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'Day Of Prayer' To Mourn 'Iron Curtain' Victims

Washington — (NC) — All Catholics throughout the United States have been summoned to mark Sunday, December 30 as a National Day of Prayer, Mourning and Reparation for millions of the faithful in Iron Curtain countries who have become victims of Communist persecution.

The announcement came through letters from Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, chairman of the Administrative Board, N.C.W.C., to all Bishops.

REFERRING to the fact that the proclaimed Day of Prayer follows immediately after the feast commemorating the martyrdom of St. Thomas A. Becket, the Archbishop's letter said:

"We feel that on that day Americans will be given not only a renewed consciousness of the suffering which is being endured by persecuted peoples abroad, but that they will be given, as well, an opportunity to offer by prayer and mortification some concrete demonstration of their solidarity with those who suffer for the sake of their faith."

Proclamation of the Day of Prayer is in accordance with the decision at the recent general meeting here of the American Hierarchy. At that time, the resolution was adopted expressing "boundless admiration and mourning for our martyred dead in Russia and in the 14 nations which are now captive to Communism." In sending their "fraternal sympathy and the assurance of our fervent prayers," the Bishops expressed "sorrow at the indifference of the so-called Christian Governments to this frightful persecution."

THEY, FURTHERMORE, declared themselves "appalled by the apparent inability of the free secular press to inform the public of the true facts of the persecution."

According to Archbishop Keough's letter it is left to the judgment of the individual Bishops to determine what form the observance of the Prayer Sunday shall take within his diocese and what prayers should be said.

Digest Prints Replies To Sanger Article

Pleasantville, N. Y. — (NC) — "The Catholic Case Against Margaret Sanger: Mother of Planned Parenthood," has been published in the December Reader's Digest following widespread criticism by Catholics of an article in the magazine's July issue on the so-called "Mother of Planned Parenthood."

The nearly four pages devoted to "The Catholic Case" consisted of a condensation of a letter to the Digest from Douglas J. Murphy, president of the New York Archdiocese's Coordinating Committee of Catholic Lay Organizations, and excerpts from eight Catholic newspapers and magazines.

In his letter Mr. Murphy called the original article "Margaret Sanger: Mother of Planned Parenthood," by Lois Mattox Miller, "obvious propaganda for a demonstrably unscientific and undemocratic cause." He said his organization "believes the article to be factually dishonest in its implications and shockingly immoral and un-American in its inferences."

"The article is crammed with misleading implications," Mr. Murphy declared. He listed six "samples" of these.

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Marine Asks 'Daily Rosary' For Christmas

Jacksonville, N. C. — (NC) — A Marine serving in Korea has written his two little children here that "the best Christmas present daddy can ask for is to have them say the Rosary every day."

Chief Warrant Officer Stanley A. Novak, with the 7th Marine Regiment, urged his children Elaine and Stan to offer the Rosary "not just once but every day."

"When you say the Rosary you might as well include the rest of the boys in Korea," he wrote. "If all of you say the Rosary, that in the best Christmas present daddy can ask for. When Christmas comes again, hang a nice Rosary on the tree as a reminder of daddy's presence in Korea."

The Marine warrant officer reminded his children that his "beautiful guardian angel" watched over him while he was serving in Korea against God's enemies.

Card. Spellman At Korea Front For Christmas

New York — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will interrupt a 12-year-old New York tradition in accepting an invitation to spend Christmas with the troops in Korea.

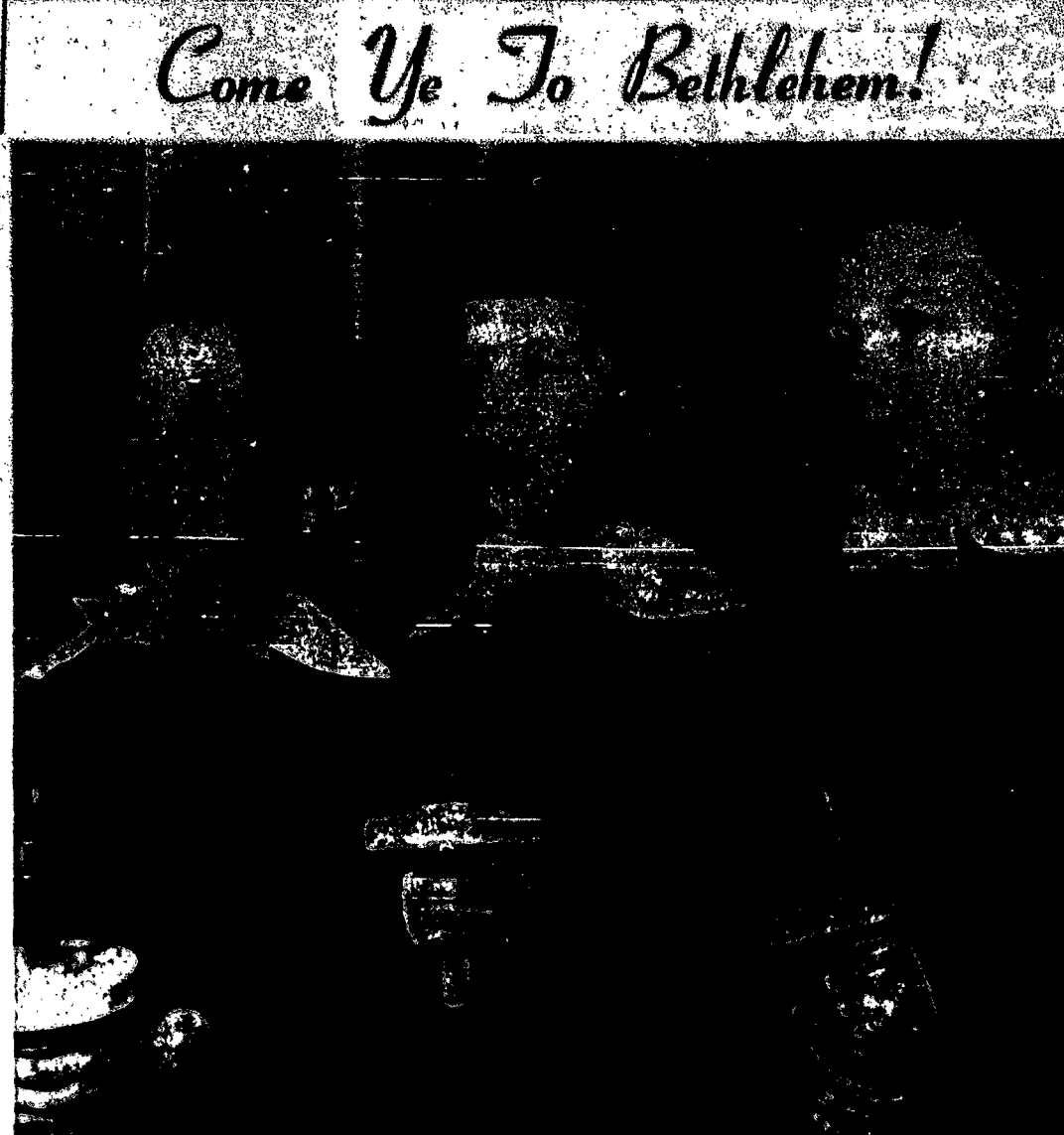
Since 1939, the year he was installed as Archbishop here, the Cardinal has always been at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the solemn Christmas-like ceremonies, despite wide-spread travels which took him away from his flock at other times of year.

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"I much prefer bringing Christmas to our boys in Korea than being in St. Patrick's Cathedral on the day," the Cardinal replied to General Van Fleet. "I shall remain as long as necessary to visit every combat unit."

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Hostage Bishop Tortured In Red Demand Of Money

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — The American Missionary Society, which has a number of missionaries in China, will not let itself become victim of a Communist extortion scheme, it was stated here emphatically by Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Maryknoll Superior General.

He was commenting on news that Bishop Anthony J. Paschang, M.M., of Kiangmen, China, has three times contacted the Maryknoll house in Hong Kong to state that Red officials are demanding money for him under torture. On the first two days the amount stated was 40,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$8,000 U. S.). On the third day it was raised to 22,000 Hong Kong dollars.

"It would be disastrous to pay extortion money," Bishop Lane said here. "Every Catholic missionary who is of the Reds would then be placed in a bad position."

The Red scheme to use Bishop Paschang as a hostage to bring U. S. dollars from his American confreres is seen here as part of the vast Red program to solicit dollars from Americans through pressure on friends and relatives in China. Thousands of letters have reportedly been received in recent months by Chinese Americans from relatives in China, pleading for money to save them from torture and imprisonment.

BISHOP PASCHANG is a native of Martinsburg, Md. He met

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Supreme Court To Rule On Released-Time

Washington — (NC) — The Supreme Court has agreed to rule on a 6-to-1 decision of New York State's highest court upholding constitutionality of the New York City released-time program.

In its majority opinion the State Court of Appeals had warned against converting the "wall of separation between church and state" into an "iron curtain" between enemies. The wall of separation, the court said, "in our religious nation is designed as a reasonable line of demarcation between friends."

BY ITS decision the appeals court had affirmed lower court rulings against two parents of Brooklyn school children. The parents, Teshm Zorach, a Protestant, and Mrs. Alma Gluck, who is Jewish, contended the released-time program was unconstitutional. They cited the 1948 McCollum decision by the Supreme Court.

The two parents appealed to the Supreme Court from the top State court ruling.

UNDER THE released-time program, New York City public schools are permitted at the request of parents to excuse pupils one hour a week to attend outside religious classes.

At stake in the ultimate Supreme Court finding are released-time programs in many parts of the Nation, affecting an estimated 2,200,000 children now participating.

Bank Installs
Nativity Scene

Oklahoma City — (RNS) — A Nativity scene fills the lobby of the City National Bank here.

Dan W. Hogan Jr., vice-president of the bank, said it was only right that the religious scene should be placed in the money changers' place of business since money changes are sanctified by the temple during Jesus' time on earth.

He said that the bank plans to install the Nativity scene every year from now on.

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Archbishop Stepinac Leaves Prison 'I Am Still Archbishop Of Zagreb,' Prelate Says In Defiance Of Tyrant Marshal Tito



Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac, of Zagreb, Primate of Yugoslavia, is shown in picture at left, before the altar of the village church in Krasic, following his first Mass since his conditional release from prison, where he served five years of a 16-year sentence imposed by a Red-controlled court, on trumped-up



charges. He has been forbidden to perform his duties of Archbishop or to leave the village without permission of the Tito regime. Picture at right shows Archbishop Stepinac leaving his Lepoglava prison cell with Editor Maribor of the Zagreb Daily Vjesnik. (NC Photos)

Conditional Release Fails To Undo Injustice To Prelate Refuses To Yield Diocese 'By Government Force'

By G. E. BRUNST
(Foreign Editor, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, though conditionally released from imprisonment, still remains a victim of injustice. The step taken by the Tito regime for reasons of political expediency, does not lessen in any way the persecution inflicted upon the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia.

This is the consensus of Catholic opinion throughout the world evoked by the news that the Archbishop of Zagreb has been permitted, after being held in jail for more than five years, to take up residence in his native village.

THE YUGOSLAV regime itself is responsible for this unfavorable reaction to its measure. The conditions surrounding the release of the Archbishop from physical confinement make it clear that the regime continues to consider the prelate a

justly convicted criminal who has been granted parole. By referring to him as "the former Archbishop" the regime has sought to usurp rights which the Church has never granted, and will never grant, to any secular power.

American Catholic opinion was reflected in a statement by Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, Chairman of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference. He declared that "Archbishop Stepinac is entitled to full freedom" and that his "liberation from physical confinement" is merely

The Archbishop met with newsmen following his first public Mass in five years. He said Mass in Holy Trinity church in his home town here, where he is now assisting the regular vicar. His residence in Krasic was a condition imposed upon the Archbishop's release from prison.

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Archbishop Stepinac looked thin and somewhat haggard, but otherwise seemed fit. He was dressed in robes borrowed from the parish priest. The only article of raiment that indicated the archbishop's rank was his purple skull cap.

"I am still Archbishop of Zagreb," he declared, adding that his future status was entirely "in the hands of the Holy Father."

THE PRELATE told the newsmen that he had learned of the announcement referring to him as "former archbishop" while riding in an automobile of the Ministry of Interior, which was transporting him from his prison to the Krasic parish.

Questioned about his prison treatment, he said, "I cannot com-

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Red Guns G.I.'s Hug Ground, Mass Continues

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