

SCAPEGOAT OF SOVIET VENOM



Flanked by guards, Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary faces death as his Godless judges fake charges in the Communist-dominated country. The victim of intense questioning and strong drugs, His Eminence appears tense while the events of the "sickening sham" (expression of U. S. State Department) move on to a death penalty.

Story of 1st Catholic U. S. Newspaper Recounted; Gaston of New Bern, Cited

MILWAUKEE—The founder of the Catholic Press in the United States, Bishop John England, is the appropriate subject of a new biography, "John England, American Christopher," by Dorothy Fremont Grant to be published this month, Catholic Press Month, by the Bruce Publishing Company.

Catholic Pamphlets Sell More Than 13 Million A Year, Says Survey

WASHINGTON. — American Catholic pamphlets are selling at the rate of more than 13,000,000 a year according to statistics compiled and published in "The Index to Catholic Pamphlets," which has been released here by Eugene P. Willing, director of the library at the Catholic University of America.

The Paulist Press of New York is the leading pamphlet publisher, the report showed. In 1947 this organization sold 3,638,806 pamphlets at prices ranging from 5 to 25 cents.

Mr. Willing said that The Queen's Work of St. Louis ranked second among the pamphlet publishers and the Catholic Information Society of New York is in third place.

The most effective distribution of pamphlets was achieved by the Buffalo Diocesan Pamphlet Society, which has established 315 pamphlet racks in parishes and institutions and in 1947 distributed 182,380 titles, with an estimated distribution of 200,000 during 1948.

Mr. Willing said that in "The Index of Catholic Pamphlets," 847 titles are listed.

It is the duty of the State to encourage morally and intellectually sound young people to enter the teaching profession. Better teacher salaries are essential if the State is to fulfill its duty in this regard.

"The United States Catholic Miscellany," founded by Bishop England of Charleston in 1832, was the first real Catholic newspaper in this country, according to the book.

Thus, the first newspaper to be primarily Catholic in content as well as in sympathy was Bishop England's "Catholic Miscellany," the book states.

Bishop England's objectives for the "Miscellany" were, says the author, "to publish fair and simple statements of Catholic doctrine from authentic documents, together with plain and correct views of the grounds and consequences of those doctrines, all to be inoffensively exhibited; the refutation of calumnies; the examination of and illustration of misrepresented facts of history; biographies of eminent ecclesiastics and others connected with the Church; reviews of books for and against Catholicity; and events connected with religion in all parts of the world."

Starting with limited funds, provided largely by a loan from William Gaston of New Bern, North Carolina, a graduate of Georgetown University and leading layman of Bishop England's diocese, the "Miscellany" had a hard time in establishing itself, the work recounts. "As an infant publication," the author writes, "it twice suffered a close call with death owing to the neglect of those for whom it had been created; but after recovery from the second close call it survived until 1861 when the upheaval of war and an historic fire suppressed it permanently."

In 1859, more funds having been raised, the "Miscellany" resumed

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Cardinal Mindszenty Gets Life In Prison; Press Curbed at Trial

Power, Truth, Holiness Of God, Also Found In His Church, Speaker Says At Bayboro Rites

BAYBORO. — This Church is God's abode, the temple of His worship, the house of prayer. It is a dwelling, which we have come to dedicate today, the house of the Lord in which He comes to men and in which men can come to Him. "Behold the tabernacle of God with men, and He will dwell with them," said Father Michael O'Kieffe in a sermon delivered to a congregation of 150 who attended, assisted at the Mass of Dedication of St. Rose's Church, Bayboro, February 6th.

Preaching before His Excellency, The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters D. D., Bishop of Raleigh and a number of visiting clergy who assembled for the dedication rites, Father O'Kieffe paid tribute to Father Jude McCauley, Pastor saying "As we congratulate Father Jude for the work he has so far accomplished, as we pray for God's blessing on the work he has yet to do, let us remember that this is the work of God and no man dare oppose it. The power of God is in his Church and persecution cannot destroy it; the truth of God is in His Church and error and ignorance cannot prevent it from prevailing; the holiness of God is in his church and it will reach out to touch the souls of men."

"Today let our fervent prayer be the prayer of Solomon, "Oh God, may Thy eyes be open upon this house, night and day, upon the house of which thou hast said: My name shall be there; that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant prayeth in this place to thee . . . and hear them in the place of thy dwelling . . . and when thou hearest, show them mercy." (3 Kings 8:29-30).

Following the blessing of the new edifice by the Most Reverend Bishop, the Litany of the Saints and the prescribed psalms were chanted by the visiting clergy.

Assisting the pastor who was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass were two Passionist Fathers of St. Joseph's, New Bern, Fathers Berchmans and Peter.

Clergy Represented

As Father Jude is a member of the society of priests known as the Missionary Fathers of the Most Holy Trinity, he was pleased to have as his guests for the occasion, three of his religious superiors, The Very Rev. Thomas O'Keefe, provincial; The Very Rev. Patrick Moore, Rector of the Seminary and the Rev. John B. McCarthy, Mission treasurer. All three Fathers reside at Silver Springs, Md.

Priests of the Diocese who attended the Mass were, Fathers John Joseph Endler C. P. Washington; Matthew Fogarty M. SS. T., Maysville; Loyola O'Leary, Farmville; Julian Endler C. P., New Bern and the Chancellor, Father Francis K. O'Brien, of Raleigh. The Rev. Brother David M.

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Many American newspapers have appeared with headlines such as "Cardinal Pleads Guilty," or "Primate Admits Responsibility." These headlines, while technically correct on the basis of the dispatches filed in Budapest, have tended to create the impression that the head of the Church in Hungary was "guilty" or admitted responsibility for "criminal" acts, as that term is commonly understood in all countries not under communist domination.

Senate Splits Federal School Aid; Benefits Health of Students

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Committee on Education and Labor has decided to divide the matter of Federal aid to the nation's school children into two separate bills, one following the formula of the Taft Bill passed by the Senate last year and the other providing for health aid to children in parochial as well as public schools.

A subcommittee consisting of Senators Paul Douglas of Illinois, Lister Hill of Alabama, Robert Taft of Ohio and H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey has been appointed to draw up the health aid measure. Proposals to set the amount of this aid at either 25 or 35 million dollars are before the subcommittee.

The education bill, which is sponsored this year by Chairman Elbert Thomas of the Education and Labor Committee and 13 other Senators, would allocate 300 million dollars annually, leaving the question of inclusion of non-public schools to the individual States.

Provides Welfare Services

The Senate committee has had before it a measure introduced by Senators Brien McMahon of Connecticut and Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado which would have provided health and welfare services to children in all schools as an integral part of a 325 million dollar a year Federal aid to education program.

Senator Thomas, it is reported, said that his committee's decision to split the Federal school aid question into two parts was reached by a nearly unanimous voice vote. The committee also is faced with the problem of revising the Taft-Hartley Act, and has been holding day and night sessions in that regard.

Meanwhile, in Miami, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor reaffirmed that organization's stand in favor of a generous federal aid to education program, with provision for health and welfare aid to children in all schools.

Chilean Bishops Keep Ban On Dances, Games Of Chance, for Money

SANTIAGO, Chile. — The Committee of the Chilean Bishops has agreed at its monthly meeting here to keep its ban on games of chance and dances as a means of raising funds for Catholic enterprises.

The committee also warned Catholics that beauty contests, pervert the concept of human dignity and open the doors to immorality, are opposed to modesty. It renewed its demand that modest clothes be worn in churches.

It will be a long time before all of the facts in a trial which ended with life imprisonment for the Cardinal will be known.

These reports should be read in the light of the cynical communist efforts to prevent a true and factual report of what has happened, and in the light, also, of Cardinal Mindszenty's caution, when he had the opportunity to speak his mind deliberately, that future "confessions" were, in view of the hazards of his situation, to be discounted as false.

An analysis of the "trial" of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary, before a "People's Court" in Budapest presents many puzzling aspects and still leaves many questions unanswered. But these basic facts emerge clearly:

Aim is to Discredit

The "guilt" of the Cardinal derives solely from his opposition to the communist regime.

The "trial," with its "confessions" and abject expressions of "regret," bears all the earmarks of totalitarian methods of "justice" and at once recalls the farcical Moscow "trials."

The obvious aim of the communist regime, to discredit the Cardinal in the eyes of his people and of the world, has utterly failed.

From the day of the Cardinal's arrest shortly after Christmas, nobody doubted that he would be found "guilty." The world was not fooled by the charges and it has not been fooled by the sensational "revelations" during the "trial."

The virtually unprecedented proceedings in a dingy Budapest courtroom, where the Cardinal was "tried" on charges of treason, espionage and violation of foreign exchange regulations, were covered by correspondents of American news services. However, only one of these correspondents is an American citizen. The others are Hungarian nationals, pledged round by the inherent personal dangers if their reporting is frank.

No Repudiation of Note

It is the Cardinal's alleged repudiation of this letter during the trial which appears to many observers as the clearest indication that the Cardinal who "faced his judges" was not the same person as the Cardinal who is Hungary's spiritual shepherd.

According to Vienna reports, the Cardinal wrote, shortly before his arrest, a message addressed to the Bishops on the back of a used envelope. He told them (1) that he had never participated in any conspiracy, (2) that he would never resign his high office, (3) that he would never confess, and that any "confessions" even if they bore his signature would result from "weakness of the flesh."

It is in the light of such considerations that American news-

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