

Cardinal Mindszenty archbishop of Esztergom and Duke Prince Primate of Hungary was born in Cseh Mindszenti on March twentieth eighteenth hundred and ninetytwo stop His parents have been pious simple smallholders possessing a few acres of ground stop/He felt a vocation for clerical profession and after passing his higher certificate examinations his old desire was realized stop/ He was ordained a priest in nineteenfifteen at the time of the first world war in diocese Szombathely stop he was named assistant chaplain in a small village stop /His beneficent activity attracts attention stop/ In nineteenseventeen his bishop sends him to Zalaegerszeg as religion teacher of middle school stop his pupils love him enthusiastically stop he holds sermons becoming famous very soon not only to his pupils but to the society of town as well stop in nineteentwentyone after two years of religion teaching he is named parson of town and dean of district stop During his parsonage religious life of town Zalaegerszeg having been neglected becomes very strong stop number of people visiting churches and going to holy communion increases day by day stop he helps catholic civil inhabitants of town to acquire leading positions stop in appreciation of his merits he is named first abbot then bishops commissary and later papal prelate stop Although he takes no direct part in political life his articles announcements and his memorands to national assembly are cited often in parliament stop in these he claims raising and helping of the poor of the groundless and the strengthening of sacredness of family life stop /he maintains tightest connections to Actio Catholica and its most devoted follower and collaborator stop he continually writes articles not only to local journal but to prewar catholic papers and weeklies aswell stop in literature his activity is also very remarkable stop his huge work of three volumes on the sublime thought of maternity being without equal in its kind is most prominent stop Among his literary works his great essay on Márton Radányi Biro bishop of veszprém is very noteworthy and this in hungarian relation all the more because Márton Radányi Biro has been re-builder of dioceses of veszprém stop /His name and his many-sided activity was already wellknown in country when on March seventeenth nineteen fortyfour South Eastern European catholic news agency, inverted commas Hungarian Courier inverted commas reports that pope Pius twelfth has/ named Mindszenty bishop of diocese of veszprém which had been founded in beginning of eleventh century stop /Zalaegerszeg cried but country was happy stop These feelings were characteristic of ~~the~~ minute of his election stop Going to his consecration he had but one companion colon a simple blackhead farmers wife his mother stop in days following his instalment his circular letters appear one after the other stop/ in them he urges catholic selfrespect solidarity and support of persecuted stop his aim is extension of religious life stop his pass word is inverted commas Pannonia Sacra inverted commas stop he organizes new parishes and catholic schools especially in districts of mixed religion stop immediate foundation of there new catholic middle school colleges is connected with his activity /stop hungarian regime of that time cooperating with Germans does not with agree with his dynamic activity stop They raise obstacles stop Being heedless of threatenings he follows path of hungarian Golgotha stop Situation meanwhile is getting worse and worse stop/ Darkest day in hungarian history comma October fifteenth nineteenfourtyfour arrives stop power is taken over by hungarian fascists stop Open controversy begins between episcopal palace and State organs of veszprém stop Every movement of bishops palace is watched by agent provocateurs spies and nazi detectives stop he stands however as firmly as a cliff on place designed to him by holy father stop he holds sermons flagellating nazis and issues his brave worded pastoral letters one after the other stop People see defensor of justice incorporated in his person stop /it seems

members of diocese wanting to revolt against nazi atrocities stop Atmosphere is tense to the utmost stop/ On twenty seventh november nineteenfortyfour the bishop of veszprém his ten priests and sixteen theologians are imprisoned after having been led through streets of town stop But municipality being afraid of brethren attacking prison on account of meanness transport them at time of night to prison of Sopronkőhida stop He heroically stands all humiliation and when prison doors are opened at last he immediately hurries on foot and on donkey cart to episcopal capital stop There is not one bed in palace where he can rest his tired head full of troubles stop He immediately starts work stop He visits villages of his diocese to encourage the desperate with consoling words stop He stimulates the hundredthousands of people lost in lethargy to work of rebuilding stop On March twentyninth nineteenfortyfive ancient Hungarian Duke Primacy loses its occupant stop Chief vigilant post of Hungarian public law and catholicism remains vacant for many months stop At last in September nineteenfortyfive inverted commas Hungarian Courier inverted commas reports Mindszenty having been named Archbishop of Esztergom meaning at same time his having become Prince Primate and president of episcopal conference stop His first deed was to send an appeal through the radio to foreign countries asking for help for starving Hungarian people stop He emits one pastoral letter after the other on account of which he is object of constant attack from the opposite side stop But nearly ninety per cent of Magyars stand at his side stop Not only Catholics but Protestants also look upon him as incarnation of justice stop In his pastoral letters he refers as an example to real democracy of foreign countries stop He announces a forgiveness love of Christ and mercy stop In his sermons he preaches against detrimental excrescence of Hungarian democracy and against blind revenge stop On episcopal conferences he urges reorganization dash on Marican examples dash of parishes stop In dirty and exciting pamphlets and in daily press they try to undermine his authority stop He becomes object of deadly threatenings stop Street demonstrations are organized against him stop He is promised a halter stop But courageously stands strong stop It can really be said of him that he is one of those few men of Southern Eastern Europe who are incarnations of inverted commas sans peur et sans reproche inverted commas stop News arrive of his receiving calpac of Cardinal stop He arrives in last minute to Rome to receive purple stop He goes by aeroplane stop In spirit whole country flies with him stop They are anxious about him and when he returns clad with purple his authority increases all the more stop His brave and uncompromising behaviour standing in for human rights and the ius naturale comma the unshakeable force of his belief enthralled and humiliates his enemies stop Following event happened shortly after his return stop He visits country in motorcar stop Youngsters throw stones at his car stop He stops and gets out of his car stop He goes towards youngsters stop inverted commas it seems stones missed their mark dash he says dash you certainly did not want to damage car being public property stop You want to stone me stop Here I am go ahead stop inverted commas stop Cheeks of youngsters blush stop With faltering voices they greet with inverted commas Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ inverted commas stop Primate's place in Budapest is in ruins stop He lives in two small rooms stop There is no roof above his room stop His energy is infinite stop There are days when he holds five sermons stop His collaborators cannot keep pace with him stop He hardly sleeps three four hours a day stop His door is open to everybody stop Daily hundreds want to get before him stop He has but one aim to serve faithfully and wholly his Church and his country stop He is modest and moderate in every respect stop His lunch is simple mostly only one or rarely two dishes stop He is an ascetic stop Praising epithets are attributed to him stop Some compare him to Christian heroes of pagan amphitheatrum of Rome stop but most appropriate epithet is perhaps colon O, Connel of South Eastern Europe stop Dezső Jámbar