

Legion Heads Tallest Tito Visit

WHEN MR. HART referred to the imprisonment of His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepien, Archbishop of Zagreb, the State Department official indicated Mr. Hart said that if Marshal Tito does come here one of the topics on the agenda for conversations will be the lifting of the restrictions Tito has imposed on the Cardinal. Cardinal Stepien was arrested by the Tito regime in 1945 and has been held a prisoner, total or partial, ever since.

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Physician Reports Pope In 'Perfect Condition'

Vatican City — (RNS) — A routine physical examination of Pope Pius XII, who will be 81 in March, showed him to be in "perfect condition."

The examination was made by Prof. Antonio Gasbarrini of the University of Bologna, one of the doctors who treated the Pope during his critical illness in the winter of 1955.

"The condition of the Pope is more than satisfactory," Dr. Gasbarrini reported. "I found him in perfect physical condition."

Pope Pius later received the physician in private audience and presented him with a precious miniature of Our Lady of the Highways.

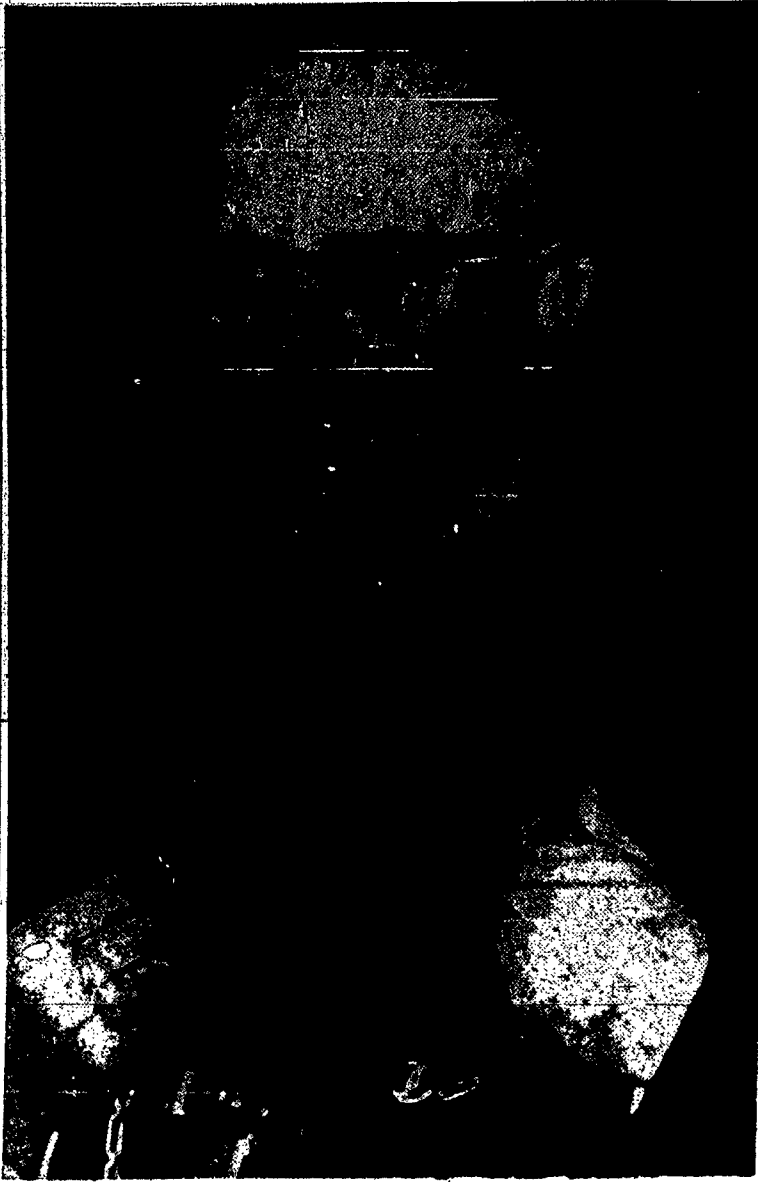
Bishop Ends 8-Year Red Imprisonment Ordeal

Kevelser, Germany — (NC) — Worshipers filled Our Lady's Chapel here when Bishop Karl Maria Spletz of Gdansk (Danzig), Poland, offered a Mass of Thanksgiving for his release after eight years imprisonment in Poland.

Actually Bishop Spletz was under arrest in Poland for twelve years, for he spent four years under house arrest. He was almost without contact with the outside world, all visitors except a few being barred from seeing him.

Since his release, Bishop Spletz has been too ill to administer his diocese. An administrator for Gdansk diocese has been appointed by Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland.

After a brief rest in Germany Bishop Spletz is expected to make a journey to Rome.



Bishop Karl Maria Spletz, named in 1938 as Bishop of Danzig, now Gdansk, Poland, is pictured following release from prison in December, 1956. Following World War II he was seized by the Red Polish regime and condemned to eight years imprisonment. On leaving prison, he returned to Germany to visit family.

Safety Expert

'Realistic Approach' Urged To Stop Church Fires

Boston — (RNS) — A noted safety engineer said here the time has come for a "realistic approach" to church fires.

Horatio Bond, chief engineer of the National Fire Protection Association, said church fires can be avoided or quickly controlled if proper precautions are taken.

Mr. Bond noted that since 1952 loss from church fires in this country has never run less than \$12,000,000 a year. In 1954, he said, it amounted to \$17,300,000 lost in 4,300 church fires.

THE HIGHEST percentage of these fires, he reported, was caused by defective heating systems. The next largest number was incendiary in origin. The third largest cause was electrical equipment, overloaded wiring and short circuits.

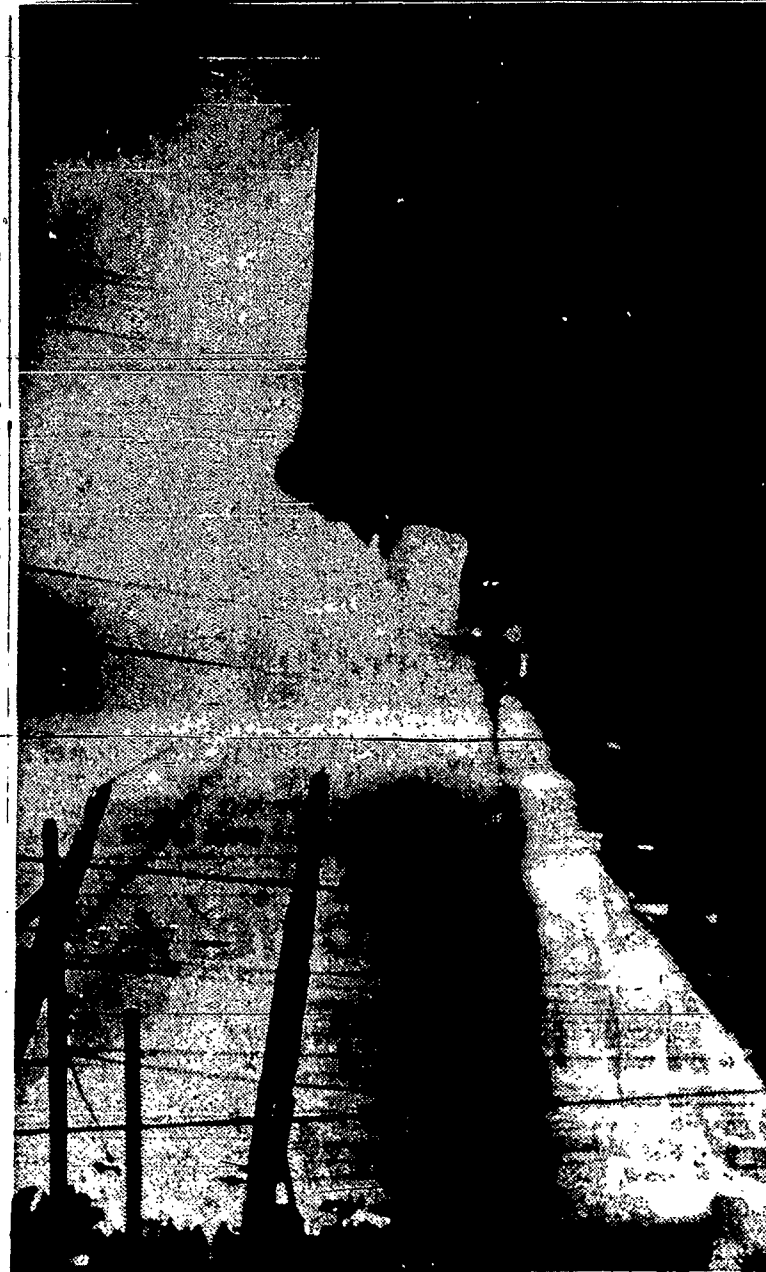
Fires in churches will dwindle to the vanishing point, the engineer said, when authorities responsible for building the edifices insist that architects avoid certain well-known "fire traps" in church design.

He said the worst of these traps are the commonly-used wooden roof decks and the hidden space between outside walls and decorative interior walls through which "a fire rushes as efficiently as if it were going up a chimney."

Such spaces should be avoided in designs for new churches, the authority on fire safety declared.

If they exist in old churches they should be fireproofed and divided into compartments that will retard the quick spread of a blaze, he said.

MR. BOND explained that a wooden roof deck defied the efforts of the most efficient fire fighters to extinguish a blaze.



Fire Guts Montreal Church

Montreal — (NC) — Firemen battle 15-degree below zero temperatures to save flaming 63-year-old St. Elizabeth du Portugal Church, in Montreal's old St. Henri district. The three alarm blaze completely destroyed the building.

Incendiary origin. Nearly five percent were set by teenagers, he reported, and almost six per cent by adults, most of them found to be mentally sick.

The fire safety expert, who was a consultant with American and British forces during the war, also gave this advice to mar the beauty of any house of worship:

"If you are planning a new church be firm with the architect. Fire retarding and the avoidance of fire traps will not cost you a cent more."

Pioneer Scientist Left \$225,000 To Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The University of Notre Dame has received a bequest of \$225,000 from the late Dr. Albert F. Zahm, pioneer aeronautical scientist and inventor, according to an announcement by Father Jerome J. Wilson, C.S.C., vice president for business affairs.

Dr. Zahm died in the campus infirmary on July 24, 1954, at the age of 92. He was a Notre Dame alumnus, a former faculty member, and the recipient of the university's Laetare Medal in 1925. He was a brother of the late Father John A. Zahm, C.S.C., Notre Dame priest-scientist and former provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers who operate the university.

According to Father Wilson, Dr. Zahm stipulated that the net income from \$100,000 of his bequest be used to finance study for doctoral degrees at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., "by as large a number of Notre Dame predoctoral fellows as such income will permit."

Building Program
Los Angeles, Calif. — (NC) — Immaculate Heart College here has announced a five year, \$4,000,000 building program geared to the school's anticipated 1956 enrollment.



African Church

Dakar — (NC) — One of the sights to see in Dakar, French West Africa is the modern styled Church of St. Theresa. The Vicariate Apostolic of Dakar is under direction of Bishop Marcellus Lefevre, C.S.Sp., a member of the Holy Ghost Fathers.



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Royal Couple To See Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Prince Rainier and Princess Grace, the former Grace Kelly, of Monaco are scheduled to make an official visit to His Holiness Pope Pius XII in April, it was announced here.

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