

# Russian Atrocities Shake Red Party Ranks In Britain

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London — (NC) — The Russian atrocities in Hungary have dealt the small but highly-organized British Communist party the hardest blow since it was founded in 1920.

Worried leaders — its 12-man political committee — met in hurried secret session in London to discuss open revolt among members and called a special extraordinary national congress for early next year to ventilate "various tendencies diminishing the role of the party or weakening its organizational principles."

AS THE PATRIOTS continued their resistance in Hungary, a steady stream of well-known communists — trade union leaders, writers and intellectuals — have lately broken their party allegiance.

The party bosses also are reported to be worried by the mass desertion of the fellow-travelers throughout the nation. Hostile Red ruthlessness, sympathetic to the Hungarians and disillusioned by the exposure of the workers' paradise behind the Iron Curtain.

Communism emerged from the shadows in Britain 36 years ago to set up a shop window political party with local branches and later its own newspaper, the Daily Worker. It does not seek publicity, political success or even wide membership.

It is reported to have an actual membership of around 30,000, out of all proportion to the support it gets and the unrest it causes.

MOST SENSATIONAL resignation from the Red ranks was that of Peter Fryer, the Daily Worker's star reporter who had been sent specially to Budapest to cover the rebellion. Mr. Fryer protested that two of his stories were not used and a third was severely cut.

In a published statement he declared that Soviet intervention in Hungary was "criminal and unnecessary," that the Russian troops were not fighting against "fascists" but "workers, soldiers and students" and could not be expected to fight with them.

## Red Workers In Italy Urged To Quit Party

Rome — (NC) — A call has been sent out to all Italian workers who are disillusioned and confused by recent events in Hungary to become members of the Christian Worker Movement.

In an appeal sent to these Italian workers, the National Council of Christian Association of Italian Laborers (ACLI) said: "The tragic events which, after those that occurred in East Berlin and Poland led to the brutal repression of the Hungarian rebellion, are a historical condemnation of communism."

A large number of communist workers in Italy, are said to be bewildered by the Soviet's treatment of the Polish and Hungarian workers. The National Council of ACI has asked all its members to start a wide campaign to "bring together, convert, and counsel workers who are still feeling doubts and have not yet joined the Christian Worker Movement."

## No Hierarchy In Red Albania

Tirana — (NC) — The Holy See has received confirmation of the death (Nov. 9) of Bishop Bernardine Shkaku, O.F.M. of Pulat, Albania.

This leaves Albania, without a Roman Catholic hierarchy.

At the beginning of the communist persecution in Albania in 1945, there were six bishops in that country. Three were eliminated by communist violence and two died natural deaths.

## Drafted Czech Clergy Forbidden Mass, Breviary

Vienna — (NC) — Graduates and students of the SS. Cyril and Methodius School of Theology in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, who are called into military service, will not be permitted to exercise any religious function, according to new regulations announced by the Czechoslovak government.

Celebration of Mass is forbidden to priests in military service. Recitation of the office is prevented by a regulation which forbids them to have a breviary, reports reaching here stated.

From now on, the government is limiting the number of young men permitted to study for the priesthood, the reports said.



## Native Ordination On Film

New York — (NC) — First ordained priest at the Mission, Tanganyika, East Africa, in native born Father Lawrence James, left, shown with Tanganyika's first native Bishop, Bishop Lawrence Rugembwa, who is currently touring the U. S. The ordination ceremony has been recorded in a Maryknoll movie film titled "New Day in Africa," which is available for presentation by schools, TV stations and religious organizations. Information is obtainable by writing to World Horizon Films, Maryknoll P. O., Maryknoll, N. Y.

## UN Should Act As Boldly In Hungary As In Middle East, Says Vatican Paper

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican City daily, L'Osservatore Romano, has asked the United Nations to deal with the Hungarian problem with the same boldness that it used in the conflict in the Middle East.

The editorial echoes a charge which the Vatican Radio had made a week earlier when it criticized the West with these words:

"You can send an international police force to the Suez, but you cannot send one to Hungary because the Soviets oppose it."

THE L'OSSEVATORE Romano editorial pointed out that the difference between the crises in Hungary and the Middle East is that in Hungary human principles are being trampled upon.

Painting a picture of the Hungarian situation in bold strokes, the editorial said:

"A genocide has been carried out despite all requests to stop it. . . . Deportations have been equal to, if not worse than, those of the persecuted Jews under Nazism. . . . A part of Europe has been transformed into a Katyn grave."

"ALL THE WHILE the men responsible for these inhuman crimes sit with representatives of civilized people and deride the authority of the organization to which they also belong. Although they deny it, they have even issued resolutions aimed at maintaining the 'neutral occupation' which they forbid to others, and they continue killings and deportations never carried out by others."

Even though it shows itself in an attempt to restrain widening of the conflict, moral weakness certainly humiliates the United Nations L'Osservatore declared.

Still more, it added, it humiliates the civilization that must stand at the mercy of an iniquitous and bloody arbiter.

This arbitrary power grows more conceited and convinced that it can go on committing the same crimes, the longer its crimes go unpunished, the editorial said. Little by little it will grow bolder and harder. It will acknowledge even fewer moral barriers.

THE SAME DAY the L'Osservatore editorial appeared, the Vatican Radio repeated its insistence that the United Nations should take action in Hungary. Almost daily for a month the radio station has hammered away at this same idea.

The United Nations is the only competent international force which can handle the problem. Its primary and pressing task is to have justice done in Hungary. The world is waiting.

## Primate Doesn't Ask Asylum In America

Washington — (NC) — Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary, has not asked for political asylum in the United States and there are strong doubts that he wants to leave Hungary.

This was disclosed by the State Department after Rep. Daniel J. Flood of Pennsylvania, had sent a message to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asking that the U. S. offer the Cardinal political asylum in this country.

The Cardinal took refuge in the U. S. Legation in Budapest when Russian troops launched an all-out assault to put down the recent uprising of the Hungarian people against their communist overlords. The department said that the Cardinal is still at the legation.

# First Hungarian Refugees In U.S., Bare Red Terror

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Janos Szemerel, 57, and his wife Magdalena, 55.

CRS-NCWC has arranged for the family to live with Mrs. Szemerel's sister, Mrs. Anna Gehler of Chicago.

Mr. Szemerel was a mechanic and operated a motorboat in Gyoeer. He and his wife left Gyoeer on November 9. They traveled 35 miles by boat, then walked about 20 miles to the Austrian border. Antal was not with them; he escaped by another route.

Antal is a tall, brown-haired youth. As he told about his part in the revolt the expression in his eyes conveyed what he was thinking: I have grown mature too soon.

"HUNGARIAN youth wanted freedom, not bloodshed," he said. "When we started to take down the red flags from public buildings in Gyoeer, the security police arrived and began the shooting. Many of my friends were killed."

"Persons from 10 to 60 took part in the fighting. We got our wagons by attacking the police. I saw one teen-age girl try to snatch some ammunition from a Russian tank. She was killed by Soviet bullets."

Antal and five companions were stopped at night by security police while distributing leaflets protesting against Soviet aggression.

After eluding the police, Antal walked across the border into Austria. He was reunited with his parents in the Pöckmannern Seminary in Vienna.

A factory worker in Gyoeer, Antal said that he intends to study in the U. S. and become an engineer.

Does he hate the Russians? Well, here is his reply: "You cannot hate beasts. You can only pity them."

ALICE SLEZAK, 23, a girl who tried to crack the iron curtain for six years, finally made it. She arrived here with her mother, but her father remained in Budapest.

Alice told how the communists tried to indoctrinate students in country by bringing market supplies to Budapest. We were stopped about 15 times by Russian and Hungarian security police, but they found our credentials valid and permitted us to go on. We kept riding right across the border in February, 1951, with her."

When they were within sight of the barbed wire at the border, one of the girls stepped on a mine. The explosion blew off her foot at the ankle. The border guards arrested and took the girls into custody.

Last spring, Alice applied for admission to the medical university. She has had a year of pre-medical training.

On November 1 she and her mother began walking toward the border.

They hitched a ride on the truck and were left off at Magyaroar, near the Austrian border. Seeking shelter for the night, they went to the home of a woman acquaintance, but she refused to take them for fear of reprisals from the security police.

Finally, they found refuge in a bakery shop. Next day the baker rode ahead of them on his bicycle and guided them within sight of the border.

When they saw an Austrian border guard, they knew they were free.

CRS-NCWC has arranged for Alice to stay in Chicago at the home of her father's uncle, John Slezak. She speaks six languages — including English — and said she intends to continue her medical studies.

AMONG THE refugees here were a young couple who became engaged on the day the revolt broke out in Hungary. They are Marta Csapo, 17, and Gyula Harmos, 20.

Arriving with them were Marta's 18-year-old sister, Juliana, with her fiancé, Jozsef Simon, 20. Juliana and Jozsef have left for Buffalo, N. Y., where CRS-NCWC has arranged for their welfare.

Marta and Gyula both worked in the same textile factory and have known each other for a year.

"We escaped," Marta said, "by riding in a friend's truck. He had permission to travel around the country to bring market supplies to Budapest. We were stopped about 15 times by Russian and Hungarian security police, but they found our credentials valid and permitted us to go on. We kept riding right across the border in February, 1951, with her."

# Reds Says

Hong Kong and "progressive" Communist members of parliament who there?

Domine S. Matsuda, eight Catholic members of the parliament, 23-man delegation that toured Red here enroute home.

HE REPORTED met privately with Catholics who professed loyalty to the party.

Later, Mr. Matsuda requested a copy of him in Jakarta.

"However," he said before we left Peiping envelope containing waiting for me in it had been forwarded through the government.

Later, Mr. Matsuda compared notes Jesuit missionaries spent a long time found out that had been with the "Progressive"

# Alaska Airplane

Chicago — (NC) — The meeting of the Extension Society in Chicago, Dec. 1, will be the first since the "AVIATION" than anything in Alaska. In 1933, there from the population of the city, 2,600. Today it is does not include.

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Bishop O'Flann before being named Pope Pius XII. Holy Family page which he longest in the stretched 1,800

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