

# Archbishop Groesz Victim Of Red Fares

INDEPENDENCE OBSERVANCE

## Carroll Of Carrollton, Catholic, Risked All To Sign Declaration

Washington — (NC) — With preparations underway for commemoration of the 176th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this July 4th, under the supervision of a presidential commission by Chief Justice Vinson, it is recalled here that a Catholic lent great prestige to the Continental Congress by signing the historic document.



CHARLES CARROLL

This was Charles Carroll of Carrollton, richest man in all the colonies, who risked his fortune of \$2,000,000 in signing the Declaration. When he died at the age of 95 in 1833 Carroll was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, outliving by six years Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, who for a time before their deaths formed with him the last three survivors of the original signers.

THE COMMISSION appointed by President Truman has called on all Americans to mark July 4th as a Day of Rededication. Special ceremonies are planned throughout the country.

Churches have been invited to make a special observance of the anniversary on Sunday, July 1st. More than a dozen years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, on November 12, 1763, young Charles Carroll wrote to his father from London: "America is a growing country; in time it will and must be independent." Therefore, as Joseph Gurn observes in his biography, "Charles Carroll of Carrollton," the idea that America should be free to work out her own destiny was not new to Carroll when he signed the Declaration.

JOHN E. B. LATROBE gave an account of Carroll's signing in his "Biography of the Signers to the Declaration of Independence," which was read by Carroll himself before publication. He describes the event as follows:

"The engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence was placed on the desk of the Secretary of Congress... he received the signatures of the members, and Mr. Hancock, President of Congress, during a conversation with Mr. Carroll signed it as he would sign it."

"Most willingly, was the reply, and taking a pen he at once put his name to the instrument. There go a few minutes, said one who stood by; and all present at the time agreed that in point of fortune few risked more than Charles Carroll of Carrollton."

Charles Carroll's wife was related to the mother of Archbishop John Carroll of Baltimore, first Bishop of the U. S. Hierarchy.

Chapel Designed By Matisse Dedicated  
Nice, French Riviera — (RNS) — A chapel designed by Henri Matisse, famed French artist, was dedicated at Venice, near here, by Roman Catholic Bishop Jules Remond of Nice.

Mr. Matisse, who is 82, was unable to attend the ceremony because of ill health. But he sent a message to the bishop declaring that "this chapel is my masterpiece."

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## 'Iron Curtain' Church Heroes



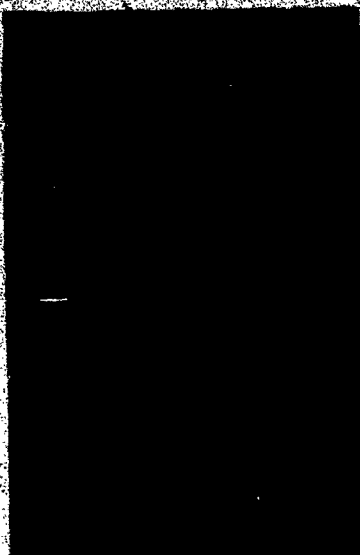
ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC



CARDINAL MINDSZENTY



ARCHBISHOP BERAN



CARDINAL SPELLMAN

The list of imprisoned Church leaders continues to grow and dramatizes the fierce persecutions now raging against the Church in nations now under Communist control.

## Prelate Like John Fisher, Says NC Head

Washington — (NC) — With his arrest and "trial" Archbishop Joseph Groesz of Kaposvar, Hungary, has truly become the successor to His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the imprisoned Primate of Hungary, Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore said in a statement issued here.

Archbishop Keough is chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He spoke out as soon as it became known that the Hungarian regime had brought "charges" against the head of the Hungarian hierarchy and declared its intention to bring him to "trial."

Through the action of the Hungarian communist regime, Archbishop Keough said, Archbishop Groesz joins a "good company" that of Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb, Yugoslavia; Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague, and Bishop Lajos Orszag, ousted Lutheran head of Hungary. It is a company that goes back through history and includes such men as St. Thomas a Becket and St. John Fisher, the prelate added.

## Bishop Ford Arrest New Stepinac Case

New York — (NC) — The arrest of Bishop Francis X. Ford, of Klaying, Maryknoll Mission, by Chinese communists on a charge of being an espionage agent for the United States was termed by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, as another Archbishop Stepinac case.

Speaking at the first semi-annual convocation of the new \$4,300,000 Archbishop-Alphonsus Stepinac High School for Boys at White Plains, the Cardinal said the communists are plotting to detain and even kill Bishop Ford "as they have already slain hundreds of our priests and nuns."

He told 140 members of the graduating class that Moscow's principle organ, Pravda, had just released a report that the Maryknoll prelate had been placed under arrest in Canton as an American espionage agent, and continued:

"And now, as Bishop Ford, who for so long hard years has tirelessly served such afflicted as the Chinese people and stands loyally to help himself, accused in communist courts of false charges of betraying China, I, in turn, charge that we have here another Archbishop Stepinac case, as solemn barbaric communists, themselves traitors to God and all that is good and of God, plot to detain, imprison, exile even kill Bishop Ford as they have already slain hundreds of our priests and of our nuns," the Cardinal said.

Czech Textbooks Foster Materialism  
Vienna — (RNS) — Czechoslovakia's text books are now stripped of "unscientific obscurantism and superstition," according to the Communist Party Politburo.

Announcing new texts for all grades of the Czechoslovak State schools, the Politburo said: "Our youth education must uncompromisingly set forth only the world scientific philosophy, namely, scientific and historical materialism. This outlook must penetrate all subjects, without exception."

Archbishop Frederick Melendro of Ankang in Anhwei province, 61-year-old Spanish Jesuit, was jailed on May 28 with several of his priests. Bishop Silvanus Valentin of Kiangling, Szechwan province, 70-year-old Paris Foreign Missioner, has been seized by Red police and is being held in his see.

ROSARY CRUSADE IN SOUTH AMERICA  
New York — (NC) — The Rev. Archibald McDowell, C.S.C., a former professor at the University of Notre Dame, sailed from New York on the Rio Tunuyan to open South American headquarters for the Family Rosary Crusades in Buenos Aires.

DEADLINE  
Because Independence Day, July 4, comes on Wednesday, next week, all news copy should reach the Courier Journal office, 35 Main St., Rochester 4, by Monday night. Only outstanding news stories can be handled Tuesday morning. Office is closed Wednesday.

## Abp. Beran Out of Public Eye Two Years

Lin, Austria — (NC) — The Vice of Austria's Bishop of Linz, Austria, who has been out of public eye for two years, was seen in a public appearance on Sunday, June 18, 1951.

Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague had made his last public appearance in 1949. He had been out of public eye for two years.

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## Mindszenty Trial Judge, Prosecutor Stage New Show

Archbishop Josef Groesz of Kaposvar, Hungary, who is being tried by the Hungarian communist regime, is being portrayed by the regime as a "traitor" and "spy."

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