

Yugoslav Reds Attack Bishop

Trieste — (NC) — The recent attack on Auxiliary Bishop Francis Franic of Split appears to have been organized by the Communists, in spite of official claims that it was the work of "irresponsible persons."

Bishop Franic was attacked and beaten by a mob of some 3,000 Yugoslav Reds on July 23 at Makarska, a town on the Dalmatian coast.

The Bishop's present condition is unknown. He was driven out of his car toward Split following the attack.

BISHOP FRANIC was assaulted because of his opposition to the government-controlled "SS. Cyril and Methodius Association" for priests. This association aims at compulsory membership for all Yugoslav priests and the eventual formation of a disident national church. Priests have been warned not to join it by both the Yugoslav Hierarchy and the Holy See.

A recent decree issued by Bishop Franic suspended from their priestly functions all priests who had taken part in the work of the association's organizing committee in the diocese. Similar decrees had been issued by other Bishops, including Bishop Michael Pusic of Hvar.

PRESTERS WHO co-operated with the organizing committee reportedly signed a statement protesting against what they called the imperialistic aims of Italy toward Yugoslavia.

For several days before the attack various groups supporting the association had sent delegations to Bishop Franic demanding revocation of his decree.

Blessing Of Cars Attracts Motorists

Novosibirsk, Pa. — (NC) — Hundreds of motorists passed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, New Columbus, near here, to receive the annual blessing in services conducted by Father Agostino J. Angelini, rector of the church.

As he imparted the blessing, Father Angelini told the motorists he wished the worst accident that might befall them would be "a flat tire in the garage."

They accused him of being "in delegation that it had no right to speak in the name of Catholics. One member shouted back, 'We speak in the name of the people, you speak in the name of Communist character, told one Rome.'"

Bishop Ford's Grave



Canton, China—Almost hidden by tall grass, this small granite stone in a public burial ground near here is all that marks the resting place of Bishop Francis X. Ford, Maryland missionary who died in a Chinese Communist prison in Canton early last year. The stone's inscription reads: "Ford's Grave Erected February 21, 1952." Bishop Ford, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., was arrested by the Chinese Reds at Melbourn on April 14, 1951, and sentenced to an unknown prison term in a Canton jail. News of his death did not reach the outside world until August 1952. After many years of service in China, Bishop Ford was made Vice Apostolic of Kwangtung Province, in 1951, and remained a Bishop when it was elevated to a diocese in 1948.

House Votes Probe On Red Elections

Washington — (NC) — The U. S. House of Representatives has authorized the appointment of a special committee to investigate the "phony" elections held in the Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in 1940 which led to their seizure by Soviet Russia.

THE PROBE is expected to reveal the procedures and techniques by which Moscow gained domination of all the Iron Curtain countries.

Representative Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin introduced the resolution, which the House approved, and will probably head the special investigating committee that has been authorized. Representative Kersten says the main point to be brought out is that the basic conflict in the world today is not between the armies of the free world and the armies under the communists, but between the enslaved people and the Soviet regime.

All of the peoples enslaved by the communists want to be liberated, Representative Kersten added.

The committee is authorized by the House resolution to investigate the seizure of the Baltic nations by the U.S.S.R. and thus to bring out the pattern by which the communists seized all the Iron Curtain countries. It is expected to start taking testimony in the Fall.

Some hearings will be held here and others in Chicago, New York, Detroit, at points in Pennsylvania and Delaware, and probably in Milwaukee. The committee will take testimony wherever it is available in this country, and probably will go to Germany early next year to hear witnesses there.

Norway Bishop



Oslo, Norway—Pope Pius XII has elevated the Vicariate-Apostolic of Oslo to a diocese and has named Bishop James Mangers, its Vicar Apostolic, as first head of the See. The Oslo diocese is the first established in Norway since the Reformation in the 16th century and the second in all of Scandinavia. The first Scandinavian diocese was established last May when the Vicariate-Apostolic of Denmark was raised to a diocese, with Copenhagen as the See City. Catholics in Norway number some 5,000 out of a total population of 3,000,000. Most of the Catholics belong to the Oslo diocese. (ENS Photo).

Britain Names New Minister To Holy See

London — (NC) — Mr. Douglas Howard, present ambassador to Uruguay, has been appointed Britain's new minister to the Holy See. He succeeds Sir Walter Roberts who is retiring from the diplomatic service.

Mr. Howard, who will take up his new post after a period of leave at home, has been a diplomat since 1919 and served for some years in Spain both before and after World War II.

His official diplomatic rank is Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

The Holy See has maintained diplomatic relations with Britain since 1914 but only through the minor office of a minister at the Vatican. The Vatican is not diplomatically represented in London. The Apostolic Delegate here, Archbishop William Godfrey, holds a purely ecclesiastical office without diplomatic status or privilege. The Vatican also has Apostolic Delegates in other parts of the Commonwealth such as Canada, Australia and South Africa.

State Police Escort Pontiff To Villa

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII left here today for his summer residence at Castelgandolfo, 15 miles south of Rome.

The famous papal summer palace, which overlooks Lake Albano, has been a Vatican possession since early in the 17th century, when it was purchased from the Savelli family, who sold the property to meet pressing debts.

The Holy Father left the Vatican Palace in a black limousine, escorted by a special police squad on motorcycles delegated by Italian government authorities. On his arrival at Castelgandolfo, he drove through an avenue lined by Swiss Guards and Papal gendarmes.

At various points along the route, groups of farmers and country folks gathered to wave and cheer as the Pope drove by. On reaching Castelgandolfo, the Pontiff appeared briefly on the balcony to acknowledge the greetings of crowds and townspeople gathered in the piazza below.

Truce Signing Rites Reflect Bitterness Of Korean War

Panmunjom, Korea — (NC) — The bitter Korean war gave way to a bitter armistice agreement signed here. The signing "ceremony" showed both sides still far apart.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, the senior United Nations delegate, and North Korean Gen. Nam Il signed at separate tables. Smaller tables between the two served for exchanging texts which liaison officers transferred.

The signing took place in a large pavilion built by the Reds for this occasion. General Harrison and General Nam Il entered the building from opposite ends exactly at the same time. They seated themselves without exchange of any greeting. Neither looked at the other. Each signed as if unconscious of the other's presence. When the signing was finished they stood up and walked out, again without any salutation.

NO SPEECHES or even casual remarks were made except the essential questions to liaison officers. The only voice audible were those of radio operators talking into their mikes. The signing of the copies of the armistice agreements, bound by maps, lasted only ten minutes.

It is hard to imagine an "agreement" with more discordant notes. Onlookers could hear artillery fire during the signing. No delegate or officer from the Republic of Korea was present. No Korean soldier was in the picked honor guard representing all other countries and branches of the service fighting under the United Nations flag in Korea.

General Harrison wore summer khaki, without necktie or decorations. Soviet trained General Nam Il wore a Russian-style uniform, mustard-colored jacket with gold and red shoulder boards and blue trousers heavily striped in red along the sides. His chest blazed with decorations. His face was dour throughout.

ABOUT 100 PERSONS were present from each side. They watched from opposite sides of the wide hall as still photographers and newsmen worked at top speed.

The United Nations spectators included commanders of the various national units (except South Korean) fighting against communism and correspondents representing the free world press.

At the Communist end, North Korean officers in Russian-type uniforms and correspondents sat solidly in one group. Chinese in brownish suits resembling uniforms but without insignia

President Hails Truce With Prayer of Thanks

Washington — (NC) — President Eisenhower greeted news of the signing of the Korean truce with "prayers of thanksgiving." In a nationwide radio and television broadcast from the White House less than an hour after the armistice was signed, Mr. Eisenhower noted that "at long last the carnage of war is to cease" and the peace talks over the conference table were to begin.

"On this sabbath eve," he said, "each of us devoutly prays that all nations may come to see the wisdom of composing differences in this fashion before, rather than after, various resorts to brutal and futile battle."

formed a separate group, also impassive. A handful of European Communist newspapermen stood to one side.

THE ONLY DECORATIONS in the hall were two small fringed flags, one North Korean on General Nam Il's green battle covered table, the other a United Nations flag on General Harrison's table.

A few days ago the Communists attached three six-foot-high doves of carved wood to three prominent triangular panels on the outside of the building. These were the Communist "peace doves" of Piazaso design, the emblem of Moscow's "peace movement" propaganda around the world.

These figures on this building supposedly for joint use in the neutral area would have made it easy for Red publicity to point to the armistice as the fruit of Communist devotion to peace. In Red photos and newscasts those taking part would look like the signers of the Stockholm "peace petition."

Col. James C. Murray, a Marine liaison official, objected firmly to the "peace doves." They were removed before dawn the next day.

The armistice signing ends one phase of the struggle with communism which has proved itself in Korea as elsewhere militant atheism. Nobody believes the outcome is 100 per cent satisfactory, but it could have been far worse.

Tokyo Church Gets 5-Year Free Lease From Department Store Landlord

Tokyo, Japan — (NC) — St. Francis Church here is secured in more ways than one.

It is located on the seventh floor of a department store. It stands in the heart of Tokyo's business district at Ginza and E Streets, the crossroads of Japan. And it has a most unusual landlord.

The Church was established in 1947 for American troops stationed in the city and for Japanese employed in the business district.

FATHER LEO M. Tibesar, Maryland missionary from Quincy, Ill., served as its first pastor. He now directs the National Catholic Committee and

Japan. Father Thomas A. Barry, Marylander from Roxbury, Mass., is the present pastor.

Nagamine, manager of Mitukoshi Department Store, recently visited Father Tibesar with a contract releasing space on the seventh floor for the church for an additional five years. Since there had not been any previous

contract, Father Tibesar asked what the terms were.

"The same as before," said Mr. Nagamine. "We desire no past rent and we desire no future rent. You pay for light and water and heat for your section. That is all."

FATHER TIBESAR places the value of his landlord's generosity in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. He figures that the space for business purposes would bring a profit of at least \$700 a week, or a little more than \$400,000 for the 11 year period from 1947 to 1958 when the new lease expires.

"I'm not a Catholic, Father," continued Nagamine, "only I hope the Church will get the most out of the use of that space in its work for the new Japan. Open it up widely. Invite everyone in to learn what the Catholic Church has to offer us for the days ahead."

Woman Reported Cured Of Arthritis At St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine

St. Anne De Beaupre, Que. — (NC) — A woman suffering from arthritis and rheumatism is reported to have been cured suddenly following a visit to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre here. Her doctor has declared he is unable to explain the cure.

Mrs. Yvonne Desmarais of Springfield, Mass., began suffering from the malady in 1948. Despite various medical treatments the condition of her legs gradually became worse. Often she could not walk. At times she used a crutch or a cane.

After being hospitalized three times, Mrs. Desmarais decided to attend the novena devotions at the Shrine here.

AT FIRST HER prayers seemed to go unanswered. After the fifth day of the Novena her condition seemed worse. Her joints became swollen and the pain very sharp.

But three days later, on July 30, 1952 she awoke and noticed immediately that her pains had disappeared. The fingers of her hands were no longer deformed. The inflammation in her legs, ankles and knees was gone.

Dr. W. A. R. Chapin has signed the following declaration: "I certify that in 1950, 1951 and 1952, I gave medical treatments on several occasions to Mrs. Desmarais. The diagnosis was arthritis and rheumatism. "Dr. Frank Hurley of Springfield, also gave treatments to the patient.

"WHEN SHE LEFT for Canada in July, 1952, several of her joints were swollen and, at times, she could walk only with difficulty. That I know with certainty.

"On July 30, during the night and without any remedy, there was a complete transformation in the condition of the patient.

"Since that time all clinical examinations permit me to declare her in perfect health.

"I am unable to explain this sudden cure."

50 Cents Lost

Money is so cheap these days that one can figure that out of each dollar saved, 50 cents is lost.

Non-Catholic Industrialist Leaves Bequest For Masses

Pittsburgh — (NC) — The will of the late Anna Bowman, long prominent in the regional industry here, includes a bequest to St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Greensburg.

Mr. Bowman's will specified the bequest was to be used "by the celebration of Masses for the repose of the souls of my wife and myself."

Mr. Bowman, who died two months ago, was not a member of any church. He was a member of the Federal Reserve Bank. The will also leaves a share of Mr. Bowman's estate to the

Catholic Church in Chaffey, Erieview of Mount Maroon, France, with the request that "as long as grass grows and water runs down hill, Mass is to be said annually on or about Nov. 11 for the souls of the deceased members of the 115 Infantry Regiment of the Army of the United States of World War I."

The story that must be behind this bequest is a story of a man who, though a non-Catholic industrialist, felt a kinship with the Church of France was not distant.

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