

Tito Reds Decision To Expel Archbishop Stepinac Reported

Paris—(NC)—Cardinal-designate Aloysius Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, may be forcibly expelled from Yugoslavia by Tito, according to a report reaching here.

The report comes from a highly placed official in Belgrade whose name obviously cannot be revealed.

THE CASE OF Archbishop Stepinac was taken up at the same meeting of the Executive committee of the Yugoslav Communist Union (formerly party) at which it was decided to break off diplomatic relations with the Vatican, the report states.

Interior Minister Alexander Rankovic proposed at the meeting that the Archbishop be either thrown out of the country immediately or taken back to his prison cell at Lepoglava. He stated that as a pretext the government could charge that the Archbishop had not observed the conditions under which he was released.

BECAUSE THE Archbishop has talked to foreign newspapermen and other foreigners, Rankovic pointed out, he could be accused of supplying information detrimental to the Yugoslav people and the state.

After a lengthy discussion of the case, the report continues, the committee reached this decision: Archbishop Stepinac will be given 24 hours in which

to decide whether he will leave the country "voluntarily" or be forcibly expelled.

If he refuses to leave "voluntarily" he will be seized by the police and dumped at the border near Trieste or along the Austrian frontier.

The question of when to hand the ultimatum to Cardinal-designate Stepinac, the report says, was left to Interior Minister Rankovic. He is said to have decided to hold up the ultimatum until the question of Tito's visit to Britain is finally settled.

If Tito does not go to London, the report states, the ultimatum will be given Archbishop Stepinac immediately after that decision is reached. If Tito goes to London, it says, the ultimatum will be withheld until the Yugoslav dictator returns from his visit.

Red Trial Hinted For Polish Cardinal

London—(NC)—The British Catholic papers have taken note of the increasing persecution of the Church in Poland in recent months.

The London Catholic Times views the intensified campaign against the Church as the prelude to a big "trial" possibly involving Cardinal-designate Stefan Wyszyński, Primate of Poland.

The Catholic Herald here refers to the arrest of Archbishop Bazalik in Cracow and concludes that the communists regime now considers itself strong enough to move even against the new Cardinal.

The Universe, another Catholic weekly here, points out that the Polish regime now holds under arrest five members of the hierarchy.

Five Sets Of Twins Born To Canada Couple In Six Years

St. Georges, Que.—(NC)—What may be a world record has been established here by the birth of five sets of twins and a single son in six years of marriage.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emile Tremblay, both 29, who were married on May 1, 1946.

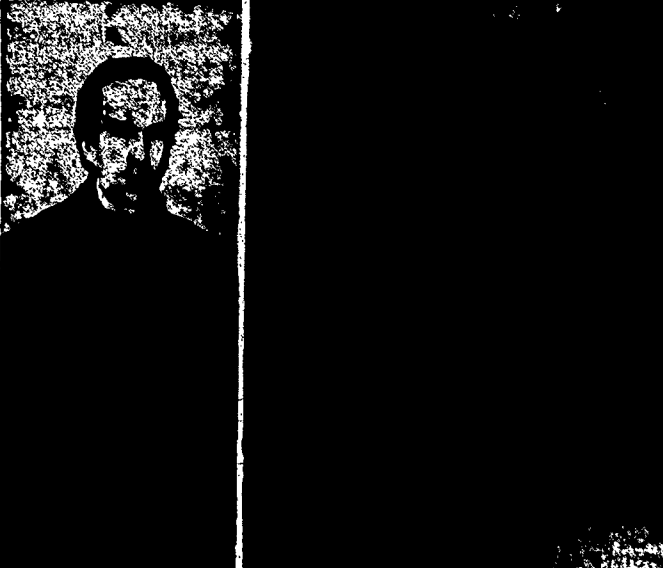
RAYMOND AND Raymond, a boy and girl, were born on February 18, 1947. Ronald and Ronald, a boy and girl, were born on July 18, 1948. Jacques and Jacqueline, a boy and girl, were born exactly one year later July 18, 1949. Clement, the single boy, was born in 1950. Jules and Julien, both boys, were born on August 10, 1951. Francine and Francine, both girls, were born on December 10, 1952.

Cardinal McIntyre Assigned Church
Rome—(NC)—Pope Pius XII has assigned to Cardinal-designate J. Francis A. McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, the titular church of St. Anastasia. It was founded by Cardinal Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti, pope in 1952. The church is a modern edifice at the foot of Palatine Hill on the periphery of the Roman Forum. It is one of the most ancient titular churches in the Eternal City and was the church of the late Michael Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, during his more than 20 years as a member of the Sacred College.

Catholic Daughters
Knox, Pa.—(NC)—The 200,000 members of the Catholic Daughters of America have been urged to observe the Feast of the Holy Family on January 11 through the medium of family Communions which would repeat the

story of the infant Jesus and his parents. The feast is a reminder of the love and protection which should surround the child.

EXPULSION BY CHINESE REDS



Among the missionaries who have been expelled from Red China, and arrived in Hong Kong after months of persecution and imprisonment are: (upper photo) Sister Alphonsa (left) and Sister Marie Germaine (right) last two of the nuns falsely accused and imprisoned in the infamous "orphansage murders" trial in December, 1951. They are shown with Sister St. Denise of Monkong's Takung School. Lower left photo: Father Daniel Seward, S.J., of Bagueta, Colombia arrives with a tale of severe cruelty after 15 months in an overcrowded jail in interior China; Lower right photo: Bishop Ferruccio Cool, O.F.M., (left) of Kichun, Hpechi is shown upon his arrival with Father Giuseppe Bianchi O.F.M., following their euster by the Reds.

New Irish Cardinal Hailed By Protestants

Dublin—(NC)—Irish non-Catholics have paid striking tribute to Archbishop John F. D'Alton to Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, on his nomination to the College of Cardinals.

The Protestant Archbishop of Armagh, Dr. J. A. Gregg, expressing his pleasure at the elevation, said: "Armagh takes its place again with the great cities whose prelates are being singularly honored."

(The town of Armagh has two cathedrals. The 12th century edifice, on the site of the church built by St. Patrick has been in Protestant hands since the "reformation." The present Catholic Cathedral was built about 100 years ago.)

THE IRISH TIMES, a Dublin daily under Protestant control and catering mainly for non-Catholic readers, carried a pen portrait of the Cardinal-designate, saying in part:

"Pomp and grandeur are inseparable from the honor (of Cardinal), and yet it is that part of the honor with which Ireland's new Cardinal would most readily dispense. As a Professor, as a Bishop, as an Archbishop, Dr. D'Alton has retained the same modesty and ease of manner. He has that complete unconsciousness of dignity possessed only by a man whose natural dignity is unassailable."

"In Northern Ireland affairs," continues the sketch, "his influence has always been exerted on the side of moderation and good relations between Catholic and Protestant. The old bitterness is gradually dying away, he says, and adds: 'Thank God!'"

Work To Save 'Soul Of Asia' Pope Tells India

Ernakulam, India—(NC)—Pope Pius XII has called upon India's five million Catholics to join with all in their country who are "on the side of God" against powers of evil seeking to enslave "the soul of Asia."

The Pope's message was transmitted over the Vatican Radio to an estimated 500,000 Catholics from all parts of the country gathered here for a three-day Eucharistic Congress that climaxed celebrations marking the 19th centenary of the arrival in India of St. Thomas the Apostle, and the fourth centenary of the death of St. Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Orient.

"THESE RECENT years," Pope Pius said in his message, "have seen India enter upon a new era of her history. In laying the foundations of the nascent state she must count on the cooperation of all the sound and competent elements among her people, and she has a right to that cooperation."

"The powers of evil are contending in bitter conflict for the soul of Asia, and you know what hangs on the outcome of that conflict. You realize, too, the important, dominant and uncompromising role to be played in this conflict and in the upbuilding of the state by religion, by the true Faith."

The Holy Father urged Indian Catholics of all rites, Latin and Eastern, and of all social conditions, to "close ranks and stand together" in the work of "opening the way for the grace of the true Faith and the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ."

At the same time, he addressed a clear appeal to "our separated brethren" to turn to the Church of Rome so that all "may be one" in the Faith.

"Today," he said, "when the powers of evil fight in serrated ranks and the need for concord among those who are on the side of God is more imperative, we make bold to call upon even the separated brethren: Let the division cease; to you the house is open which the Lord in unmitigated works (Matt. 16, 18-20) built on the rock of Peter and his successors."

ASSEMBLED ON THE 17-acre

Herbert Grounds, main site of the celebrations, the great gathering of Catholics, which included more than a thousand priests and nuns, heard the Pope declare that "the Church belongs to the East as well as to the West."

"It is hardly necessary," he said, "to remind you that the Catholic Church demands of no one to give up one's native ways and customs, forces no one to adopt foreign ways of living. The Church belongs to the East as well as to the West. She is bound to no particular culture, she is at home with all who respect the commands of God."

"There may be among you differences of rite and other outward practices and manner of living," Pope Pius continued, "but you all profess the same Faith, you are all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, all children of the same mother, His Church."

Canadian Jewish Congress Greet Montreal Cardinal

Montreal—(NC)—The Canadian Jewish Congress has sent to Archbishop Paul Emile Leger in Rome the "sincere congratulations" of the Jewish citizens of your province on his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The Archbishop of Montreal was in the Eternal City at the time his nomination to the cardinalate was announced, and decided to remain there until the Consistory of January 12 at which he will receive the Red Hat.

Samuel David Cohen told the Archbishop on behalf of the Congress that "we are convinced that this honor could not be more worthily bestowed."

New Apostles Increase Male Church-goers

San Antonio, San Antonio, P. E.—(NC)—Father Kiran Haragan, Columbian missionary here, credits his 12 modern "Apostles" with a sharp upsurge in male church attendance.

DURING HOLY WEEK Father Kiran arranged for a dramatic reenactment of Our Lord's Passion, drafting most of the part to play the part of the Apostles. For generations these parts had been played by young boys and, although some difficulty was encountered in casting the part of Judas, Father Kiran prevailed on about 12 of the city's young men to take the parts.

The reports say that "more than 100 men took part in the dramatic reenactment of the Passion of Our Lord." He was leading the church when the Holy Trinity Mass, when he noticed a woman weeping softly.

"What's wrong?" asked the priest.

"I'm so happy," she sobbed. "They say I shall live in the heavens for the first time in 50 years. He was one of the 'Apostles'."

The Columbian missionary reports that all of the "Apostles" have taken part in a musical program in their village that they have become the nucleus of a spiritual war against Satan.

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Albany Bishop Urges Aid To Public Schools

Cohoes, N. Y.—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic bishop, urging Cohoes Catholics to take part in a referendum on public school construction, declared that "the welfare of the public schools is the concern of Catholics."

Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons of Albany sent a letter of the subject to all local parishes. It was read at every Mass on the subject.

Catholic churches here the day before the referendum.

"CATHOLICS," SAID Bishop Gibbons, "are citizens of the community and as citizens have an obligation to interest themselves in the common educational system which the city must maintain for the education of the young."

Issue \$314,000 of bonds for new elementary school construction was approved.

Bishop Gibbons said in his letter that "in Cohoes there is an added reason for Catholics to interest themselves in the public schools, since the public school enrollment is largely Catholic and existing Catholic schools could not conceivably accommodate all the pupils of that faith."

Why The Smile?

Because you made him happy. Just \$10 will support this little homeless lad for a whole month in one of our Near East orphanages. Only \$3 will clothe him. Right now we are very anxious to help dear Father Ayrault, S. J., who guards our orphan in Egypt. But the appeals come to us from every country and we must thank them all. Would it not be wonderful if you could make just one little smile during this year? Even a dollar a month for ORPHANS BREAD means that we can work miracles for you. The smile of a homeless child is really the smile of the Christ Child, himself without a home in Bethlehem. Give to one of His little ones and you make a loss to him. He will repay you richly.

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Slowly we are gathering the funds to build the SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA in Ethiopia. Have you given your own tribute to Our Lady under her greatest modern title? When you do, we shall send you our new pamphlet, OUR LADY'S KREMLIN. Dollar added to dollar builds this chapel.

SISTER ERNESTINE is a novice with the Franciscan Sisters of the Cross in Lebanon. In one year she will be one of our valued missionary sisters. She does by some good friend to make this year of her training materially possible. She needs just \$150. Can you make her an adopted daughter?

"**GEORGE**" is a very common name in the Near East. For St. George is its great patron. We have another George with three more years to go in the Seminary of Charité, Lebanon, before God calls him to the altar. Perhaps you may wish to adopt him, paying the \$300 needed. He will be your own priest and this will be your proud boast before God's Throne.

Recently a kind friend made it possible for us to substitute a real chapel for the shed used for Mass at ST. VINCENT'S HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE in Changanacherry, South India. This year four Clare Sisters took in 300 old people. A hundred of them died alone and the Sisters gave their places to others. While the chapel will serve as the parish church for all around, these poor Sisters beg us to send them help. Many a day the poor old people have little or nothing to eat. Won't you help them?

We are praying that many will join our DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUBS this year, for we do have so many needs. And they are the funds we can use for an urgent appeal. Your dollar is precious.

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