason, of having sought to overthrow the Communist government in favor of the King.

**Saddened Pope Urges 'Militant Intense Faith'**

Rome—(RNS)—Atheism must be opposed by a militant operative faith, Pope Pius XII declared here today after learning that Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Vatican circles said that the Pontiff received the news of the Hungarian Cardinal's fate with "deep grief." Monsignor Giovanni Montali of the Secretariate of State gave the court announcement to the Holy Father in his private apartment at 9:30 a. m.

It was reported that tears came to the Pope's eyes. Then he returned to pray in his private chapel and remained so long that he was one hour late for his first morning audience.

LATER IN the day His Holiness addressed an audience composed of members of a Catholic group founded 100 years ago. At that time the Pope said the battle between atheism and faith was just being joined.

"It is a struggle that has not developed via the most insidious means and the most modern techniques," he added.

Meanwhile, Observatore Romano, official Vatican newspaper, said Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced because he refused to betray his faith or his position, and because "he now knows too much of the police and prison methods of 'progressive' justice."



CARDINAL MINDSZENTY, MARTYR

**Drugs and Hypnosis Dulled Cardinal, Listeners Claim**

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"This isn't his voice," said one listener who knows the Cardinal personally, "but rather the voice of a sick, semi-conscious man."

THE SESSIONS of the trial were not broadcast in full. Only specially edited excerpts of recordings made in the courtroom were released on the air during the evenings.

The Cardinal's voice sounded "like that of a feeble-minded person or a child," who recites a poem without understanding its meaning," said another Hungarian here.

Cardinal Mindszenty and his six co-defendants, mouthlessly and soullessly told what Judge Ott wanted them to say. During some interruptions, the defendants appeared to recover, but soon continued again speaking rapidly like frightened children.

DURING THESE interruptions by the defendants broadcasting was cut off. The Primate, when he was heard, was constantly, automatically and quietly pleading guilty.

How did the communists succeed in paralyzing such a brave man, who had foreseen his fate and could have avoided it had he wished to do so?

One theory held here is that after destroying the proper workings of his mind with the injections of a drug, his forced confession would be recorded and played before him many times until he would not have anything on his mind but that.

He could not confer with his obscure lawyer, Dr. Kalman Kisko, who made a weak, apologetic statement for the Primate, or with anybody else. When the Cardinal stumbled in his automatic speech, the energetic

BRITONS PROTEST London—(RNS)—Protests against the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, have been made here by Rev. E. Benson Perkins, president of The Methodist Church in Great Britain; Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire; and the British Council of Christians and Jews.

**Red Injustice Attacked by U. S., Britain**

Condemnation of the Budapest "trial" which convicted Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of treason and sentenced him to life imprisonment rumbled from the non-Communist world in mounting crescendo this week.

Spokesmen of government and churchmen of many faiths vehemently protested the injustice and terrorism of the trial.

**Holy Father**

Vatican City—(NC)—The Vatican announcement Pope Pius XII will hold an "apostolic" Mass, every morning at 7 a. m. in St. Peter's Basilica, will speak on the sentence of Cardinal Mindszenty in the first official commentary on the Budapest trial.

The Vatican also made public a letter written by His Holiness to the Hungarian Bishoprics on Jan. 27. (See front letter on Page 1.)

Communist-controlled decision of the Hungarian People's Court.

Mass meetings in city streets, formal resolutions, petitions to statesmen and threats of United Nations action demonstrated to Communist leaders everywhere that the "free peoples of the West" saw the deadly threat to all freedom which was veiled in the "political trial" of the Primate of Hungary.

President Truman in his morning's press conference said he considered Hungary's treatment of Cardinal Mindszenty as "infamous."

The trial, Mr. Truman declared, "will go down in history as a blot against the nation that carried it out."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson told a press conference in Washington: "The people of the United States—and without question the peoples of other freedom-loving nations—are sickened and

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**French Cardinal Raps Red Policies**

Paris—(RNS)—Emanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, has issued a statement here defining how far Roman Catholics may go in political cooperation with Communists. He referred to the "Progressive Christian" movement which seeks collaboration of Catholics in Communist program.

"Even in face of the injustices which characterize the capitalist system," the Cardinal said, "the Church still believes that there are better things to be done than to favor the advent of a totalitarian and atheistic collectivism."

"Doubtless," he said, "circumstances may lead Catholics to follow a course parallel with that of the Communists in the pursuit, imposed by the general interest, of specific and limited objectives without being linked essentially with the aims peculiar to the party."

"But the Church cannot sanction an habitual and profound collaboration. The Church asks its members to develop their thoughts and actions without allowing themselves to be completely absorbed in a political program."

The Cardinal's statement is an excellent analysis of the situation in Europe today. It is a warning to all Catholics to remain vigilant and not to be misled by the promises of the Communists.

Vishinsky has been placed in Czechoslovakia, with every commencing distance of Budapest. Perhaps he didn't go to Budapest, but he certainly might have come to here and returned to Budapest to carry out directives of the "old Master" in spurious communist trials.

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