

a depressing example of journalistic flush or an exhilarating defence of one of the most chivalrous and maligned figures on the American scene. It must be one or the other; Mr de Toledano leaves you no middle way. There are, of course, the skeletal details of Nixon's career, including his relations with the late Senator McCarthy, his triumphant battle in the Hiss Case, and his alleged financial irregularities. There is also considerable talk about his changing political orientation which, according to how you look at it, is "opportunism" or "development." If you cannot find them anywhere else, these details may interest you—after all, Richard Nixon may well be the next President of the United States.

—Henry Walter

NO COMPROMISE

IN SILENCE I SPEAK, by George N. Shuster; Victor Gollancz Ltd., English price 21/-.

JOSEPH PEHM, better known as Cardinal Mindszenty, was imprisoned by the Communist Government of his native Hungary in 1949. Indomitable, outspoken, as implacably opposed to the new oppression as he was loyal to Church and Pope, he realised early that there could be no compromise between him and the régime in control of his land.

Dr George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College, New York, and chairman of the United States National Commission for Unesco, has built a picture of the harrowing of the Cardinal and the Communist rise to power which is all the more dramatic for its unemotional recital of incident.

It was Caesar who enunciated the dictum "Divide and conquer." The modern Communist, finding himself in a small minority in a government antagonistic to him, adds finesse to Caesar's method by "salami tactics," slicing off the opposition piece by piece. Siding with Social Democrats until the dominant Smallholders were pressed out of existence, the Communist Party in Hungary then removed one or two leading Social Democrats by smear campaigns or barbarous cruelty, until that party was reduced to impotence, its remnants easily liquidated.

So a Russian army of occupation, in Hungary in the name of an Inter-Allied Control Commission, led the way to a ruthless military and economic dictatorship, from which a spirited people made an abortive attempt to free themselves in October, 1956.

Mindszenty, spokesman for the people when political opposition was destroyed, the press was silenced and the proud farming community were cowed, could not expect to do more than witness by martyrdom. Yet the vision of the Churchman, finally brought to trial, drooling and confessing to numberless crimes, a broken leader of a strength-shorn Church in a tortured land, is surely a terrible warning to those who imagine that the precious prize of freedom is to be preserved by no greater effort than rock 'n' roll parties and social security.

—G.D.

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