

Murder And Arrest Of Priests Continue Under Tito Regime

Paris — (AP) — A shocking list of violent acts — including murder, execution, deaths in prison and arrests of priests on flimsy charges — demonstrates that the Tito regime of Yugoslavia pursues its war against the Church and religion with unrelenting ferocity.

The advice from Yugoslavia, coming from completely reliable sources, report the following incidents, all of which have taken place during the last few months:

REV. JOSEPH VEDRINA, a young priest stationed at Ljubljana, near Zagreb, and his sacristan were waylaid and beaten to death by a gang of communist thugs when returning from the funeral of a child. Although the attack took place in a well populated area, no arrests have so far been made by the communist police. Yugoslav papers were not permitted to print any reports on the murder.

Rev. Henrik Gorican died before a firing squad in Slovenia after having been "convicted" by a People's Court on a charge of conducting traitorous activities against the people from the prison where he was already serving a sentence on similar accusations. He is the third priest to be killed by communists in Yugoslavia during the past three months.

Those familiar with secret police methods declare the charges against the priest to be wholly ludicrous, since it would be impossible for a prisoner of the communists to carry on in a prison, any such activities as those Father Gorican was charged with.

his church in Ljubljana was seized and turned over to a sect.

THREE PRIESTS have recently been arrested on flimsy charges and sentenced to long prison terms. More than 300 priests are already in Yugoslav prisons and the arrests still continue.

The latest victims are: Rev. John Zagar, Dean of Idrija, accused of "collaboration" with the Germans and "obstruction," sentenced to eight years; Rev. John Gaspert, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Zagreb, sentenced to 18 months of forced labor on charges of preaching an "objectionable" sermon explaining the Catholic attitude toward matrimony; and Rev. Theodor Slapnak, secretary to the Bishop in Ljubljana, condemned to six years in prison for his participation in Catholic Action.

HOLY LAND SHRINE BURNS



The Dome of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, in Jerusalem, burns in a fire said to have been caused by workmen. Only the outer dome was damaged and reconstruction work has begun. King Abdullah of Jordan has offered to pay the costs of repairs. The sacred shrine of Christendom lies within the Arab-held walled inner city of Jerusalem. (AP Photos)

Protestants Told: 'Equal Catholics' Labor Program

Buffalo, N.Y. — (RNS) — Protestants were urged to get on an equal footing with Roman Catholics in the field of labor and economic relations during the third annual Conference on the Church and Economic Life sponsored here by the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County.

Leaders of several discussion units said that their groups reached almost unanimous agreement that the Roman Catholic Church had a "far better and more advanced program" than any conceived as yet by Protestants.

Summing up the opinions of one group, Bernard J. Huber, chairman of the social education and action committee of the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery, said: "The influence of our Church is too weak and should be strengthened. We know how well the Catholics have fared as a result of their special studies and courses in the field of labor. We believe that we ought to adopt some measures that would teach labor leadership to our members."

Czech Pardon Of Priests Called 'False'

Rome — (AP) — The Czech government's claims of widespread "amnesties" to priests are false. Actually, at least 300 priests are still held in prison.

This is the claim of St. Joseph's, Catholic Action daily published here.

THE VOICELESS protest, accompanied by the first amnesties granted by President Benes, were merely a maneuver to get priests still free to petition pardon for having read the pastorals of the Bishops.

Citing what it calls a source of the highest credence, the paper states that as these amnesties were being publicized by Czech press and radio, government agents descended on the priests throughout the country to get them to sign "petitions for pardon."

THE COMMUNIST regime sought a double propaganda advantage in these "pardon petitions." It Quotidian points out. First, they would make the nation's clergy seem penitent for having read the pastorals. Secondly, they would create the impression of sharp split between priests and Bishops.

However, when priests refused to sign these petitions, the paper says, the government found its maneuver failed and stopped the further release of priests from prison.

Among the prisons where the exact number of priests held are known, the paper says, are Brouso, Elze, Kralove 16 and Ceske Budejovice 23.

Catholic Labor Front Formed

Luxembourg — (AP) — All Catholic labor organizations concerned with labor have been merged into a "Catholic Labor Front," which has been approved officially by Bishop Joseph Philippe of Luxembourg. The charter provides for the recognition of the basic principles of Catholic social action, such as the respect of the dignity of the individual, a just wage and the subservience of the state to the laws of equity and justice.

Methodist Bishop Convert In Korea



In Seoul, Korea, Bishop Methodism Bishop Paul Chong and his wife make a return trip from Seoul to Seoul, Korea, after being captured by the Catholic Bishop of Seoul, the Rev. Paul Chong, in November 1945. The converts and their family (upper photo) at the home in Seoul of the bishop, following the conversion.



Russian M. Buletin To U.S. School

Washington — (AP) — A Russian M. Buletin, a Soviet newspaper, is to be sent to a U.S. school in the city of Moscow, according to a statement from the Soviet government.

PHILIPPINES NEED PRIESTS

Manda — (AP) — "Tremendous need for more priests" exists in the Philippines today, according to Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate, interviewed in his temporary home in Manila.

Archbishop Vagnozzi, appointed last March, arrived here at the end of July. He served for ten years on the staff of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington.

Vatican Radio, Also Jerusalem Plan

London — (AP) — The Vatican Radio, which has been broadcasting from the Vatican, is to be moved to Jerusalem, according to a plan announced by the Vatican.

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