

### U. S. Catholic Men Demand Tio Give Freedom Pledge

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The House aid bill requires Yugoslavia to permit persons designated by the U. S. government to observe without restriction the distribution of commodities and other aid made available under the act, and demands equitable distribution to the people of Yugoslavia of the commodities made available under this act without discrimination as to race, color, or political or religious belief.

The N.C.C.M. statement noted that "Americans have a genuine desire to alleviate the hunger and suffering of the Yugoslav people." It continued: "At the same time, they are appalled by the continual violations of human rights and the unrelenting persecution of religion in Tito-controlled Yugoslavia. We recite here indisputable facts which at least to the state of religion in Yugoslavia:

"SINCE THE accession of Tito to power, 378 priests have been put to death. Four hundred clergymen of the Orthodox and

Roman Catholic churches are now in prison. Clergymen are continually subjected to communal pressure which includes arbitrary arrest, night raids on parish houses and long hours of grilling by the secret police.

"All religious orders of women in Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina have been dissolved. Hundreds of Sisters all over Yugoslavia have been expelled from their convents and have been obliged to abandon their religious garb and take jobs in factories or offices.

"Every Catholic school, hospital, orphanage and old folks home has been confiscated by the Tito government. Intolerable restrictions on the teaching of religion have been made. The government-controlled press has waged an abusive and vicious campaign against the Holy Father, the clergy and Sisters. No residential bishop has been appointed in Yugoslavia since the communists seized power.

"These attacks have not been directed at the Catholic Church alone. They have embraced as well the Serbians, Orthodox Church, many of whose priests have been arrested and whose American-born Bishop, the Most Rev. Varnava Nastic, of Sarajevo, is at present imprisoned under abominable conditions.

"OUR EXPERIENCE in dealing with communist regimes in the past compels us, in self-interest, to inquire: What is the real extent of suffering in Yugoslavia? And what are its real sources? We have reaped a terrible harvest for the extension of aid to communist regimes in the past, without insisting that guarantees be given for the recognition and safeguarding of human rights.

"In considering the extension of aid to Yugoslavia, we insist that our government secure that fundamental rights and freedoms as agreed upon by Yugoslavia under the United Nations charter will be restored and respected."

Reports reaching both the N.C.C.M. and the National Council of Catholic Women in Washington indicate that numerous affiliated organizations had wired Congress demanding that pledges to respect fundamental human rights be required of Tito in exchange for U.S. aid.

The Women's Council stated that at least 75 diocesan organizations had made representations to their congressmen and senators. Mrs. Gerald Bennett of Columbus, N.C.C.W. president, wired both Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, president of the Senate, and Representative Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, pointing to the "incontrovertible evidence of widespread persecution of religion and continuous violation of fundamental human rights in Yugoslavia.

### Thrill Aids Family, Pope Tells Bankers

Rome —(NC)— The incentive to family savings provided by savings banks was lauded as contributing towards strengthening family life by the Holy Father in his Christmas message.

The Holy Father called encouragement of savings "entirely social and worthy of the most generous praise," especially because it fortifies the habit of thrift among those of smaller means. Its contribution is even greater than this, he said, when it is considered that habits of thrift develop a well-ordered, courageous way of life.

"Courage is without doubt necessary," the Holy Father continued, "in all those who save their own savings to persevere in building the thousands of temples to pleasure, enjoyment, self-love and convenience, which even without becoming luxury, nevertheless exceed that which is honestly necessary."

Speaking of those who manage to save modest amounts, the Holy Father added, "who could doubt that such a way of life contributes considerably to maintaining unity, happiness in quiet simplicity and moral dignity within the family?" In a family where the parents and children are used to being self-sufficient and content with each other, thrifty and modest in tastes, there is true goodness, real happiness and mutual help, the Holy Father concluded.

### Christians in Korea Again Face Hour Of Gethsemane

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The communists made it impossible for any foreign missionary to remain anywhere he might go in South Korea. All French and Columbian priests who remained in their parishes were arrested and taken to unknown destinations, except one elderly French missionary too ill to be moved. Nearly one-half of the priests seized were native Koreans.

THE PROTESTANTS likewise face persecution if the recent record indicates their intentions. The communists arrested and took away every Protestant foreign missionary they found, including six American Methodists, two Anglicans, of whom one was Bishop Cooper, and the Salvation Army commissioner, Herbert Ford. There were heavy losses among the native Protestant personnel arrested. Some 40 Korean Protestant ministers and ten elders.

At a small town beyond Anju I saw the people uncovering the bodies of 100 Korean civilians killed before the communists withdrew. This explains the streams of refugees flowing southward these days, with thousands crossing the Han River here yesterday.

THE KOREAN Catholics entered their gruesome Gethsemane with prayer and without panic. Three days of special prayers in honor of Mary Immaculate concluded with a Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral and devotions conducted by Bishop Paul Ro, Vicar Apostolic of Seoul, at the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes outside the church. About 1,200 Catholics attended.

The Bishop reminded the congregation that Mary's intervention helped the first missionaries in coming to Korea, and emphasized that whatever God may allow here, the Christians' hopes will be fully realized in eternity.

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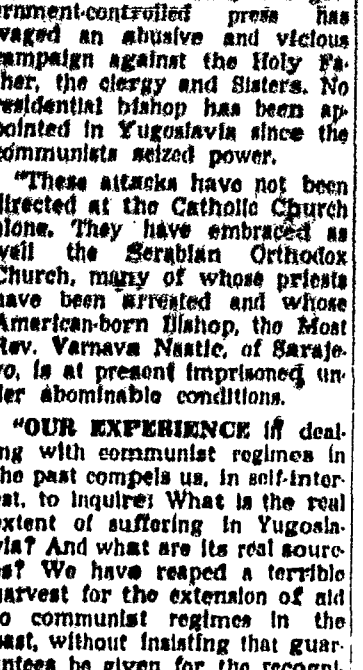
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### Control Prices



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### Mission Clinic Patient Not Sick, Pill Collector

Chetico, Guatemala —(NC)— "People usually visit dispensaries because they're sick, but some patients here merely want to collect pills and bottles," says the Rev. George L. Krook, Maryknoll missionary from Cleveland.

Sunday morning after Mass in clinic time in Father Krook's dispensary. While most of his visitors have real ailments, a few stand in line only because they're fascinated by the colored pills and bright plastic containers.

ONE REGULAR patient, Diego, has a collection of bottles which are the envy of every Indian in his pueblo. Blessed with wonderful health, Diego walks three hours down a mountain every Sunday, rain or shine, to hear Mass.

"What do I have to feel to get those, Padre?" asked Diego on a recent Sunday, pointing to

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a bottle of red-capsuled vitamin pills.

"THEY ARE FOR old age, or maybe a broken leg," said Father Krook.

"I can't possibly get old age before next Sunday, but I might break my leg," answered Diego. "Would you climb the mountain next week to say Mass, Padre, and bring those pills with you? I think my leg feels weak."

To save his own as well as his patient's legs, Father Krook gave Diego another bottle to add to his collection.

Moslem Vandals  
Zagreb, Egypt —(NC)— Moslem hoodlums inflicted considerable damage to the Catholic parish church here.

### Ruling Given On Use Of Parochial School Property

Albany, N. Y. —(NC) Where state agencies use "non instructional facilities of a sectarian school for publicly aided youth programs open to all children, this does not violate the constitutional prohibition against the use of state money for denominational education, New York State Attorney General Nathan L. Goldstein has ruled here.

AT THE SAME time, he said, no state-aided youth program may be operated in the "instructional portions" of a parochial school building, "or so as to bring the participants under sectarian religious influences."

The Attorney General said, in giving his present ruling, the Attorney General said the "use of property for youth projects which involve no schooling, is not forbidden as a matter of law" simply because the property is owned by a religious body, and that "neither is it per se a violation of the Constitution to utilize property of a religious body because on other separate property it maintains a denominational school."

### Pope's Christmas Message Advanced

Vatican City —(NC)— The Holy Father is expected to deliver his annual Christmas message on December 23 again this year, it has been learned here.

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