

# CONGRESS MAPS PROTEST ON RED TRIALS

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### Judge Rules Against Sisters In New Mexico State Schools

Bring National Tributes To Editor



Joining with His Excellency Bishop Kearney (right), the Rev. Aloysius F. Coogan of New York (standing right), editor of Catholic Missions and secretary of the Catholic Press Association of the U. S., and Frank A. Hall of Washington, director of N.C.W.C. News Service, brought felicitations to Thomas E. O'Connor, *Courier-Journal* news editor, on completing 25 years in the *Catholic Press*. Mrs. O'Connor joined in the celebration at Hotel Sherman, Monday. (Story Page 8.)

### Court Also Hits Catholic School Child

Santa Fe — (NC) — In a decision awaited since the "Dixon case" trial ended here last October, District Judge E. T. Hensley has ruled that there has been widespread violation of Church-State separation in New Mexico schools and has barred forever from employment in the public schools of the State 140 members of religious communities who have been teaching in them.

THE TRIAL was an outgrowth of friction in the town of Dixon, where a part of the community resisted efforts to hire Catholic Sisters as teachers in a new public school.

Mrs. Lydia Zellers of Dixon, two Protestant ministers and 25 other individuals were the complainants, and 200 persons, including Catholic Sisters, Brothers and priests and State and local school officials, were the

defendants. A total of 31 schools in eleven New Mexico counties were involved.

AMONG THE violations of either the New Mexico or Federal constitutions cited by Judge Hensley were these:

Holding tax-supported school classes in buildings containing sectarian emblems.

Holding tax-supported school classes in buildings owned by the Catholic Church.

Having a multiplicity of unapproved lists of approved textbooks for use in public and private schools throughout the State.

Furnishing sectarian indoctrinated textbooks to tax-supported schools.

FURNISHING FREE text books to Catholic, parochial and sectarian schools.

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JOSEF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

### Card. Mindszenty Talks In White Book

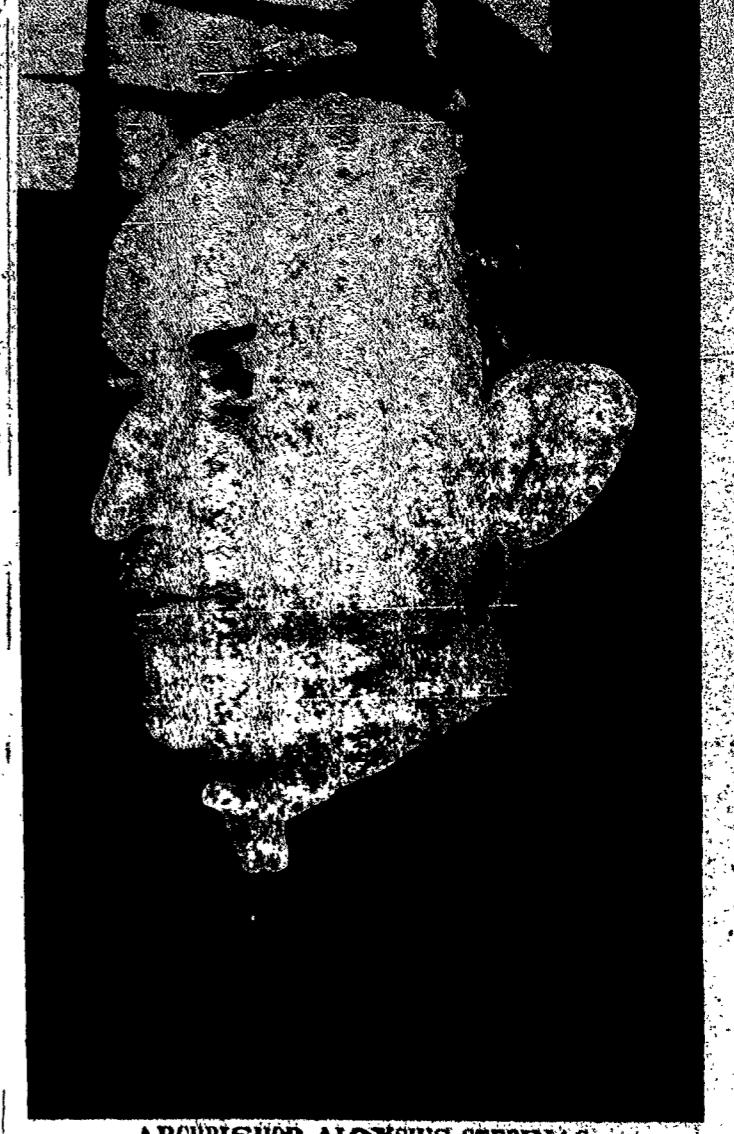
New York — (RNS)—A "white book" containing 61 documents revealing "the authentic story" of the struggle between Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary, and the Communist-dominated government of that country, will be published here late in April.

THE PUBLISHERS of the "white book" gave the following account of their acquisition of the documents it will contain:

It has been rumored abroad for some months that Cardinal Mindszenty, aware that his own personal fate was sealed, had entrusted to several of his confidential aides the mission to make available to the outside world copies of many official letters, messages and other documents that had been seized, suppressed or distorted by the Hungarian government.

THE FULL details concerning the individuals and methods involved in carrying out these last orders of Cardinal Mindszenty are carefully guarded secrets.

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ARCHBISHOP ALOYSIUS STEPINAC

### Senators Heed Pleas For Cardinal and Abp. Stepinac

The numerous protests voiced in Congress against the persecution of religion in communist-dominated countries will find expression in a joint resolution that is now under preparation in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, Chairman of the Committee, declared that this resolution will incorporate the protests raised against the "trial" of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty in Bulgaria, and the continued imprisonment of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and of Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary.

THE SENATE Committee took action after having heard in closed session Selden Chapin, U. S. Minister to Hungary, who is now in this country. Mr. Chapin said, according to Senator Connally, that the Hungarian government did not give permission for United States observers to be present and that requests for transcripts of the trial have not been met.

THE SENATE prepared the resolution a few days after the "trial" of the 15 Bulgarian Protestant ministers had ended with the sentencing of four leading members of the United Protestant churches of Bulgaria to life imprisonment. Nine other ministers received sentences ranging from eight to 20 years. The sentences of two defendants were suspended.

TO THE VERY END, the "trial" in Bulgaria followed the pattern of communist "justice" that has become familiar wherever communists are in power.

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### ON GUARD Irish Superstition? The Fairies The Shamrock

St. Patrick's Day is a good time to settle something or may be we should say start something about the Irish. To this end we point out that not everything that is alleged about the Irish is true.

TAKE FOR instance the popular belief about Irish superstition. It is commonly alleged by those who do not understand the paradoxical spirit of the Irish that they are a superstitious people. This, of course, is very untrue.

The Irish are not superstitious. Not at least since the Apostle Patrick smashed their pagan gods on the floors of Ireland's forests and lighted the fires of Christian Faith on Tara's Hill.

When Patrick held up a little green shamrock and explained the mystery of the Holy Trinity to Ireland, the fabulous "luck of the Irish" began. It was the "good luck" of the Irish that they discovered the secret of the leaves of an insignificant plant of the shamrock. The shamrock is more than a national emblem, it is a Christian emblem, a symbol of the Faith.

And when Irishmen talk about "the lucky shamrock" it is not superstition. It's the truth they are speaking.

EVEN THE irrepressible band of Irish women of seeing things in such things as spilled salt or dropping a fork is not really superstition. This is a part of the household lore of Irish homes. And Irish women know that.

They know as well as any body that the destiny of Ireland is not in the hands of a few men, but in the hands of the people. The shamrock is a symbol of the Faith.

Choose for Easter gift now at Thorne's. Lay away plan makes buying now convenient and wise. Thorne Jewelers, 318 E. Main Ave.

### Pontifical Mass Will Open Nazareth College Jubilee

Events marking the Silver Jubilee of the founding of Nazareth College will be inaugurated with celebration of a Pontifical Mass by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney Thursday, Mar. 31 at 9 o'clock in the college auditorium.

Another feature of the jubilee day, designated as Student Day, will be a concert by the College Glee Club of 130 voices in the auditorium in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Among other events planned are an Alumni Jubilee Mass on May 29 with a special program in the afternoon. Details will be announced later.

Nazareth College was founded in September 1924 in what was known as the Glass House at 981 Lake Avenue. It opened the first year with 25 young women comprising the student body.

Two priests, the Rev. Louis Eitelman, and the Rev. William Byrne, now pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, and six Sisters of St. Joseph composed the first teaching staff.

Reverend Mother Sylvester was the first president of Nazareth College. In 1929 she was succeeded by Reverend Mother Rose Miriam, a member of the original faculty who is still serving in that post.

The College acquired its first residence hall at 13 Fairview Heights in the Fall of 1926 and

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### Biblical Job Negro's Model Says Bp. Foery

Syracuse — (NC) The Old Testament example of Job was set before Negroes in this country by Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse in an address here in which he vehemently attacked racial prejudice and discrimination.

To Bp. said Bishop Foery, never understood his banishment from his fellows, but he never lost faith in the eternal justice of Almighty God.

"The problem you face, we have made," the prelate said, addressing members of the Negro race, "and you must never lose faith that in the eternal justice of God it will be solved."

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### Arab and Israel Diplomats Vie for Jerusalem Control

Amman, Trans-Jordan — (NC) — What might be called the second phase of the struggle for Jerusalem is now in progress. Instead of warfare in blood-stained streets of the Holy City, it is now a struggle of diplomats in a tug-of-war between Arabs and Jews over control of Jerusalem.

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### Catholics May Appeal Verdict

Santa Fe, N. M. — (RNS)—Officials of the Catholic Church were said here to be undecided whether to appeal against the barring of 143 nuns, brothers and priests from public school teaching posts in this state.

Observers here said the Church might appeal the decision by questioning among other things, Judge Hensley's prohibition against free state bus transportation for students in parochial schools or his ruling against purchasing textbooks for parochial schools out of public funds.

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### Wallace's 'Priest Plot' Story Exploded as False

Danbury, Conn. — (NC) One letter to the editor by one priest was a barefaced accusation that the Catholic priests of this city got together and pressured the members of the Danbury Lions Club into financing a speaking appearance by Henry Wallace.

The report of this concerted "sensational" attempt was served up by a national news service and broadcast with accompanying tape recording by at least one national radio commentator.

It was all brought up by Mr. Wallace himself in his surprise talk at a South Norwalk, Conn., luncheon last week.

MR. WALLACE told the radio audience that he overcame his early snub upbringing by Methodist parents to campaign on behalf of Al Smith in 1928, and added "In this connection I cannot help contrasting the tactics used by the six priests to prevent my first speaking at Danbury."

But these "tactics" on closer

### Communist Torture Methods Revealed

London — (NC) — New clues to the speculation over what happened to Cardinal Mindszenty during his pre-trial imprisonment were added here by the report of Dr. Tibor Ham, former member of the Hungarian Parliament, disclosing how the communists made him "confess" to anti-state plotting in 1947.

Dr. Ham, who escaped after eight months in prison, has told of his experiences in Pigeon, Paris, daily, and the account was reported in London. An eminent London physician has stated his belief that the treatment given Dr. Ham could explain the Cardinal's conduct at his trial.

The exiled Hungarian leader recounted his period of torture with complete detachment, almost in the manner of a medical treatise.

First comes starvation. A normal man needs 1,500 calories a day. Victims of the Hungarian political police are given only 350.

Dr. Ham observed the effects of this on himself.

In the first phase the speed with which his mind worked steadily decreased. The second was one of complete apathy.

There was, however, one difference between their technique and that of the Gestapo. The methods of the Communists were scientific.

Dissoled acetone, a drug which induces anxiety, is administered. This leaves the victim with a kind of fear of pursuit. He then made to stand facing a wall, heels and toes together. After a few hours such a position causes giddiness, dizziness and finally vomiting.

THE PRISONER is made to remain still for days without sleeping.

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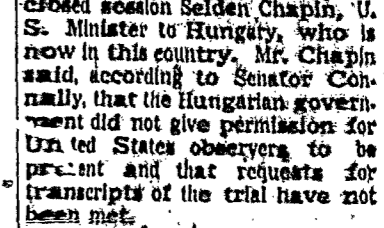
### 'Iron Curtain' Rule Gags Peiping's Foreign Newsmen

Shanghai — (NC) — Every news channel from Peiping with the single exception of the communist radio has been blocked now since February 27, when communist authorities imposed a complete ban forbidding foreign correspondents to transmit or even gather news there.

PEOPLE in other parts of China not only are alarmed by this suppression of press freedom, but they also wonder what is being done to other freedoms behind this blackout.

Reports of travelers passing outward indicate difficulties hindering missionaries, though free to circulate within Peiping and Kalgan are not allowed outside these cities.

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