

Bishop Stepinac Trial Continues

Argue On Political Activity Of Church

Zagreb, Oct. 2 — (UP) — Three Catholic clergymen were called before the Croatian supreme court today in a prosecution attempt to prove that Archbishop Alojz Stepinac actively opposed the Tito regime in Yugoslavia.

Heated arguments over the alleged political activity of the Catholic church occurred for the first time during the two-day-old trial. All three judges joined the public prosecutor and defense counsel in debating the question. At one time the court president warned the attorneys to stop quarreling and cautioned the spectators to maintain order in the courtroom.

Dr. Modesto Martincic, provincial of Franciscans in Croatia, touched off defense protestations when he testified that he could tell from Stepinac's attitude that

the archbishop was "waiting for a change of regime." Subsequent statements of Martincic that the Catholic church was an "instrument of politicians" were criticized bitterly by Stepinac's counsel.

Martincic said the Catholic clergy had worked "along the way" of the Fascist Ustachi organization and that he believed its activities "made the Catholic clergy instruments of those politicians who wanted to make use of the churches' present difficult position to provoke intervention."

Stepinac's pastoral letter was described by Martincic as a "warning" to the Catholic clergy and a "painful invitation to wait for the dawn of a new regime—an invitation for passive resistance."

Martincic said clerical activities among those of Ustachi ideology went "far beyond passive resistance." He testified that Stepinac would not consider making an agreement with Premier Marshal Tito. The Croatian provincial said he "never would have come to the accused bench had it not been for the church."

During an angry exchange between

defense counsel and the public prosecutor, the prosecutor said: "We do not accuse Stepinac for his passive resistance. We accuse him for his illegal activities."

Ivan Shalik, Stepinac's secretary who also is one of the defendants, and Josip Simecki, another Catholic clergyman, were called to the stand in an effort to prove the archbishop's alleged relationship with Ustachi Col. Erik Lisak. They were questioned concerning Stepinac's reported "blessing" of the Ustachi "crusaders" flag.

Testimony failed to bring out any contradiction of Stepinac's own statement that he heard nothing of the incident until after it had occurred.

Neither was there any testimony to disprove the archbishop's statement that he had met Lisak, but was unaware of it at the time because the Ustachi colonel was using an assumed name.

Stepinac replied to the long prosecution argument by saying, "there is no proof of all the things you cited." The archbishop again refused to defend himself and refused to answer most of the questions put to him.

When asked why he insisted on postponing his answers until later, Stepinac said: "Time will have its own reward when I have the right to say what I want to say."

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year in the final decision was a possibility, with a provisional regime during the interim.

Only three days remained for the commissions to finish consideration of the five treaty drafts and submit reports to the plenary session. Ten days of plenary debate and voting on the reports will follow.

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About 25 guests were rescued by ladder as scores of others fled the 100-room Sheffield Manor hotel unassisted.

The dead man was identified as Julian Maltek, who checked in from Ft. Sheridan shortly before the fire started. Firemen said the flames apparently broke out in his fourth-floor room.

Three of the injured were released from hospitals after brief treatment.

Deputy fire marshal Otto Dahl estimated damage to the hotel at \$10,000.

Oil Sewing Machine

A sewing machine should be oiled after every five or six hours of use.

DR. C. R. PRICE

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Samuel and Elmira Richie-Price. He was married to Chloe Criswell November 5, 1903.

Surviving in addition to the wife are one son, Walter B. Price of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, Evan J. Price of Montana, and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Richey of Van Wert, O., and Mrs. Frank Richey of Convey, O.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the

Geneva Methodist church, with burial in the Riverside cemetery at Geneva. The Rev. W. B. Falls, of Orland, former pastor at Geneva, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Richardson, present pastor. The Scottish Rite will also conduct services.

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at Tacoma, Wash., and car barns were picketed. A strike on the Chicago Aurora and Elgin electric line posed a transportation problem for 8,000 suburban commuters who work in Chicago. At New York, a strike was called against the Isle Transportation Corp. on Staten Island, affecting 50,000 bus passengers.

A surprise strike by Typographical workers forced three Erie, Pa. newspapers to suspend publication.

URGES

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of Decatur or within Adams county, so that the inspection by the board of health from time to time may be practicable.

The matter was referred to the

ordinance committee of the council and Henry B. Heller, city attorney.

Protests against the sale of "outside" milk was first presented to the council recently when a Fort Wayne dairy placed "pasteurized milk" in Decatur retail stores for sale.

OUTSTANDING

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director. His name is Ragland Reid, a Columbus, Ohio, lawyer, who, since his college days, had had wide experience in group singing. While in Chicago, Reid was a member of a quartet whose other three members went on to form the now famous "Southernaires."

During the war, "The Harmonaires" were running a full-time engagement schedule and were booked ahead for months. They made many appearances for the war effort and in 1944 went to

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