

Tito Court Dooms Priest To Death

GRAS, Australia (NC) — A Yugoslav communist newspaper has hailed the death sentence imposed upon an 86-year-old Slovene priest as "just punishment" of a war-time traitor. But its comment makes it clear that the real reason for the trial was the priest's stand for the right of the Church and his "ideological" opposition to present social life.

THE PRIEST — the Rev. Karl Gidovic — was one of a group of 38 "tried" last month before the district court of Novo Mesto, Slovenia, which handed down four death sentences and prison terms totaling 93 1/2 years.

Another priest — the Rev. Jozef Radipik of Sela-Sumbeek — was sentenced to 25 years, and the Rev. Vincenc Segs, assistant to Father Gidovic, to five years imprisonment.

All of them were accused of having collaborated, under the leadership of Father Gidovic, with the occupation powers during the war years and of having actively resisted the communist "National Liberation Movement."

THEY ARE said to have organized a "White Guard" and of having worked together with Bishop Gregory Rozman of Ljubljana, who some years ago was sentenced in absentia as a "war criminal."

Bishop Rozman lives now in exile. The Apostolic Administrator of his diocese is Bishop Anton Vovk, who earlier this year was almost killed by a communist gang and has become one of the principal objectives of communist hatred and persecution.

THE COMMUNIST newspaper Slovenski Porocilce (Slovenia Reporter) in Ljubljana, commenting on the "trial," cites as "evidence" for Father Gidovic's "traitorous" attitude the fact that he "aid his stooge assistant Vincenc Segs, publicly prayed in the church for the most revered war criminal Bishop Rozman." The same paper furthermore sets "proof" for Father Gidovic's "guilt" in his carrying out always "Vatican orders without any compromise."

In the eyes of the newspaper, Father Gidovic is a "traitor" because he renounced priests to prepare themselves for more work and greater sacrifices and because he refused Holy Communion to a woman who had entered an illicit marriage.

India Prelate Urges Spiritual Preparation For Saint's Centenary

GOA, Fortuguesa India (NC) — Archbishop Jose da Costa Nunes of Goa has called on his people to make a deep spiritual preparation for the December ceremonies commemorating the fourth centennial of the death of St. Francis Xavier.

The Archbishop's pastoral warned against the danger of being lost in the pomp of the ceremonies and forgetting about the spiritual benefits which should derive from them. "The proper way to celebrate the centennial would be to fill our hearts with the echo of the voice of the Saint who preached penance, charity and resignation to the will of God," the Archbishop said. He also carried the title of Patriarch of the West Indies.

In virtue of faculties granted him by the Holy See the Archbishop has sanctioned two pilgrimages for Goa and foreign areas who will take part in the centennial ceremonies here.

These pilgrimages are a penitential indulgence for those visiting the cathedral here where St. Francis' relics will be exposed and a dispensation from fast and abstinence during the ceremonies.

To achieve the spiritual preparation of the people, the Archbishop has ordered retreats, missions and sermons throughout his archdiocese.

American College In Louvain Reopened

LOUVAIN, Belgium (RNS) — The American College, a Roman Catholic seminary closed down when the Germans invaded Belgium in 1940, was reopened here in the presence of Church and State dignitaries.

Founded in 1867 by Bishop Martin J. Spalding, then of Louisville, who later became the Archbishop of Baltimore, the College is now directed by the Rev. Thomas F. Maloney, of Providence, R. I., who is its first American rector.

Cardinal Mindszenty Said In Hands Of Russians



CARDINAL JOZSEF MINDSZENTY

LONDON (RNS) — The Zagreb, Yugoslavia, radio reported that Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of Hungary, is now in the hands of Soviet representatives in Budapest and is living "very comfortably" in a Russian-owned villa there.

"We learn from Hungary that Cardinal Mindszenty is no longer in the hands of Hungarian authorities," the station said. "Moscow demanded that he be handed over to Soviet representatives in Hungary. At present Mindszenty is in Budapest living very comfortably in a Soviet villa near the famous hospital at Lipovacs."

There was no confirmation of this report from any other source.

Fatima Shrine On U. S. Highway 31

NEIRO DAME, Ind. (NC) — A wooden shrine of Our Lady of Fatima will be dedicated on U. S. Highway 31, just north of South Bend and adjacent to the University of Notre Dame, on Sunday, October 12. The Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., founder of the Family Rosary Crusade, will preach the sermon. Erected with the approval of Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, the shrine consists of six statues carved from Pietrasanta marble. The statue of Our Lady is six feet, six inches in height.

War II Vets Again 'Invade' Salerno Beach

ROME (NC) — Salerno beachhead was invaded again by members of the American Fifth Army. But this time they came without arms on an errand of peace and goodwill.

THE SOLDIERS returned to the scene of one of the hardest won victories of World War II to assist at the laying of a cornerstone of a children's nursery and welfare center which is being built under Catholic auspices at Ponteagnano, on the shore near Salerno. The soldiers and thousands of other Americans have contributed funds for the project.

On hand for the ceremony was Mrs. John David Lodge, wife of the Governor of Connecticut, who is chairman of the committee for the erection of the nursery. With her was a group of high Italian government and civic officials and members of U. S. military personnel in the Naples area.

THE SALERNO project is being sponsored by the Italian Boys Town, Inc. of which Major Joan Patrick Carroll-Abbing is president. According to Monsignor Carroll-Abbing, it will be the first of eight such centers to be constructed during the coming year.

The Italian government made an initial grant of approximately \$10,000 for the undertaking, and local inhabitants donated a site for the Salerno nursery.

800 Sermons For London Irish

LONDON (NC) — Six Jesuit priests from Dublin have begun a campaign to preach 800 sermons to Irish workers in London before Christmas.

They will conduct fortnightly missions in groups of parishes in various parts of the city on such subjects as vice, marriage, death and Our Lady.

A general closing rally will be held in Westminster Cathedral on December 14.

Morgue's Lifest Man-- U. S. Priest Serving Lepers In Philippines

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR (Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Manila (NC) — In the morgue at Tala you find one of the lifest persons in the Philippines.

Tala is a leper settlement out in the lonely countryside, about 20 dusty miles from Manila.

At the end of the war, an Air Force chaplain, the Rev. (Capt.) Anthony L. Holatee, a Dominican from Seattle, visited Tala on a sightseeing trip. Afterwards, he kept on seeing it, in his mind. He saw lepers in all stages, from the barely noticeable beginnings to the advanced stages of disfigurement, mutilation and pain. They were Filipino boys and girls, men and women, the great majority Catholics. But in their pathetic need they had no resident priest and no church.

Now they have a resident priest—the man in the morgue. He's the same Father Holatee, who came to visit seven years ago. When he left the Air Force, he volunteered to go back to Tala and live with the lepers. He has been with them now more than five years.

The authorities gave him the morgue as an office (Tala is operated by the government). There you find him, a big man in the billowing white robes of a Dominican, against a background of cement vaults for coffins.

HE IS A whirlwind of energy and enthusiasm for his work. "We have 1,598 patients today," he tells you. "That's an increase of 1,000 since I came here, five years ago."

"Good morning, Father!" comes a sudden, shrill voice from the sun-scorched road outside. A little leper boy, passing by, won't skip his greeting to his best friend. The big priest interrupts his conversation to shout and wave back.

Since Father Holatee's arrival, Tala is visibly different in many ways. The white-robed whirlwind of zeal and good humor is everywhere. The very sick, their features partly eaten away, brighten up when he comes through the wards. He jokes with eager, little, brown-faced lepers already showing traces of the disease.

THE TALA lepers have daily Mass now in the bright Holy Rosary church, built through Father Holatee's efforts. The average number of Holy Com-

'Luxury' School Problem For British Bishop

LONDON (NC) — Bishop John Heenan of Leeds declared at the opening of a new Catholic school that the nation could not afford such luxury buildings.

"The time has come for pre-fabricated schools, not luxury schools in an age of depression," the Bishop said.

I hope I shall not be opening any more schools like this. They are beyond the means of our people."

THE BISHOP was opening St. Mary's School, Halifax. The school, built according to present-day government specifications with rubber floors, plate glass walls and two big assembly halls, has cost 80,000 pounds sterling (about 240,000 dollars). Of this Catholics have to find about \$150,000.

The British government insists that all schools must be built in the most luxurious up-to-date style. It insists that Catholics want their own schools, they must conform to the regulations and pay most of the costs themselves.

"The time is not ripe for planning schools on this scale," the Bishop said. "We are in the greatest economic crisis since the general strike (in 1926). Defense costs must go on but they mean less money for other things. Shortage raise prices, which raise prices again. That is the vicious spiral, a problem only the statesmen can solve."

"Buildings like this have no place in a country faced with bankruptcy."

"The permanent officials are to blame. They don't have to fight elections."

'Peace' Congress Passports Denied

CANBERRA, Australia (NC) — The Australian government has refused to issue passports for delegates to the Asian "peace" congress in Peking.

Prime Minister R. G. Menzies described the Peking congress as merely a device for intensifying communist propaganda against the western powers in the Pacific.

Women Assist Needy Seminarians

SEATTLE (NC) — Seattle's Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has contributed more than \$50,000 during the past eighteen years to enable young men from poor families to study for the priesthood.

Ultimate goal of the council is to collect a \$10,000 purse every year.

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