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MINDSZENTY CASE IS HELD STILL OPEN

Dulles Tells Mass Meeting It Stays Before Conscience of Hungary and World

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles assured Hungarian-Americans yesterday that the case of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty was not closed. He made this declaration in a telegram to a mass meeting marking the fifth anniversary of the Communists' arrest of the primate of Hungary.

The rally, arranged by twenty-six religious, anti-Communist and Hungarian organizations in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, was held at White Hall of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Stephen, 410 East Eighty-second Street. Seven hundred persons attended.

In his message, read from the stage from which the Cardinal himself had spoken while on a visit here in 1947, Mr. Dulles said in referring to the man whom the Communist Government of Hungary had sentenced to life imprisonment:

Ex-Premier Present

"The case of Cardinal Mindszenty, a defender of the faith and of human freedom against both of the great tyrannies of our time, is not closed. It is actively before the conscience of his countrymen and that of free peoples throughout the world. The prolongation of his unjust incarceration adds daily to the moral poverty of his captors."

Most of the two-and-a-half

hour program of speeches, message-readings and songs was taken up by addresses by Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State of New York, and Nicholas de Kallay, former Hungarian Premier who arrived in this country only six days ago.

Mr. Curran called the Cardinal's trial "farical" and "brutal" and declared that the Cardinal was "a magnificent symbol for the resistance of Communism by both the free and enslaved peoples of the world."

Reviewing the court proceedings in Budapest that led to the Cardinal's sentence on Communist charges of treason, Mr. Curran declared:

"There is evidence before the court of humanitarian opinion that Cardinal Mindszenty was tortured, drugged or brought under the influence of hypnosis during his imprisonment and before his trial."

In his tribute to the Cardinal, Mr. de Kallay said the primate was never an appeaser. He also

applauded the United States, declaring that Hungarians were indeed fortunate that this country was "taking an interest in our future."

The audience also heard messages extolling the Cardinal from Governor Dewey, Senator Irving M. Ives, Republican of New York, and Senator H. Alexander Smith, Republican of New Jersey.

The program was recorded by the Voice of America for transmission to the Eastern European countries in Communist control.

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KALLAY, Nicholas, former Premier
of Hungary