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## 250,000 Hear Pope's Blast At Hungary

Totalitarian Stabs  
Will Never Silence  
Church, He Says

ROME, Feb. 21 (UPI) — The Catholic world had the assurance of His Holiness Pope Pius XII today that totalitarian states could never silence the church.

The Pontiff's pledge was made yesterday in a brief address to a crowd of 250,000 persons who jammed St. Peter's Square in protest against the imprisonment of Hungarian Primate Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.

"The church does not meddle in purely political and economic questions nor does she care to dispute the utility or the harmfulness of one of the other forms of government," the Pope said.

"Seeks Peace With All"

"She is ever anxious to the extent that is in her power to have peace with all. She renews unto Caesar that which is his by rights, but she can not betray or abandon that which belongs to God."

The Pontiff's voice often choked with emotion as he compared the cardinal with the Christian martyrs of ancient Rome.

Totalitarian and anti-religious states, he said, wanted a church that kept silent in return for the tolerance of those governments.

If it yielded, the church would "remain enclosed within the four walls of the temple, forgetful of the commandments received from Christ," the Pope declared.

A Thundering No

"Is this the church which you venerate and love?" the Pontiff asked. There was a thundering "No."

Six times more he questioned the throng on whether the Pope should be silent "when the churches united to Rome are torn away from her . . ."

Each time the answer was a booming "No."

The Pontiff said Hungary persecuted priests and faithful and attempted to overthrow the ecclesiastic organization.

He said the Mindszenty case, which he did not identify by name, was not an isolated incident but "one of the rings in a long chain of persecution which certain dictatorial states are carrying out against the Christian doctrine and life."

## GE to Reject Pay Hike Demand

Calls Boost 'Wrong' For Employees, U. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (UPI) — The General Electric Co., the nation's largest electric appliance manufacturer, rejected today the idea of a fourth-round wage increase for its 200,000 employees.

L. R. Bowdrie, vice president for labor relations, said the company would resist an increase in wages in order to keep from setting off a new inflationary cycle.

He said a wage boost would be "wrong for the employees and wrong for the country."

Union Seeks Hike

The United Electrical Workers (CIO) which represents the General Electric employees announced Saturday that it would seek a wage increase in forthcoming negotiations with the company.

Last year General Electric announced a plan for resisting the third round wage increase, but after other companies granted such pay hikes, it agreed to an 11 cents an hour increase.

Meanwhile, in Washington, it was reported that new drops in the department of labor cost-of-living index were expected to result in a 2 to 3 cents an hour wage cut for 350,000 General Motors employees.

Tied to Index

The GM employees' salaries were tied to the index in their 1948 contract. The new cost-of-living figures will be released next week.

The electrical union's demands on General Electric were based on an estimated loss of \$11.09 a week in purchasing power since January 1948.

The union declared that General Electric's weekly wages had risen only 14 per cent in the last three years while the company's prices had gone up 36 per cent and its profits 133 per cent.

## Albert M. Walle, Auditor, Dies at 71

Albert M. Walle, 246 Hendricks Place, Kiefer Stewart Co. auditor for the past 30 years, died yesterday in Long Hospital after an illness of one week. He was 71.

A lifelong Indianapolis resident, Mr. Walle was a member of Mystic Tie Lodge, F&AM, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine and the Gatling Gun Club.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; a daughter, Mrs. Alberta Middleton, Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Anna Hauser, Bridgeport; and two brothers, William Walle, Bridgeport, and Joe Walle, Indianapolis.

Services at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in the G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home will be followed by burial in Washington Park.

Fire Loss \$20,000

VIENNA, Feb. 21 (UPI) — Austrian officials said today that a 24-hour fire in the Russian-occupied Zistersdorf oil field over the week-end had caused an estimated \$20,000 damage.

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