

Tito 'Makes Crime' To Fit Punishment

ROME — (NC) — Instead of making the punishment fit the crime, Tito's communist regime has made the crime fit the punishment. The article in "The Nation" magazine, published in an article entitled "The National Government and the Administration of Justice in Yugoslavia," states:

"The REDS are forced to invent crimes by pressure of their own doctrine. The magazine points out: Communism does not consider itself at liberty to persecute opponents to live freely in a country controlled by it. They must be either converted or destroyed. The simplest method of destruction—communism has found in the 'trial' and imprisonment of those opponents on false charges."

The article continues: Some of the measures taken by Tito's regime, such as the wholesale persecution of lay people, officials, and priests, are designed to serve as a warning to other countries. It is reported that similar incidents have occurred in other parts of the country. The regime, it is said, has been able to persuade only a small number of priests to apostatize, and therefore has camouflaged Red agents to look like Catholic priests and sent them to parishes left priestless because of the imprisonment of the pastors.

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Crucifixes For U. S. Marines



Majors A. J. Willinger, O.S.M., of Monterey, Calif., presents crucifixes to Catholic members of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, following Mass in St. John's Cathedral, Fremont. Mobilization of the unit, now on active duty, was part of the call to the colors of the entire Marine Corps Reserve.

Washington Post Supports Vatican Minister Proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (RNS) — A proposed United States diplomatic mission to the Vatican, which President Truman recently told a press conference he is considering, was editorially endorsed by the Washington Post, influential capital newspaper.

The Post said it saw no argument against a Minister to the Vatican stronger than "historical prejudice."

"It requires more than ordinary common sense," the paper said, "to suppose that the establishment of formal diplomatic relationships with the Vatican in any way implies an official endorsement of the religious tenets of the Roman Catholic Church, or an encouragement of its temporal ambitions."

The Post pointed to the fact that the United States sends diplomatic missions to other states whose heads have religious as well as secular functions. It also said that many non-Christian states have had missions to the Vatican for years.

The newspaper found precedent for American representation in the fact that the United States maintained a full legation in Rome from 1846 to 1867 at a time when the Pope held temporal power over the Roman States.

While the Vatican State is insignificant in size, its ruler commands great influence in world affairs. The Post said, influence "exerted along lines that are in many respects parallel to current American policy."

The editorial said that the United States could ill afford the religious prejudice which might discourage Senate confirmation of an envoy to the Vatican.

Eugene Meyer, publisher of The Washington Post, is a non-Catholic. The newspaper's editorials frequently reflect administration thinking.

Soviet Paper Joins Attack On Hierarchy

VIENNA — (NC) — Russia's communist organ, Pravda, has joined in the attack against the Hungarian hierarchy.

The Pravda attacks are regarded here as designed to put additional pressure on the Hungarian Bishops who are now attempting to negotiate an understanding with the Red regime.

A COPY OF Pravda reaching here brands the Hungarian Hierarchy as "the enemy of its own country and the enemy of peace."

It continues:

"Carrying out the will of the Vatican, it conspicuously directs its activity against the people's democracy and helps imperialist reactionaries, abusing for this end the sentiments of believers."

The Moscow paper scolded the failure of the Bishops to sign the Stockholm "peace" manifesto, and complained that priests "did not dare" sign the manifesto because of "persecution" by the Bishops.

AT THE SAME time the newspaper Wiener Zeitung here reports that the Hungarian Reds have increased pressure on aides and deputies of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of Hungary. It states that the arrest of several Hungarian Bishops is feared in Catholic circles.

The paper noted the regime has publicly threatened Bishops Josef Badalik of Győr, Josef Peter of Vao and Andre Hamvas of Csanaad, and warned Bishop Sandor Kovacs of Szombathely.

The Hungarian communist organ, Szabad Nep, some weeks ago charged Bishops Badalik, Peter and Hamvas with threatening sanctions against priests who took part in Red demonstrations. It warned that "the people's democracy will not stand by idly" while these Bishops "terrorize" priests "who want peace."

Protestants Advised To Avoid Attacks On Catholic Church

TORONTO — (RNS) — A plea that Protestants "avoid making unwarranted statements about or attacks upon either Catholics or Catholics" was issued here by a Canadian church leader.

Dr. M. G. Chalmers, an associate secretary of the United Church of Canada, made the appeal to the World Convention on Christian Education. He called upon the educators to seek to overcome difficulties which cause tension and strife between Protestants and Catholics.

AS PART OF a program to improve Protestant-Catholic relations, Dr. Chalmers urged Protestants to "beware of carrying the doctrine of the separation of Church and State to ridiculous extremes."

"In some instances this doctrine is interpreted as if it meant that there should be no dealings between Church and State," he said.

"Such an attitude is in line with Communism which holds: 'In order to insure to citizens freedom of conscience the Church in the U.S.S.R. is separated from the State, and the school from the Church. Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens.'"

"IS THIS what we want throughout the whole world?" he asked. "Yet some on this continent have been calling out for separation like the Russian pattern."

"So while opposing the Catholic idea of the corporate State, let us not go to the other extreme of interpreting the doctrine of separation of Church and State in such a manner as to imply that the State can pursue its own course of action and that the Church is not concerned whether that course is for the welfare of the many or the few."

OTHER POINTS in Dr. Chalmers' program were:

"(1) Let us cease expecting or requesting cooperation with Catholicism on the Church level. Invitations to joint meetings with other Churches are opposed by the Vatican. In effect, such invitations are asking Catholics to cease being Catholics, since the Vatican considers there is only one Church. Therefore, to a devout Catholic we are only being insulting when we invite Catholics to cooperate with us on the Church level. Insults, whether intentional or otherwise, do not make for cordiality."

"(2) Let us seek for cooperation of Catholics on the secular level of public and moral matters of mutual concern. There are many areas of welfare work, civic affairs and social amelioration where Protestants and Catholics do cooperate."

"(3) Let us revise our view of tolerance. For some time there has been a sentimental view of tolerance found in Protestant circles. We have become so broad-minded that we have become flat — yes, and weary, stale and unprofitable with it. We have also held to a negative view of tolerance which says in effect: 'You

Fake-Priests Fail To Fool Czech Laity

LISS, Austria — (NC) — The Prague communist regime is sending sham "priests" to hold services in the country's priestless parishes, according to reports reaching here. But it is not fooling the lay people.

An instance is cited of what occurred in the Jesuit church of St. Ignatius in Prague on Sunday, July 16. The church was crowded for the late Low Mass which is customarily preceded by a sermon.

AT THE scheduled time a "clergyman" completely unknown to the people entered the sanctuary and mounted the pulpit while the congregation sang the traditional hymn. He read the Gospel and then began to preach.

Five minutes later the church was empty. The preacher had spoken only a few sentences when some of the faithful realized that he could not be a priest. They walked out, and as others followed, the preacher found himself addressing an empty church.

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A MISSION GRADUATION



Highlighting the work of the Church among the Indians of the southwest, Bishop Bernard T. Epelaga, O.F.M., of Gallup, New Mexico, is pictured with Miss Fanny John and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben John. Miss John is a member of the first graduating class at St. Michael's High School, conducted by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's, Arizona. In October Bishop Epelaga will have completed ten years as Bishop of Gallup, where the welfare of the Indian population has been one of his primary objectives.

New York Priests Alerted For Armed Service Duty

NEW YORK — (NC) — Eighty-six priests of the New York Archdiocese already have been alerted for immediate induction into the Armed Forces as chaplains, the Chancery Office here has announced.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, recently issued a call for volunteers for the Chaplains' Corps. He asked for responses especially among those ordained to the priesthood between 1949 and 1947.

As head of the Military Ordinate, Cardinal Spellman also announced he had invited the attention of all Catholic Bishops of the United States to the need for additional appointments of Chaplains from their respective dioceses. The Cardinal cited the large increases in the Armed Forces that have been undertaken as the result of the Korean war.

In other parts of the country priest also have responded to appeals for chaplain volunteers. One of the first to receive marching orders was the Rev. Gabriel Barre, S.J., pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, New Orleans. Father Barre, who served as a Marine Corps chaplain in World War II, will leave August 13 for the West Coast to take up duties as chaplain of a Marine unit.

Hibernians Hit Aid To Britain

Boston — (RNS) — A resolution urging the United States to stop giving financial aid to England "for having arbitrarily dismembered the ancient Irish nation" was adopted by the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians here.

Mystery Story Has Convent Setting

CHICAGO (NC) — "Murder Takes the Veil" by Margaret Ang Hibbard, a mystery story with a convent setting, will be offered as a September selection by the Thomas More Book Club. The club, announced that "The Breaking of Bread" by John Coventry, a historical analysis of the Mass with 67 photographs, also will be offered.

Woman's Body Incorrupt 69 Years After Death

DENVER — (NC) — Discovery of the incorrupt body of a woman buried at Mt. Calvary cemetery here since 1881 has been reported by officials supervising the transfer of the bodies from the long-abandoned cemetery to a new resting place.

The woman, Honora Gleason, died of old age September 13, 1881, according to cemetery records. Nothing has been learned about her, and no official ecclesiastical action has been taken.

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Korea Missioners Assigned To Japan

ST. COLUMBUS, Neb. — (NC) — Three St. Columban missioners, originally scheduled to go to Korea this summer, have been reassigned to Japan because of Korean war conditions. It was announced by the society's U.S. headquarters here.

They are the Revs. Patrick Lavin, Dorchester, Mass.; William Smith, Providence, R.I.; and Patrick Cashman, Bayonne, N.J. They are expected to arrive in Japan in August.

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