

Reds Banish Archbishop Beran; 'Address' Unknown

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This activity was believed at first to be connected with plans of the Prague regime to bring Archbishop Beran to trial.
However, these plans are thought to have been changed due to the difficulty of framing a convincing case against a prelate who continues to enjoy a considerable prestige among the Czechs.
According to information here, the reports have been streaming in thousands to St. Vitus cathedral in what was described as a kind of passive demonstration against bringing the Primate to trial.
Enthroned on December 9, 1946, Archbishop Beran was interned during the war for five years in Dachau and other German concentration camps because of his opposition to Nazi ideology.
IT HAS BEEN disclosed that Archbishop Beran was offered his personal freedom by the Prague government if he would resign his post as Primate of Czechoslovakia and retire to his summer residence in Cervena Recka, near Pelhrimov, some 40 miles southeast of Prague.
The Archbishop declined the offer, telling officials of the Church ministry that his personal freedom "does not count."
The last news of Archbishop Beran prior to his banishment was that he was spending most of his time in meditation and prayer. For a long time no visitors had been admitted into his palace without a special pass issued either by the Church ministry or the Security Police. Even those who gained admittance were not permitted to meet the archbishop himself, but could only speak to one of his associates.
In some Catholic circles here, grave fears have been expressed for Archbishop Beran's safety because the official Prague announcement did not specify the character of his banishment. It was felt that banishment could mean imprisonment.
These circles also called attention to the Prague statement that the banishment of the Archbishop means that "the Primate sent is free." This was interpreted to indicate that the Prague regime might be ready to appoint bishops without the Vatican's approval. The government already has named many new diocesan bishops and canons, a right ordinarily reserved to ecclesiastical bodies.

'SONS OF ST. PATRICK'



At a special ceremony held in Washington, John Joseph Kearne, Ambassador from Ireland, was inducted into the historic Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, receiving a gold medal and ribbon with emblem of the Society. Because the Ambassador will be out of the city on St. Patrick's Day, the ceremony was held in advance. Left to right, members of the board of directors, C. J. Mack, vice-president of Mayflower Hotel; Judge Edward M. Curran; Ambassador Kearne and Judge Matthew F. McFisire, chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Hungarian Jewish Leader Replies To POAU Slur On Cardinal Mindszenty

Washington (NCY)—A Jewish member of the executive committee of the Hungarian National Council has championed His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty against a statement that "the myth of martyrdom" surrounding the imprisoned Hungarian prelate "must be shattered."
Bela Fabian, in a letter to the Washington Post, declared that Cardinal Mindszenty "was the symbol of resistance against communism" to people of all denominations in Hungary.
HE WAS replying to a statement issued by William Rufus Scott, national advisory council member of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which said the Cardinal "was guilty as charged" of treason behind the Iron Curtain, was issued during the recent POAU conference held here.
Some secular papers reported that Scott delivered his attack on the Cardinal at the POAU conference, but this was denied by Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU. Archer said that Scott was to have participated in the program, but did not actually appear due to illness. "POAU does not have any inside information regarding the Mindszenty case," Archer asserted.
MR. FABIAN'S reply to the Scott charges follows:
"The myth of martyrdom" surrounding Cardinal Mindszenty "must be shattered," according to

William Rufus Scott at a meeting of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, as quoted in your news of February 2.
"I am a Jew. I wonder in whose interest it lies that the myth of the Cardinal 'must be shattered.' It certainly does not represent the interest of denominations other than Catholic. Cardinal Mindszenty does not solely represent Hungarian Catholics, but to all the people of Hungary, no matter to which denomination they belong. Mindszenty was the symbol of resistance against communism."
"MINDSZENTY WANTED all religious denominations of his

country to hold together. His view was: Those who facilitate disharmony among denominations help communism.
"Before the general elections in the fall of 1945, Cardinal Mindszenty, Zoltan Tildy, a Protestant pastor—at that time the leader of the Smallholders Party—and Bela Varga, now president of the Hungarian National Council, New York, agreed to establish a common front against communism. The Cardinal gave his full support to the Smallholders Party, which received a great majority at the elections.
"IN 1945, at the installation of the Bishop of Győr, Cardinal Mindszenty was asked by the Lutheran bishop, Bela Kapl, before the congregation: 'Who will defend the minor denominations against Communist aggression?' Descending from his pulpit, the Cardinal spoke to the bishop, as well as to the president of the Jewish community: 'We shall live and die together defending our freedom.'
"Protestants and Jews marched together with Catholics in Cardinal Mindszenty's last procession, in Nyiregyhaza, in the fall of 1948. This had never happened before.
"On the following day, the Protestant leaders were summoned before the secret police. They were asked: 'Why did you participate in the procession. You are not Catholics.' Mindszenty is the primate of all Hungary,' the Protestants replied."

Hungarians Get Special Permission

Rome (RNS)—Hungary's Roman Catholic bishops have received special authorization from the Vatican to permit parishioners to receive Holy Communion as afternoon and evening Masses, provided they have been fasting for at least three hours.
A Vatican official explained that late Masses have been sanctioned in all the Hungarian dioceses to counteract the Communist practice of summing compulsory work brigades at time when Catholics otherwise would be attending Mass.

Catholic Schools Develop Interracial Sports Program

Louisville, Ky. (RNS)—Catholic schools here recently have developed "a genuine interracial justice and charity in athletic competition," according to The Record, official organ of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Louisville.
INSTANCES CITED by the publication included:
(1) "Our parochial school basketball league has had the unique distinction of being the only organization of its kind in the city which included among its members a team of Negro youngsters."
(2) Catholic boys' high schools have scheduled basketball games with local Negro high schools.
(3) Bellarmine College, new Catholic college for men here, has played two basketball games with Louisville Municipal College, a Negro institution, and has a Negro on its team.
"CATHOLIC SCHOOLS," The Record stated, "with their explicit supernatural orientation, have a strict obligation to be the leaders in bringing about the reforms dictated by Christian justice and charity."
"... It is intolerable that Catholic schools, whose whole program of studies is organized

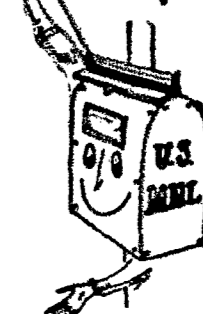
around the teaching of Christ, should ever lag behind their secular counterparts in the practical application of these teachings."

Japanese Order
Rome (RNS)—Pope Pius XII has given full approval to the constitution of the Congregation of the Visitation, the first all-Japanese religious order, which was founded in Japan during 1915.

Mission Community Enters Japan

Tokyo (NCY)—Two Sisters of the Pious Institute of the Daughters of Mary arrived in Yokohama from Spain to establish a girls' school in this country.

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