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PIUS XII BRANDS RED TRIAL 'OUTRAGE'

Pope Asks Expiation For 'Hatred of God'

Vatican City—(NC)—In a historic Apostolic Exhortation, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has called for special Masses throughout the world on Passion Sunday, April 8, "to expiate the crime of the enemies of God."

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation quickly followed the Exhortation with the announcement of major excommunication against all who had brought His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, to trial or participated in his "infamous sentence."

IN HIS EXHORTATION, addressed on Feb. 13 to Archbishops and Bishops throughout the world, the Pontiff said the conflict between the good and the wicked "has seldom if ever been so acute as it is today." He spoke of the "iniquity of the unrighteous" which he said "reaches a degree of impetuosity that is incredible and without parallel."

The Pontiff gave all Catholic priests the unprecedented liturgical privilege of offering on Passion Sunday a second Mass, the Votive Mass for the Remission of Sin.

Ordinarily, priests are permitted to celebrate only one Mass on Sunday, with exception being made where needs of a parish, for instance, require a priest to offer two Masses. Offering of a votive Mass, a special Mass which is not the Mass of the day or Feast, is ordinarily permitted on some weekdays, but not on Sunday.

The Holy Father said the enemies of God had acted with "supreme insolence to spread ridicule of sacred things." These acts against God were "a heinous crime," he declared.

"Without reverence for the Supreme Lawgiver and Divine Judge, right and wrong are mere words; the moral law collapses. The Pontiff said that "if we wish to promote still further this religious fervor and prepare protection and a remedy for the criminal impiety that contaminates our times on the part of those who revile God," there is at our disposal prayer. "Is there anything that prayer cannot accomplish?" — and "the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which continues in an unbloody manner the immolation of Christ."

In conclusion, the Holy Father declared:

"Since the faithful, in keeping with their reciprocal ties as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, should always share sorrows and joys of the Church, let them be invited by you to the altars on Passion Sunday in as great number as possible. As they ponder over the gravity and the importance of the hour let them pray and beseech God with greater fervor, and let them all receive Holy Communion."

German Reds Set Restrictions on Religious Groups

Frankfurt—(NC)—Recent measures adopted by both the Communist-dominated German police and their Soviet masters in the Russian zone of occupation of Germany verify reports that after the temporary "armistice" in State-Church relations, which was prompted by a desire on the part of the Communists to quell the churches into a feeling of relative security, tight controls are now to be clamped down on them once more.

All correspondence and telephone communications of the clergy are again subject to police censorship according to information available here.

Also a decree just issued for the districts of Saxony, Thuringia and Mecklenburg provides that all gatherings under church sponsorship, except religious services in the strict sense of the term, no longer can be held except with specific permission by the Communist-dominated police.

Attention Brides—Ask for a free booklet on planning your wedding. (Call Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Ave., Main 1896—Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—(Adv.)

Reds Close in On Cardinal Supporters

Vienna—(RNS)—Retaliatory measures are being taken by the Hungarian government against persons who refused to sign petitions demanding the death sentence for Josef Cardinal Mindszenty or were guilty of other "political offenses" in connection with the cardinal's trial, according to refugees who have fled here from Hungary.

They reported that about 300 Mindszenty sympathizers have been discharged from civil service positions or jobs in nationalized industries and are now awaiting internment in forced labor camps, or possible deportation to concentration camps in Russia.

SEVERAL WELL-INFORMED refugees declared that many priests, nuns, Catholic teachers, and other anti-Communists have been hidden by farmers, but since the Mindszenty verdict Communist surveillance has been extended so efficiently that no farmer now dares offer shelter to any of the cardinal's adherents.

LONDON—(NC)—The churches in Hungary are filled these days as they have not been for many years as the result of the arrest and trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, according to a British businessman just returned from Hungary.

He revealed that for some months before the arrest the communist government had been trying to persuade the Cardinal by threats and promises to cooperate with their program. "The outside world knew that the arrest was coming," he said. "But inside Hungary the Catholic laity thought that the threats of arrest were bluff and intimidation. They never believed the government would dare to do it."

Educators Attack System Of Protestant Schools

Columbus, O.—(RNS)—The International Council of Religious Education, representing 40 major Protestant denominations, at its annual meeting here, went on record as strongly opposed to the recent mushroom growth of Protestant parochial schools.

A report, prepared by a special committee on religion and public education, which condemned any further development of Protestant parochial education particularly at elementary and secondary levels, was unanimously adopted by the Council. Luther A. Weigle at Yale Divinity School headed the special committee which prepared the report.

CONTINUED GROWTH of Protestant parochial schools, the report asserted, would be "a serious threat" to public education and to democracy. An earlier report told the Council that parochial schools of the Lutherans, Seventh Day Adventists and Methodists has grown 40 percent in attendance in 10 years.

The report vigorously opposed those who "in the name of religion write off the public schools as 'godless' and who condemn them for their pagan spirit."

ON THE OTHER hand, it took issue with those "who maintain that the schools must become completely secular and who encourage that secularism."

"We could not look with equanimity," said the report, "upon a deliberate attempt to eliminate from the schools of the nation any acknowledgment of the religious faith of the overwhelming majority of our American citizens."

The report endorsed released-time classes but advised against use of public school buildings for religious classes.

In another session of the convention Protestant educators heard Rev. Dr. Erwin L. Shaver, director of weekday religious instruction for the Council, state

Their Sentences By Reds Bring World-Wide Protests



His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty stands before the microphone in People's Court, Budapest, with his six co-defendants seated in the background, as he made his "last statement" in the three day "trial" for treason, attempts to overthrow the government and violation of foreign exchange regulations. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, and László Tóth (hidden behind the Cardinal), former editor of a Catholic daily, 10 years, AP Radiophoto. (NC Photos).

Catholics Score Red Arrest of 15 Protestants

Washington—(NC)—A statement expressing profound sympathy for the 15 Protestant Church leaders imprisoned by the communists in Bulgaria has been issued here by Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati, chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The prelate declared that religious leaders of all faiths do not submit to the enslavement of Moscow must expect infamous persecution, exile, slavery, hard labor, starvation and death.

HE DECLARED that "no credence whatever can be given to the alleged confessions of the imprisoned Protestant leaders in Bulgaria" for the "communist courts know how to torture and to administer drugs that break down the physical and mental powers of their victims."

"These communistic rulers reject all religion," Archbishop McNicholas said. "They will tolerate subversive religious leaders only so long as they serve their vile purpose. When they think the moment has arrived to destroy every trace of religion in a country, they proceed with a frenzy and with a spirit of insanity. Americans of all faiths will not accept the reported self-confessions of guilt imputed to the Protestant ministers in Bulgaria."

Witness Describes Cardinal's Trial; Cites Injustice, Evidence of Torture

Experts Prove 'Confessions' Were Faked

Vienna—(NC)—László and Johanna Sulzer, handwriting experts employed by the Hungarian government in preparation of the Mindszenty case, have escaped to Austria. They are said to have possession of microfilm copies of all documents used in the trial of the Cardinal.

They declare the films prove that practically all the documents were faked by the insertion or elimination of words in the Cardinal's harmless letters or produced by subjecting him to drugs or hypnosis.

The Sulzers are now under the protection of the American authorities here and intend to produce their evidence fully abroad.

10,000 K. of C. Will Parade in Protest

New York—(NC)—More than 10,000 members of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will join in a protest parade here on Washington's Birthday, February 22, in behalf of Cardinal Mindszenty.

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Vatican Seeking Refuge for 585 White Russians

By GABRIEL PRESSMAN of N. Y. TIMES via CBS

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Faith In France No Bar To Office

Paris—(NC)—The Council of State, highest French tribunal has proclaimed that no one can be barred from public employment because of his religious beliefs.

In making this ruling, the council reversed a decision by Minister of Education Naegelen, a member of the Socialist Party, Naegelen had in June refused to accept Miss Germaine Pesteau as assistant chief social worker at the University of Paris, on the grounds that she was not sufficiently "laic" to hold such a secular education post.

Having demanded an explanation of the action taken in her case, she learned that the decision against her was based on her religious beliefs as a Catholic.

The importance of the council's decision is emphasized by the fact that on several occasions certain authorities have tried to pretend that persons who had openly professed their Catholic faith could not be admitted as teachers in the non-sectarian schools.

Decries New Violation of Human Rights

Rome—Expressing "profound grief" over the "barbaric outrage" of the trial and imprisonment of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Pope Pius XII in a historic address at a closed meeting of Cardinals on February 14 upheld the right of Catholics to resist unjust civil law which contradicts divine and human rights.

Admitting that the facts of the famous Budapest trial "have not been reported clearly and completely," the Holy Father closed his allocution with a prayer for the enlightenment of those "who

Vatican City

Rome—(RNS)—A mass demonstration in St. Peter's Square at which Pope Pius XII will deliver a major address on the case of Cardinal Mindszenty has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 20, Vatican officials announced.

The huge public gathering expected to witness the outpouring of some 400,000 Romans last Sunday morning is being planned by Italian Catholics Action as the protest of Catholic Rome against the trial and sentencing of the Hungarian primate.

He said that he civil society can do nothing when religion has been suppressed and God, as it were, driven into exile.

The Pope declared that he made "this solemn protest" on behalf of the sacred rights of religion which this valiant prelate tirelessly propounded and defended so strenuously and courageously.

"With sorrow in our heart," he told the Cardinals, "We deplore this very sad event. We are doing what the outraged rights of the Church and the dignity of a human person clearly demand."

The Pope's plea was made at an extraordinary secret consistory of the Sacred College of Cardinals at which he condemned "a most serious outrage, which inflicts a deep wound not only on our distinguished colleague and on the Church, but also on every upholder of the dignity and liberty of man."

Pastor Too Tall Raises Roof

London—(NC)—The roof of the new church of St. Paul at Thornton, Northamptonshire, had to be hurriedly raised 15 inches prior to its opening by Bishop Thomas L. Parker of Northampton. Reason? because the new pastor, the Rev. Anthony Throckmorton, is six feet six inches tall.

Father Throckmorton, England's tallest cleric, examining the wooden church just before completion, found as he stood on the scaffolding steps that he had to stoop, or bang his head on the supporting beams.

Father Throckmorton also claims to have England's largest—and maybe poorest—parish. It covers 300 square miles of thinly populated countryside. His experience in a former life as a farmer before finding his vocation for the priesthood proved him a five and six in his society, cook over a primus stove, wash in a cake tin and ride countless miles in search of souls.

Throckmorton's first selection of seven altar boys, which he will inaugurate this year, was made by the Rev. Canon Throckmorton, 111 West Main St.—Adv.



Sisters who teach first-graders in Chicago's parochial schools get their second semester rolling with plenty to spare at the semi-annual meeting of the Catholic First Grade Organization. The newly-elected president, Sister Miriam Joseph, O.P., sets her sights for a 500-game during special hour, with Sister Paul Marie, S.L., retiring president (fifth from left), as other sisters cheer contestants on. 600 nuns attended the sessions and exchanged teaching ideas and techniques.