

POPE FLAYS MINDSZENTY PERSECUTORS

A quarter-million people pack St. Peter's Square, Rome, in protest against the life sentence imposed by Hungary's Communist Government on Cardinal Mindszenty. From the balcony of St. Peter's, the Pope says that the Church should not remain silent.

Excommunicating all Catholics concerned in the Cardinal's arrest and trial, the Pope delivers his most outspoken denunciation of the Communists. Italy's Premier De Gasperi is among those who hear the Pope defend Church intervention. "We cannot abandon what belongs to God," says His Holiness and calls on all Catholics to execrate the chain of persecutions by Dictator States. Bestowing his Blessing, the Pope leaves the world in no doubt as to the Church's role in world affairs.