

French Ask Tito, 'Why Persecution?'

Paris — (NC) — Marshall Tito was told during his state visit here that all Frenchmen are deeply troubled by the fact that under his regime "persecution is at its worst, and the most sacred rights of human person are the least respected."

A group of high French political leaders gave the Yugoslav dictator a memorandum denouncing the Tito regime's "deliberate" violations of human rights, singling out the jailing of His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb.

THE MEMORANDUM was signed by many senators and members of one Chamber of Deputies, among them a number of former cabinet ministers — notably members of the Catholic-oriented Popular Republican Party (MRP). They included former Vice-Premier Pierre-Henri Petitgen, former Finance Minister Pierre Pflimlin and party Secretary General Simonnet.

The memorandum began by greeting Marshal Tito as the leader of a great people whose time-honored friendship and not too distant glorious past have formed a strong bond with the French people.

"However, acting as representatives of our country, the note continued, "we consider it a duty to echo the uneasiness of the people resulting from your visit. The memory of the trial and imprisonment of Cardinal Stepinac and of so many other blows

Nun-Garb Case Back In Court

Frankfort, Ky. — (NC) — A petition for rehearing in a suit on whether nuns may wear religious garb while teaching in the public schools was filed with the Circuit Court of Appeals by S. Arnold Lynch, Louisville. Mr. Lynch had filed an earlier brief as counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

THE PETITION contested the right of Sisters to be employed in public schools while wearing ecclesiastical garb. It also contested the right of Sisters to request children to call them by their religious names. It asked reconsideration of the court on that subject, stating that it is a breach of the wall of separation between Church and State.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals on Feb. 10, 1956, upheld by a 6-1 decision, the right of nuns to teach in public schools in the state while dressed in their religious habits. A two months extension for seeking a rehearing on the case was later granted and the present Lynch petition was filed on the deadline date, May 18.

MR. LYNCH SAID the issue is one of greatest importance. "Teaching can be accomplished in an indirect manner as well as in a direct manner," the petition said. "We do not say that the Sisters teach religion either directly or intentionally, but impressionable young minds are bound to be influenced by the daily display of ecclesiastical garb."

The petition noted that action in this case has been brought by Louis A. Woolery and suggested, therefore, that the final decree in the case be postponed until the Woolery case has been presented.

Pennsylvania Bill Outlaws Bad Books

Harrisburg, Pa. — (RNS) — A bill outlawing the sale of indecent literature to persons under 18 was unanimously adopted by the Pennsylvania Senate here and sent to Gov. George M. Leader.



CPA Elects Monsignor Randall President

Dallas, Texas — (NC) — Monsignor John S. Randall (left in photo), managing editor of the Catholic Courier-Journal, Rochester, N. Y., was elected president of the Catholic Press Association at the 42nd annual convention held here last week.

Congratulating both new officers is Bishop Thomas K. Gorman (center) of Dallas-Fort Worth Diocese, honorary CPA president and chairman of the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

He was named secretary and member of the board of directors of the Catholic Press Association in 1949. He served as CPA secretary until 1954 when he was elected vice-president of the association.

Abp. Rummel Silent After Cross Burning

New Orleans, La. — (RNS) — Archbishop Joseph Rummel of New Orleans said he had no comment to the burning of an eight-foot wooden cross near his residence here.

The gasoline-soaked cross was propped against a wire fence in front of Notre Dame Seminary adjoining the Archbishop's home.

THE CROSS was first seen a few minutes after the conclusion of a nearby rally sponsored by the White Citizens Council.

Dr. Chang Claims Korea VP Election

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — John M. Chang, prominent Catholic political leader and former Korean ambassador to the United States, has claimed victory in this nation's vice presidential election.



In an exclusive interview here he said he would try to replace the "one-man rule" of President Syngman Rhee—re-elected to a third term on May 16—with "cabinet responsibility."

MR. CHANG, who was the Democratic Party candidate for vice president, claims he defeated President Rhee's Liberal Party running mate Lee Ki Poong. Returns from all of the country's 131 electoral districts except the anti-Rhee stronghold of Taegu, gave Mr. Chang 3,571,068 votes against 3,784,708 for his opponent.

While claiming victory, Mr. Chang also voiced the suspicion that President Rhee's forces would try to "steal" the election. The government has suspended the counting of ballots in Taegu, where about 180,000 votes were cast. The Liberal Party has accused the Democrats of election irregularities and hinted it will ask for a nationwide recount.

IN KOREA the presidency and vice presidency are decided in separate races. Although the election of opposing party members to the top offices in Korea may seem incongruous, many Koreans believe it is best for the nation because "with such a team neither Liberals nor Democrats can step out of line."

Mr. Chang said here that the Christian religion under President Rhee, a former Protestant minister, has "suffered no restrictions" and that the Catholic Church has made great progress.

MR. CHANG is the father of seven children, six of whom are studying in United States colleges. Three of his sons are studying for the priesthood and a daughter is a novice in the Notre Dame de Namur convent in Ilchester, Md.

Mr. Chang is a graduate of Manhattan College in New York City. He served as principal of the Catholic Tong Sung Middle

DR. CHANG School in Seoul from 1931 to 1947.

On March 29, 1949, Mr. Chang presented his credentials in Washington as the first Korean ambassador to the United States. He represented Korea at the United Nations conference in Paris in 1948. In 1950 he was named Premier of the Republic of Korea.

Pontiff Receives Guatemala Envoy

Vatican City — (NC) — Domingo Golcoba, Guatemala's Ambassador to the Holy See, has presented his credentials to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Ambassador Golcoba is the first permanent diplomatic envoy to represent Guatemala at the Vatican. He postponed submission of his credentials for a time because of illness.

New Housing Seen Needed For Middle-Income Groups

Washington — (NC) — Cities and communities were hindered for not taking the lead in providing more middle-class housing by Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The Monsignor made this statement before the House Committee on Banking and Currency in hearing testimony on H.R. 10157 which would provide for additional federally-financed public housing.

THE CHARITIES official said that cities and communities had built as far as is practical apart from the present housing units available for such housing in

their community but they had not taken advantage of it. The resolution also provides for 10,000 low-rent housing units for the aging each year. Msgr. O'Grady pointed out that public housing projects were not the place for the aged because of their noise and confusion. Any units for the aged should be built as far as is practical apart from the present housing units, he stated.

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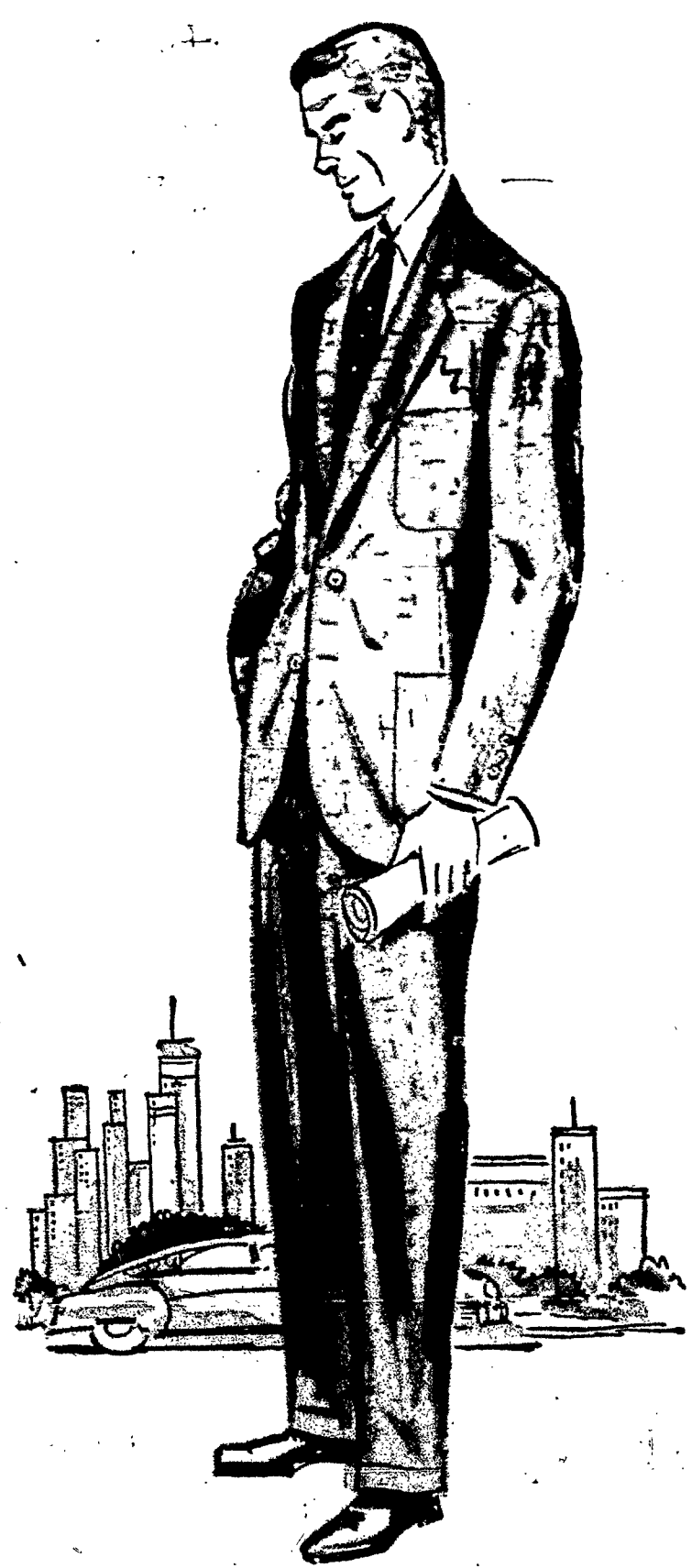
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