

Today's Martyrs – July 1937

Thursday July 1, 1937



Germany: Dahlem, Berlin

Rev Martin Niemoller (aged 45, husband of Else Bremer Niemoller; said in a [June 27, 1937](#) homily “We have no more thought of using our own powers to escape the arm of the authorities, than had the Apostles of old. No more are we ready to keep silent at man’s behest when God commands us to speak. For it is, and must remain, the case that we must obey God rather than man”; **UPDATE**: arrested for activities against the State)

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (aged 31; **UPDATE**: detained at the home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours, released)

Eberhard Bethge (aged 28, detained at the home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours, released)

Pastor Franz Hildebrandt (aged 28, detained at the home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours, released)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Niem%C3%B6ller

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

Saturday July 3, 1937



Belarus: Minsk

Fr Peter Awglo (arrested in [1923](#), released; arrested on charges of espionage and counter-revolutionary activity in [Vitebsk](#) in [1927](#), released after six and a half months; arrested on [June 13, 1937](#) in [Mogilev](#); **UPDATE**: indicted on charges of espionage and supporting the insurgent organization POV)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0043>

Monday July 5, 1937



Spain: Madrid

Br Jose Jimenez Garcia de la Serna OFM (aged 21, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC50.htm>

Wednesday July 7, 1937

Beginning of the Second Sino-Japanese War

Thursday July 8, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Aleksander Guk (institutional worker, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Baranowa (aged 50, widow, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Boleslaw Kowalczuk (aged 33, electrical station furnace stoker, denounced for a negative attitude following church closures, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Jadwiga Kostecka (aged 45, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Michal Jagielnicki (law school graduate, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Stefan Bonisiewicz (office messenger, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Ukraine: Skvir, Kiev province

Lew Kopanski (aged 54, attorney, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

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Friday July 9, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Aleksander Guk (institutional worker, arrested on [July 8, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Baranowa (aged 50, widow, arrested in [Podolia, Kiev](#) on [July 9, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

Jadwiga Kostecka (aged 45, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges on [July 8, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

Lew Kopanski (aged 54, attorney, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges in [Skvir](#) on [July 8, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Michal Jagielnicki (law school graduate, arrested on [July 8, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

Stefan Bonisiewicz (office messenger, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

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Spain: Albarracin, Teruel

Fr Andres Saturnino Saez Ibanez (aged 67, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

Tuesday July 13, 1937



Russia: Berezovka, outside Yoshkar-Ola, El Mari

Fr Jozef Krummel (aged 65, arrested in [Starokostyantyniv, Ukraine](#) on [December 19, 1929](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [June 27, 1930](#); transferred from [Yaroslavl Prison in Russia](#) to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) in [May 1933](#); sent into internal exile in [December 1933](#) to [Aktobe oblast, Kazakhstan](#); released from internal exile on [January 28, 1935](#), returned to [Ukraine](#) where he was again arrested at the end of [1935](#); sentenced in [1936](#) to 3 years' internal exile, sent to the [Northern Territory](#); **UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1062>

Thursday July 15, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Lew Kopanski (aged 54, attorney, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges in [Skvir](#) on [July 8, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [July 9, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1105>



Spain

Fr Valentino Palencia Marquina (aged 66, [killed](#) along with four youths)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/a-mexican-exorcist-advances-on-path-to-sainthood-courtesy-of-the-pope-58965/>

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2015/10/02/pope-francis-recognises-a-new-spanish-civil-war-martyr/>

Friday July 16, 1937



Spain: Suria, Barcelona

Alfons Bransuela Planell (aged 25, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faihweb.com/martyrs/MSPC51.htm>

Saturday July 17, 1937



Spain: Requena, Valencia

Sr Maria Teresa Llopis Gurrea OAR (aged 77, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faihweb.com/martyrs/MSPC54.htm>

Sunday July 18, 1937



Germany: Dahlem, Berlin

Pastor Franz Hildebrandt (aged 28, detained at the [Dahlem, Berlin](#) home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours on [July 1, 1937](#), released; **UPDATE:** arrested for violating the bans on collections and intercessory prayer)

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

Thursday July 22, 1937



Russia: Leningrad

Adam Geren (aged 75, invalid, pensioner, parish council member, arrested, sentenced to a labor camp, sent to Siblaga, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0824>

Friday July 23, 1937



Ukraine: Kamianets-Podilskyi

Piotr Konoplicki (aged 40, sentenced to death for anti-Soviet agitation)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1104>

Saturday July 24, 1937



Russia: Ukhtizhemlag labor camp, Sosnovka, Komi ASSR

Fr Zygmunt Klemczynski (aged 46; arrested in [Korostyszew, Ukraine](#) on counter-revolutionary charges on [July 29, 1935](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 14, 1936](#); **UPDATE: died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1027>

Sunday July 25, 1937



Spain: Corral de Almaguer, Toledo

Fr Felix Collado Rodríguez (aged 32, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Toledo.htm

Monday July 26, 1937

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Russia: Leningrad

Fr Igor Akulov (aged 40, released from internal exile on [May 22, 1933](#); arrested, released in [May 1935](#); **UPDATE:** arrested for 'anti-Soviet activity')

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0009>

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Ukraine: Kamianets-Podilskyi

Piotr Konoplicki (aged 40, sentenced to death on [July 23, 1937](#) for anti-Soviet agitation; **UPDATE:** [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1104>

Tuesday July 27, 1937

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Russia: Leningrad

Adam Borodziula (aged 37, veterinarian on a State collective farm, arrested)

Russia: Mariinsk

Fr Jozef Bieniecki (aged 67, arrested in [Polonnoye, Shepetovsk, Kamianets-Podilskyi region](#) on [February 3, 1930](#); sentenced in [Kiev, Ukraine](#) on [May 13, 1930](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sentenced on [January 21, 1935](#) to 3 years' internal exile; **UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0122>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0150>

Friday July 30, 1937

In Moscow NKVD Commissar Nikolai Yezhov issued Order No. 00447 "On the operation of repressing former kulaks, criminals, and other anti-Soviet elements", the order began the Great Terror. Nearly 700,000 people would be shot over the next year and a half, and 700,000 more would be imprisoned in the Gulag.

July 1937, date unknown



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Russia: Leningrad

Adam Cheren (parish council member, arrested and sentenced to a labor camp, possibly Siblag, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1509>