

Priest Recalls Newsman Who Quit Tito Reds

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Jakov Levi from communist Yugoslavia was news when he appeared among war correspondents in Korea five years ago. He made news again last week when he quit the Communist Party and sought asylum in the United States.

Former foreign editor of the official Yugoslav communist daily, Borba, and its United Nations correspondent since 1953, he has resigned, according to reports, because Yugoslavia's Red boss, Marshall Tito jailed Milovan Djilas, his one-time boss and former vice-president of Yugoslavia.

Djilas was jailed after writing an article in which he criticized



Notre Dame Honors Soldier-Diplomat

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) General Alfred M. Gruentler receives the University of Notre Dame's Lestaro Medal for 1956 from University President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. The former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe was cited as a Catholic layman who has distinguished himself "as a soldier-diplomat in a period of American history which was particularly difficult and delicate."

BOOK SHELF

In Silence
I Speak

IN SILENCE I SPEAK: The story of Cardinal Mindszenty today, by George N. Shuster. Farrar Straus '56. 294 pp. with 16 pp. of photographs. \$1.50. Available at all Catholic bookstores.

Dr. Shuster's history of the Cardinal and of his struggle for his country's faith brings us to the spring of '56, almost to the present hour of Hungary's unbelievably brave revolt and continuing martyrdom.

"No man outside Hungary could give us a fuller picture; Dr. Shuster's various offices in the U. S. Government and in UNESCO, and the help received from the Rev. Joseph Vessey, always a member of the Cardinal's family up to 1952, have given him abundant resources.

THE ENERGY and earnestness of the writing jolt and buffet one into a new awareness of how the long-view Communist plan prevails and intends to prevail, unless we work at the job.

"Not until all the basic ideas which must now inform our culture if it is to retain virility and meaning are formulated, believed in, practiced and of course preached," says Dr. Shuster, can we do more than profit, in terms of our ease and safety, from the errors implicit in Communism.

ON A STATIONARY press train in Munsan I interviewed Levi for the N.C.W.C. News Service. In answer to my questions he set forth the program of Tito's government. There was no mistaking it. It was a completely communist controlled government though at odds with Moscow, it would permit no party, no education, no newspaper that was anti-communist.

In reporting the interview we felt his replies needed little comment. Tito's program was its own indictment. Jakov Levi did not see that then. He was satisfied with my news story, he said. Now he realizes what the system he described to me can mean in practice. To his credit he has rejected it.

OF COURSE we argued that night in Munsan. He was good tempered and nimble witted. Jakov Levi was 30 years old then. He was born in Sarajevo of a Jewish family. Between the ages of six and ten he had been a pupil of Catholic Sisters. He told me his family employed a maid who was "very religious." As a child he went with her to church. Once when he had not appeared at the usual hour his worried parents found him walking in a Catholic procession. He attended the state secondary school and university. He joined the Communist party while at the university.

MY YEARS ago he denounced Soviet expansionism and Stalinism, "mixing with me. That he seemed to hate the Chinese communists might reject Soviet expansionism but later told me he saw little prospect of it.

I should like to resume the discussion we had five years ago, but without the artillery accompaniment on the nearby hills. He deserves to be commended for his honesty and courage in repudiating the party and the regime. It would be interesting to learn how the recent events in Eastern Europe have shaken his faith in the Marxist philosophy which he "yielded" such evil results.

Chicago Cardinal Sponsors Refugees

Chicago, (NC) — Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago, John Cardinal Coughlin, has personally sponsored 100 Hungarian refugees who have been accepted here.

New Delhi Hindus Defend Missionaries

New Delhi, India — A statement calling for an end to "irresponsible and unfair criticisms" against missionaries in India has been issued by a group of Hindu leaders here.

The Hindus say that they have been "pained" to notice a tendency to indulge in "indiscriminate and extravagant attacks" on missionaries and their activities. Sometimes, these attacks have also taken in their sweep our countrymen who are Christians, the leaders declared.

THE LEADERS paid tribute to the "high standards of integrity and public service" generally maintained by Christian missionaries in this country.

Heading the signatories to the statement were three members of the Indian Parliament, including Dr. A. Krishnaswamy, who recently drew up a special United Nations report on foreign missionaries, and Dr. P. Sybbarayan, chief Minister of Madras before he entered Parliament.

REASON FOR the statement was anti-missionary outbursts, particularly in North India, following the publication of the Madhya Pradesh report on missionaries.

The document, prepared by an all-Hindu committee, charged that evangelization in India was part of a world policy for reviving "Christianism" in order to re-establish Western supremacy.

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Second history, the Cardinal and his wonderful, tender, persistent mother, now eighty-one, whom not even a Soviet regime could fend off. She calls us "the dear Americans!" Who else does? Dr. Shuster reprints many of her touching letters, describing many of her visits to her son.

THIRD HISTORY, Rakos's, the icy, brainy old-school Communist boss of Hungary until this year — the kind who can be cast out only by prayer and fasting and resistance unto blood. (All are invited to come hear Louis Budenz on the College campus at 2:00 p. m. this Thursday on Communism, by the way.)

Fourth history, the ordeal of the Church — how "peace priests" are made. And then the history of the assault on youth, on farmers, on other workers.

Then Dr. Shuster "lights into us." It's right. This book is good.

U.S. Ambulance Given To 'Sari' Nuns In India

Calcutta, India — (NC) — An ambulance paid for by American Catholics is going the rounds of slum-dwellers and under-privileged people in this city.

In the vehicle are nuns dressed in the traditional Indian "Sari," who serve as doctors, nurses and compounders for the sick.

The ambulance, a gift from Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, was presented to the superior of the "Sari" congregation, Yugoslav-born Mother Mary Teresa, by Francis X. Norton, representative of C.R.S. in this country.

The nun has made slum relief the special care of her congregation which was canonically established in 1950.

Called Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Charity, the group has adopted the Sari as their regular habit. Mother Teresa, who is following many other Indian customs, is thought to be the only European nun to have the Sari as the dress of her congregation.

No Priests Among Siberian Returnees

London — (RNS) — Polish Catholic sources here said that although Russia has already permitted nearly 20,000 Poles to return to their homeland from Siberian labor camps, so far no priests have been found among the returnees.

They pointed out that the absence of any priests among the ex-prisoners is particularly significant in view of the fact that all Catholic clergymen in Soviet-controlled Eastern Poland had been deported East by the Russians.

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