

# Rumanian Bishop Said Acting Role Of Cardinal Mindszenty

Paris (NC) — Bishop Aaron Antonievic of Alba Julia, Rumania, said today that the two Catholic bishops still permitted to function in that country, in speaking of the remnants of religious opposition to that country's communist regime, according to M. Penchenier, former French correspondent for Le Monde, Paris, daily.

Writing in Le Monde, Mr. Penchenier states that Bishop Antonievic's resistance to the regime's demands for domination of all religious has become as resolute as that of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and his position even more dangerous.

As EARLY as August, 1948, the correspondent relates, the Rumanian regime asked the Catholic Church in Rumania to draw up a "constitution" to govern its relations with the regime. The Church officials drafted a document with 46 articles, effective for both the Latin and Greek Rite Churches, and submitted it to the Minister for Religious Affairs for approval in October, he says.

# British Viscount, Convert And Papal Knight, Dies

London (NC) — Viscount Trevelyan, writer, novelist and poet, who was converted to the Catholic faith in 1918, has died at his home in Dorset, Surrey, in the 85th year of his age. It was announced that he had received the 100,000,000 inheritance to become a member of the Society of Jesus, but he never joined, though he admitted that while in the United States in 1906 he read in a newspaper and studied the works of St. Ignace.

He was later a Privy Chamberlain to the Pope. Two of his poems were exhibited in the Tate gallery when he was 64, and a post he published here in 1935 was before the public.

IN THE MEANTIME, the Red regime imprisoned all the Greek Rite Bishops, declared the Greek Rite Church "reunited" with the schismatic Orthodox Church, "suppressed" three of the five Latin Rite dioceses and "deposed" three Latin Rite Bishops: Archbishop Alexander Cisar of Bucharest and Bishops Augustine Fracha of Timocara and John Scheffler of Satu Mare and Oradea Mare. The two Ordinaries still permitted to discharge their duties were Bishop Marton and Bishop Anthony Durocovic of Jassi.

# Friests Ordained In Hankow While City Awaits Red Army

Hankow — While Communist armies advanced on Hankow, one of central China's largest cities and most important river-port, 18 young priests were ordained in the cathedral here. This is said to be the largest class ordained to the priesthood so far this year in China.

Schools were still open here in the second week of April. Refugees, fleeing from the country districts before the oncoming Reds, are streaming into Hankow and its adjoining cities, Wu-chang, and Hanyang. Some hope for safety here; others flee farther south and west. Many Hankow residents have left. Catholic schools report that only 15 per cent of their students have departed.

IN HIS REPLY to the Minister at the end of February, Bishop Marton expressed regret that the Greek Rite Bishops, now held prisoners by the regime, were no longer able to give their opinion on the proposed constitution and declared that the Church could not compromise on the following four fundamental points: (1) the supremacy of the Pope's jurisdiction; (2) his exclusive right to appoint Bishops; (3) his exclusive right to fix the number of dioceses, and (4) the right of the Bishops to communicate with Rome.

# Legislature Passes New Divorce Law

Concord, N. H. (NC) — A bill sponsored by Representative Louis I. Marlet of Manchester, which would eliminate easy divorces in New Hampshire, has been passed by the House of Representatives in the Legislature by a vote of 176 to 165.

The bill would provide a six months "cooling off" period before divorce decrees could become final.

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# Among Evacuees From Shanghai



Some nuns of the Sacred Heart Order check through customs officials in Shanghai as they prepare to board the liner President Wilson shortly before it sailed for the United States with more than 400 persons aboard, many of them Americans, evacuated to safety, as the Chinese Communist troops encircled the city. AP Radiophoto. (NC Photos).

# Professor - Theologian Hits Office-Holders Who Have Double Set of Moral Standards

New York (NC) — "It is sad when we turn from the picture of our civil rulers to what some of them actually are," the Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., noted theologian and professor at the Catholic University of America, declared on the Sunday Catholic Hour.

He has the duty to acquaint himself with the ethical and social principles that pertain to the problems he is likely to meet such as "the principles concerning the right of labor to organize, the right of the working man to a just salary, the right of parents to educate their children, the extent to which police power can supersede the personal rights of the individual citizen."

When he must pass judgment on a matter of grave importance he must study all the angles of the case and must seek full information from reliable sources.

"Perhaps in some instances those who fall in their duties are the victims of culpable ignorance, for there seem to be some of our public servants who have the idea that the laws of morality bind them only as private citizens, not as civil officials," the priest commented in his NBC-National Council of Catholic Men radio talk.

"For there are men," he continued, "who in private life are honest and just, devoted to their families, good churchgoers — who nevertheless do not hesitate to violate the moral law in their public life. It is indeed a strange paradox that a person will observe God's law faithfully in one sphere of life, and disregard it in another."

FATHER CONNELL laid particular stress upon these moral principles which, he said, should guide the public job-holder: "He should devote to his work as much time as is needed to perform it properly. 'If a man in public office spends so much time in personal business and vacations and social gatherings and campaigning for re-election that he seriously neglects his official duties, he is falling gravely against the law of God... HE SHOULD realize that he is being arranged to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Joseph Francis against the law of God... it has been announced."

# Boston Archbishop Thanked By Irish

Dublin (NC) — Coming from the United States and passing through Shannon on his way to the London Foreign Ministers Council meeting, Sean MacBride, Irish Foreign Minister, sent a cable to Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston expressing deep gratitude on behalf of the Irish people and government.

promise the Republic of Ireland our prayers. Prayers are almost the only thing the Irish have ever asked of any other nation, prayers and the recognition of their right to live their own lives in their own way within their own sovereign nation. Other nations have never hesitated to ask us for our money, our arms, our very blood.

THE MESSAGE was an acknowledgment of the Archbishop's stirring address and earnest prayers in Boston (Sunday, May 1) that justice and logic would prevail and the recognition of the Western world would be given to the Irish nation's right to determine its own affairs in accordance with the will of its people and without outside interference.

"It is in the interest of both England and Ireland; it is in the interest of all the Western world, that any unjust heritage of the past be rectified and that ill-advised policies perpetuating the mistakes of the past be corrected or abandoned. Certainly the policy of attempting to divide the Irish nation is one of the mistakes which all the logic of peace, security and good will speedily correct.

Mr. MacBride's cable to the Archbishop said: "Your Excellency's memorable words will ensure in a Christian world the realization of the urgency of relieving obstacles that preclude Ireland from playing a full role in world affairs. For your prayers the Irishpeople will be forever thankful."

"Good sense and good morality are closely allied. Good sense is bound to prevail in the questions which remain to vex the Irish Republic and thus all cause for rancor between two great peoples who share the Irish Sea will be eliminated and both will be the better for it. The Western world will be more united and peace will be more secure."

Boston (NC) — At a Pontifical Mass in Holy Cross Cathedral here (Sunday, May 1), which was attended by Sean MacBride, Irish Foreign Minister, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing made a strong plea for a united Ireland in an address which also contained words of praise for Mr. MacBride. Archbishop Cushing said: "Both in your personal and family history, Mr. MacBride, and in the office which you now hold, you are a living symbol to us of the fulfillment of the dream of Dark Rosaleen's sons — the dreams plus the determination that the dear Dark Head would one day wear her own crown and Kathleen Houlihan would break her bonds and take her free, proud place among the nations of the world.

Vatican Joins In Red Cross Parley  
Vatican City (NC) — The Holy See is represented at the International Red Cross Conference, now being held in Geneva, Switzerland. Fifty-six countries, including the Soviet Union and Spain, are attending the conference. The purpose of the conference is further discussion and examination of the draft Red Cross Conventions for the protection of prisoners of war and civilians in war time and related questions that were prepared at the 17th International Red Cross conference held last year in Stockholm, Sweden, and to sign the new conventions.

# Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President  
Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon, National Secretary  
Rev. Harry M. O'Connor  
Rev. Andrew H. Rogosh  
This—You Must Read!  
A great American immortalized the words "Let's look at the record." He taught people to "get the facts—then draw your own conclusions." Monsignor McMahon, our National Secretary, has just published his latest pamphlet—"Only the Meek." It gives you the facts about Palestine, and the Refugee in the Homeland of Our Savior... If you want "the record" on the Palestine Problem—here it is! Dynamic! Thought provoking! Authentic! You must read it! We send a copy to everyone who makes a contribution for our Refugees.

THE LAST ABANDONED BABY  
"Good Jesus is now pleased to share with me His crosses, and all say it is a sure sign of His mighty hand in this work. For months I have not been in good health." Father Pinakatt of Mary Girl Medical Mission in India, has written one of the most pathetic letters we have ever read. "The last abandoned baby I myself found—before it was too late. We named her Mary and she is growing well! But we have only 12 beds in our little hospital and must turn many away. So I beg money for a hospital unit of 120 beds... Before this holy priest goes home to God, will you write your name in his heart—where God may read it? Fifty dollars for an Endowed Crib—two hundred dollars for an Endowed Bed? God and this remarkable priest will not forget even the smallest donation you make.

HAVE THE CHILDREN PRAY!  
An old nun who had taught the baby class for over forty years, told us "If you want something very, very badly—have the children pray for your intention! It worked! You will share in the prayers of Fr. Henry Ayres of the First Communion Classes by providing the little suit—or dress—and veil—in which our children go to God's altar—for the first time. We have four hundred needy children and we outfit a child for ten dollars... How many?

SEVENTY CONVERTS LAST YEAR  
The Franciscan Sisters in Maghgha in Upper Egypt—prepared seventy converts for reception into the Church last year. Their poor little Chapel (the only one in a radius of fifty miles) is badly crowded with thirty people—while hundreds stand outside—whenever a missionary comes to say Mass. The good Sisters want to build a church with quarters for a resident priest. They promise to fill it with converts in five years—if some benefactor will give four thousand dollars for land, church, rectory and classrooms... If you want to do something big for God—the Church—and Yourself DON'T WAIT—DO IT NOW... If you can't give this whole sum—won't you help with something.

ON THE WALLS OF HEAVEN  
If—on the walls of Heaven—there are pictured the glorious achievements of the great Saints of God—you will find there—that without exception—every Saint was a Teacher! By word and act the Saints taught one lesson—the love of Jesus Crucified... They could not be Saints without teaching. The disciple is not greater than the Master! Again and again we read "He taught the multitudes." So we beg help for The BASILIANS—our dollar-a-month Club for Schools and Teachers. Please join! Don't forget—YOU can build a School in memory of a loved one—a precious gift in God's Sight—from five hundred dollars up!

REUNION IMPOSSIBLE!  
From the far corners of the earth—from Purgatory—you can gather your loved ones together in Family Membership in our Organization. The miles and the years mean nothing—for prayers and blessings are not limited by Time or Space... Family membership for one-year is five dollars—in perpetuity is one hundred dollars. Mary's Month of May is favorite time to reunite your family in this blessed way.

DESPERATION  
In desperation we have emptied our Refugee Fund—and have sent every available dollar to provide the barest necessities of life for the Refugees in Transjordan, Lebanon, Arab Palestine and Israel... The appeals from Bishops and Representatives of the Holy Father might well be written in blood... Even though they were—they could not be more heartbreaking or compelling! We beg Your Aid! Anything you can give for our Refugees—fifty cents to fifty dollars is sorely needed.

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