

Hungarian Children Hurled Themselves At Soviet Tanks In Budapest Battle

Paris—(NC)—"Little girls, about 10 years old, hurled themselves from upper stories of buildings onto Russian tanks with a bottle of gasoline in each hand. These human guided missiles perished, but so did the armored vehicles."

This was part of an eye-witness account of the Hungarian revolt given here by Monsignor Jean Rodhain, secretary general of French Catholic Charities.

Monsignor Rodhain had flown to Hungary at the first news of the uprising there. His purpose was to organize medical aid and other welfare for the people.



Motherless orphans were buried in a grave during a mass funeral given to 85 Hungarians shot down by Soviet troops.

He told of what he called the "crusade of the children." He said the story of the children's heroic courage had been told him by "a thousand mouths."

"Among the groups of fighters one could see not just three or four children between 10 and 12 years old, but 20 or more," he declared.

"These youngsters were filled with the enthusiasm of battle. They were thin, but in their eyes burned a single desire, to enter Budapest and fight for freedom."

The bravery of the children was overwhelming, said Monsignor Rodhain. "At a hospital in the middle of Budapest, a 12-year-old boy was brought in, his right arm severely burned by gasoline. After hasty treatment, the boy was permitted to leave, for beds were filled with the more badly wounded. The following day he returned—this time his left arm was burned."

The priest told of how a young girl drove a streetcar at top speed into a Russian tank, leaping off just a few seconds before the crash.

Clothing Drive Slated For World Needy

With final plans completed to receive the contributions to the Thanksgiving Clothing Collection next week, several thousand volunteer workers in parishes of the Rochester Diocese are prepared to pack and ship an estimated total of 10 tons of usable clothing, bedding, and shoes, donated for the needy of the world.

Prisoners will announce on Sunday the location and hours of their parish collection centers for the drive which will be conducted in the Diocese as well as throughout the nation during the week of November 18.

THE THANKSGIVING Clothing Collection, held annually since 1949, seeks to aid the needy and refugees in 41 countries.

"We cannot exaggerate the urgency of the need," said the Rev. Leo Molinar, diocesan director of the drive.

Sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, the Thanksgiving Clothing Collection is conducted on a nationwide scale by the Catholic Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. As a result of the popular response to the past seven clothing drives, this agency has distributed overseas more than 62,000,000 pounds of usable clothing.

THE CATHOLIC Relief Services—N.C.W.C. was created in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States as a centralized agency of Catholic welfare overseas, to assist "refugees and war and post-war victims, especially displaced persons, refugees, the old and the sick everywhere, regardless of race, creed, or national origin."

Last year alone the Bishops' agency distributed food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies to a total value of 150 million dollars.

"In the face of such a magnificent record of American generosity," said Father Molinar, "we may be tempted to think that enough has been done, or that only a little remains to be done. But our huge amounts of aid seen nearer compared with the continuing need. Here is our opportunity to give thanks for the blessings showered upon us by God in this collection next week we can give thanks by giving."

Canadian Bishops Help Hungarians

Ottawa, Canada—(NC)—The Canadian Catholic Conference, assembly of the Bishops of Canada, will send \$5,000 to Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, to assist the oppressed people of Hungary.

The Canadian government also has contributed \$200,000 to help Hungarian refugees. Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent has announced.

Japanese Carmelite Becomes Superior

Tokyo—(NC)—Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity (Teruko Ogimachi) has been named superior of the Carmelite convent in Nishinomiya, near Kobe.

Sister Elizabeth is the first Japanese Sister to be appointed superior of a Carmelite convent and also was the first Japanese girl to become a Carmelite nun.

Deadline Advanced

Because of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, comes next week, the Courier-Journal will go to press on Monday.

Deadlines for news in Rochester are set for Monday, Nov. 18, at 11:30 p. m., out of the City, Tuesday, Nov. 19, at noon.

Religious Decisions by BEAT CHADRYCZ showing the final agreement of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and the Holy See, are being distributed in the Diocese. See at BLANCHARD FLORIN, 225 LAKE AVE., for the complete text.



For Hungarians in Austria

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Pius XII has issued a mobile chapel for the Austro-Hungarian border. These thousands of homeless people have had Commission to protect in Austria, and to assist in their return to their homes.

'Freethinkers' Attack Under God' Phrase

Albany, N. Y.—(NC)—Two members of the "Freethinkers of America" have asked a Supreme Court justice here to have the state education commissioner remove the words "under God" from the pledge of allegiance to the flag recited in public schools.

ATTORNEYS FOR the two men, Joseph Lewis of Purdys, N. Y., president of the organization, and Alfred Lewis of Staten Island, a member, told the court words violated "the spirit of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

The two members of the organization which describes itself as being "dedicated to preserving separation between Church and State," petitioned to have the schools return to the old form which does not have the reference to God.

The two maintained the pledge was not a religious statement, but a statement of fact, without any choice on their part, to religious dogma in their classrooms.

JOHN F. JERU, director of California voters passed a referendum measure granting tax exemption to property used for church parking lots. The vote was approximately 1,200,000 to 1,000,000.

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Pope Bids World Unite For Peace

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope Pius XII, in a broadcast to the world, called upon the peoples of East and West to unite "for freedom and for peace" in "these days of violence."

In deeply moving tones, the Pontiff referred "especially" to "the 100,000,000 who are persecuted against the beloved people of Hungary," and to "many refugees to the use of force" in Egypt.

"LET MEN," he exhorted, "recommence as soon as possible to reform their ranks and to stand closely in a solid public pact all those—both governments and peoples—who want the world to tread the path of the honor and of the dignity of the sons of God."

The Pope said that "perhaps it may come to be... that the compact unity of nations sincerely loving peace and freedom will suffice to induce milder counsel in those who withdraw themselves voluntarily from the elementary laws of human society, and thereby deprive themselves of the right to speak in the name of humanity, of justice and of peace."

Pope Pius XII went on the air almost immediately after returning to Vatican City from his summer residence at Caserta. Translations of his message were broadcast by the Vatican Radio to the principal countries of the world, with special emphasis on those behind the Iron Curtain.

The Pontiff said he wished to address himself first of all to the writers and intellectuals of whatever race or color.

Fax Free Church Parking Approved

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Publicity Agents Patron Named

Vatican City—(NC)—The Sacred Congregation of Rites has named St. Bernardino of Siena, 15th century Franciscan preacher and reformer, as patron and protector of publicity agents.

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U. S. Saved His Life, Cardinal Tells Eisenhower

Vienna—(NC)—Have granted Cardinal Mindszenty in the American legation in Budapest saved his life, the heroic Primate has told President Eisenhower in a dramatic message smuggled from the Russian-held Hungarian capital.

"As a shipwreck of Hungarian liberty I have been taken aboard by your generosity," the Cardinal told the President, "as a guest of your Legation. Your hospitality surely saved me from immediate death."

This letter was the Primate's reference to his eyelash escape from a trap set for him by security police as the Soviet armies smashed back into Budapest, destroying the Hungarian capital's short-lived freedom.

The Cardinal-Primate of Hungary congratulated Mr. Eisenhower on his re-election and said: "I beg of you, do not forget this small honest nation which is enduring torture and death in the service of humanity."

Cardinal Mindszenty gave his message to Leslie Balogh-Bain, Hungarian-born correspondent of the North American Newspaper Alliance who was the first American newspaperman to reach Budapest from Budapest after the Russians closed off the Hungarian capital.

MR. BALOGH-BAIN reported that the initial Soviet attack on the morning of Sunday, November 4, was so speedily carried out that Cardinal Mindszenty escaped from Parliament Square—and a Red trap set for him—only moments before the Soviet forces gained complete control of that part of the city.

He said the Cardinal received a telephone call asking him to come at once to Parliament House, where the cabinet of then Premier Imre Nagy was said to be in session.

The Cardinal's way across Parliament Square was blocked by a string of Russian tanks. However, and he learned that the Nagy government had already fallen.

He then interpreted the phone call to have been a ruse on the part of the security police to trap him.

Cardinal Mindszenty told the NANA correspondent that he immediately made his way to a house across the street from the U. S. legation and sent a message to the American mission asking that he be granted asylum.

When the Cardinal received an affirmative answer, a group of the faithful formed a cordon around him and rushed him across the street to safety.

Boys Play Truant To Battle Russians

Innsbruck, Austria—(NC)—Two pupils of a school for Hungarian boys here last their lives after they went to Budapest to fight the Reds.

On October 29 all the school-age boys of about 16 or 17, failed to appear in class. They had all left the night before to start for Hungary to join the patriots fighting there.

"Their fathers raised no objections, but their mothers did, so the police in Vienna had to locate as many of them as possible before they reached the border."

But about 10 of the boys got into Hungary and joined the fighting.

When Russians invaded, the boys returned to Innsbruck without two of their schoolmates who had been killed in the battle of Budapest.

God bless you, Mr. President, and the people of the United States. I am ardently praying to our Heavenly Father to save and lead you and your people toward your common aim of bringing peace and happiness to this sorry tired world.

May the Lord grant you and your nation greater strength and richer life. On the threshold of any even greater future I beg of you, do not forget this small honest nation which is enduring torture and death in the service of humanity.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.

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Reminder To Russians

Washington, D. C.—(NC)—This huge cross of lighted windows glowed a reminder of this nation's Christian heritage, from the Philip Murray building of the IUE, electrical workers' union, here, while across the street, the Soviet embassy staged a big party to celebrate the Russian anniversary of the October revolution.

A large sign at lower level, "In Reverent Memory of Hungarian Workers who Died for Freedom."

'Total War' Called 'Road To Barbarism'

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Commissioner Thomas E. Murray of the Atomic Energy Commission said here the United States must abandon military programs and strategy contemplating the use of large nuclear weapons against the civilian population of an enemy country.

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