



Alojz Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, Yugoslavia (left), and Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Polish Primate (right) are two of many Catholic prelates held under arrest by Reds in Iron Curtain countries.

Silence On Red-Held Prelates Hit In Congress

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Rep. Victor L. Anfuso (D-N.Y.) charged in an address to the House that the free world, by its "stony silence" is "sealing the fate" of Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and other churchmen imprisoned behind the iron curtain. Declaring that "the Communist war against religion and religious freedom is continuing unabated in the iron curtain countries," he noted that it is five years since the Czech archbishop was removed from his post and imprisoned. "As these innocent men continue to suffer amidst the stony silence of the world," Rep. Anfuso declared, "I wonder whether we have become callous or insensible to the crimes being perpetrated against them. 'This free world must not forget them in their lonely hours of agony and mental suffering. We must speak out anew in condemnation of this godless evil which has brought so much misery and suffering upon mankind. We must continue to demand the freedom of Archbishop Beran and others who are suffering a similar fate.' 'By our silence we seal their fate,' he warned. 'By raising our voices in protest we give them hope and we bring to the attention of the world the true facts of religious persecution in the Communist-dominated lands.'

Tito Regime Frees Slayers Of Priest

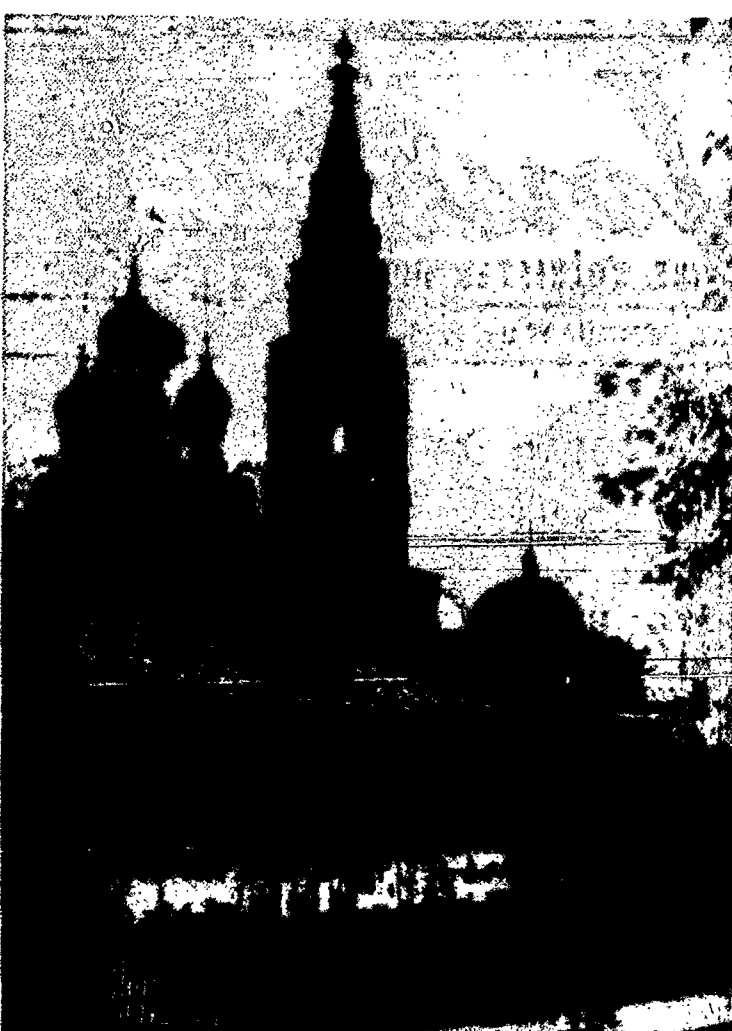
Trieste, Italy — (NC) — Two men convicted of murdering a priest in 1953 have been released from a jail by Yugoslav communists after serving only one year of a five-year term, according to reports reaching here. The two men — named di Nin and Pavlaka — are reportedly Red police agents. They were convicted of luring Father Eugene Sturtrin from his rectory in Gurko by a fake sick call, taking him to the coast and drowning him after they had knocked him unconscious.

OUTRAGED PUBLIC opinion, reports say, forced the communists to free and convict the two killers.

According to other reports reaching Trieste, Father Ante Spiracic of the island of Krk has been sentenced to five months in prison for criticizing the Tito regime in a sermon. In Slovenia, it is reported, priests are being fined and jailed by the Reds on the pretext that they have rung their church bells illegally. School teachers there, reports add, hold their pupils in school after classes to keep them from going to catechism lessons.

New Family Life Director Named

Washington — (NC) — Appointment of Magr. Irving A. DeBlanc as director of the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been announced here by Bishop Peter W. Bartholome of St. Cloud, Episcopal Moderator of the bureau. Monsignor DeBlanc succeeds Father Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., who headed the bureau from its inception 25 years ago until he resigned recently to return to his Benedictine community at St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kans. Monsignor DeBlanc has been serving as assistant director of the bureau since June, 1953. He writes the weekly column, "Making Marriage Click," syndicated by the N.C.W.C.



Sunday Washday In Russia

In Moscow, most of the Orthodox Churches and Convents are closed and said state of neglect. One such church is the Kadosky Church in the Southern section of the Soviet capital. In a picture taken on Sunday, Communist-ruled people no longer come to the Church to worship, but rather hang their laundry out to dry in its garden. (NC Photos)

Margaret Not Going 'Over To Rome'

London — (NC) — The Duke of Norfolk, a leading Catholic layman, has described as "nonsense" a rumor that Princess Margaret is planning to become a Catholic. THE DUKE of Norfolk, who is first Duke and Earl of England, made his statement after his return from Vatican City where he had an audience with Pope Pius XII. The Duke remarked concerning his Rome visit: "As a leader of the Catholic laity in this country, is it surprising that I should go? There is no deeper implication in my visit." The Duke has served as president of the Catholic Union of Great Britain and as a member of the Catholic Educational Council. He was the special ambassador of King George VI to the coronation of the present Holy Father in 1953. A London daily newspaper said that the rumor "will do away like the report two years ago that the Princess would become a nun." PRINCESS MARGARET is generally regarded as a devout spiritualist and also seeks Anglo-Catholic, a member of the High Anglican Church. Her decision in her romance with Captain Peter Townsend was taken as a demonstration of her "Catholic" outlook. Last October she announced that she would not marry the once-divorced Air Force captain.

Catholic School Foes Setback In France

Paris — (NC) — The leftist plan to repeal laws granting government aid to Catholic schools has met a temporary setback in the National Assembly. By a vote of 283 to 279 the Assembly rejected a recommendation of its education committee that debate on repeal be started immediately. VOTING AGAINST the recommendation were the Independent, Catholic-oriented Popular Republicans (M.R.P.), Poujadists and the wing of the Radical Socialist Party led by former Premier Edgar Faure. Communists, Socialists and the Radical Socialist faction headed by ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France voted for the recommendation. Following the Assembly vote a statement by the French hierarchy regarding the leftist campaign against Catholic education was read in all churches throughout the country. IN THEIR statement the French Bishops said: "The campaign conducted by these groups hostile to Christianity has just led to the proposal of a law whose contents deeply wound the Catholics of France and all those who have in their hearts a respect for freedom as well as concern for the nation's interests. 'If Parliament adopts this proposal, what will be the results? It will be impossible for poor families to send their children to the school of their choice.' 'The 70,000 teachers who instruct 1,500,000 French students will be deliberately placed in an undesired situation.'

The Reds—What Now?

Red Party Line Seen Conspiracy Against U.S.

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ
On February 8 the Daily Worker played up the lecture of Corliss Lamont at the Yale University Law School. In itself, this was not surprising. Up to April 1, 1951, the present professor of philosophy at Columbia University had been a member or sponsor of 50 Communist fronts. That is set down in the famous report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities of that date, entitled "The Communist Offensive: The Attempt to Disarm and Defeat the United States." In the number of such fronts to which he had adhered, Mr. Lamont had been exceeded only by eight others. Among these was Robert Morsa Lovett, formerly of the University of Chicago and also former American Governor of the Virgin Islands. Dr. Lovett, who up to April 1, 1951, had been a member of 80 Communist fronts, died on February 8 and received a long and laudatory obituary from the Daily Worker. Through these two men, we can get a glimpse of how the Communist line is advanced into educational circles and into agencies that make public opinion. And that was the chief reason for the first-rate attention Mr. Lamont received from the Red daily organ—whether consciously or unconsciously he was forwarding the Communist line. THE DAILY WORKER put it this way: "Lamont told a Yale Law School audience the U. S. should accept the Soviet proposal for a non-aggression treaty and should press for admission of (Red) China into the United Nations." It is for these two measures that the Communists have been loudly beating their drums, as Moscow had told them they should do. There is a grave possibility that the Red propaganda for these proposals will be successful. At least in the amended form that Red China be permitted to get all the war material it needs via.

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