

TITO FREES ARCHBISHOP

With the news that Archbishop Stepinac (seen here arriving for trial five years ago) has been freed on parole, Tito's government release these films of his trial in 1946. The leader of Yugoslavia's seven million Catholics was accused of collaborating with the Nazis, and sentenced to sixteen years imprisonment. Archbishop Stepinac that day denied, as he does today, the Prosecutor's charges. He says, furthermore, that only the Vatican can strip him of his rank of Archbishop. In 1946 Tito was Stalin's close associate. Now Yugoslavia seeks American aid and friendship and the Archbishop is freed.

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These five-year-old films of Archbishop Stepinac's trial are released by Tito's government ~~simultaneously~~ with the news that the <sup>he</sup> Catholic prelate has been freed from prison on parole. <sup>87 40 57</sup>

~~Tito's regime accused the leader of Yugoslavia's seven million Catholics, shown here arriving for his trial, of Nazi collaboration.~~ <sup>87 57</sup>

X In nineteen-forty-six, when the Archbishop was sentenced to sixteen years imprisonment, Tito was Stalin's close associate. Now Yugoslavia has broken with Moscow and seeks U.S. aid and friendship, while remaining Communist. 4

X Archbishop Stepinac that day denied, and denies today, the ~~Prosecutor's~~ Prosecutor's charges. He says, furthermore, that the government has no right, in releasing him, to strip him of his rank of Archbishop-- only the Vatican can do that. Still confined to his tiny home village Stepinac protests his innocence--a controversial figure in the East-West struggle.