

Today's Martyrs – October 1937

Friday October 1, 1937



Ukraine: Bila Tserkva Prison

Lucjan Janiszewski (aged 53, metalworker, arrested in Volodarka, Kiev province on September 28, 1937; **UPDATE**: indicted on counter-revolutionary charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1709>

Saturday October 2, 1937



Russia: Chelyabinsk Oblast

Metropolitan Peter of Krutitsy aka Pyotr Fyodorovich Polyansky (aged 74, appointed acting Patriarch on April 12, 1925; arrested on December 10, 1925; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_of_Krutitsy



Ukraine: Kiev

Boleslaw Kowalczuk (aged 33, electrical station furnace stoker, denounced for a negative attitude following church closures, arrested on July 8, 1937 on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1048>



Spain: Vallcarca i els Penitents, Barcelona

Pere Olm Roda (aged 22, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faiweb.com/martyrs/MSPC64.htm>

Sunday October 3, 1937



Germany: Dickenschied

Pastor Paul Schneider (aged 40, husband of Margarete Dieterich, father of six, arrested in **June 1934** after telling a Hitler Youth leader that he would not allow God's Word to be adulterated during a funeral service for a Hitler Youth boy, released after a week; arrested without warrant in **March 1935** after reading a Confessing Church synod document that criticized the government, released after a few days, later interrogated a dozen times in the **winter of 1935-36**; **UPDATE**: arrested after a Harvest Thanksgiving celebration)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Schneider_\(pastor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Schneider_(pastor))

Monday October 4, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Wladyslaw Krasowski (aged 56, office worker, sentenced to death, later **shot dead** - exact date unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1118>

Tuesday October 5, 1937



Russia: Smolensk Prison

Fr Franciszek Budzinski (aged 46, arrested in [Bryansk, Russia](#) on [August 2, 1937](#), charged with espionage and counter-revolutionary activities; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0182>

Wednesday October 6, 1937

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Russia: Luga, Leningrad Oblast

Foma Bydzan (aged 58, railroad conductor, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0206>

Thursday October 7, 1937

PCФCP

Russia: Astrakhan

Fr Adam Desch (aged 56, arrested in [1931](#) in [Slavgorod, Saratov oblast, Russia](#), convicted, sentenced to 3 years' internal exile; released from exile in [western Siberia](#) in [1933](#); arrested in [1934](#), released after four months due to health reasons; **UPDATE**: [died of stomach cancer](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0229>

Friday October 8, 1937

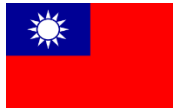
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Russia: Moscow

Fr Hilarion Gromov (aged 73, arrested on [August 26, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation

Saturday October 9, 1937



China: Zhengding, Hebei province

Nine Christians shot dead by Japanese soldiers for protecting 200 Chinese women from being forced into prostitution for the Japanese army)

Bishop Frans Schraven (aged 64, Belgian citizen, **shot dead**)

Fr Eugene Bertrand (aged 32, economist, **shot dead**)

Antonin Biscopitch (aged 51, Czechoslovak citizen, organ repairman, **shot dead**)

Fr Thomas Ceska CM (aged 65, Yugoslav citizen, **shot dead**)

Fr Lucien Charny (aged 55, **shot dead**)

Br Antoon Geerts CM (aged 62, Dutch citizen, **shot dead**)

Br Wladyslaw Prinz CM (aged 28, Polish citizen, **shot dead**)

Fr Emmanuel Robial OCSO (aged 52, French citizen, **shot dead**)

Fr Gerard Wouters CM (aged 28, Dutch citizen, **shot dead**)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/remembering-nine-brave-men-martyred-in-china/62106>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/10555036/Bishop-who-protected-Chinese-girls-from-Japanese-soldiers-could-become-patron-saint-of-sex-abuse-victims.html>

http://www.mgrschraven.nl/uk/pdf/The_drama_of_Zhending.pdf



Russia: Belbaltlag labor camp

Fr Antoni Jarmolowicz (aged 40, arrested in **Nevel, Vitebsk region, Belarus** in 1932; sentenced on **October 29, 1933** to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to **Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp**; transferred to **Belbaltlag** in 1934; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Russia: Kem

Fr Jozef Karpinski (aged 49, arrested in **Ukraine** on **October 26, 1929**; indicted on **January 27, 1930** on anti-Soviet and counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on **May 12, 1930** to 10

years' imprisonment in a labor camp; transferred to [Yaroslavl Prison](#) on [May 26, 1930](#); transferred to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) in [October 1930](#); transferred to [Kem](#) in [January 1934](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp

Fr Antoni Dziemieszkiewicz (aged 46, arrested in [1929](#); sentenced on [March 13, 1930](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Boleslaw Jurewicz (aged 50, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on [August 15, 1929](#); sentenced on [September 13, 1930](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a concentration camp; arrived at [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) on [October 6, 1930](#), later transferred to [Anzer Island](#); arrested in [1932](#), charged with 'creation of an anti-Soviet group, carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgical and religious rites and maintaining an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information of an espionage nature about the situation of Catholics in the USSR'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Iosif Dzemian (aged 49, arrested on [June 17, 1930](#) in [Leningrad](#); sentenced on [December 2, 1931](#) to 10 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Jozef Kowalski (aged 39, secretly ordained in [Leningrad](#) on [December 4, 1928](#); arrested in [Fastiv, Ukraine](#) on [May 29, 1929](#); during interrogation in [Kiev](#) on [June 17, 1929](#) said “As a believer, I was dissatisfied with the policy of anti-religious propaganda of the Soviet regime, which forbade the opening of theological seminaries”; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [June 12, 1930](#); transferred from [Yaroslavl Prison](#) to [Solovetsky](#) on [September 27, 1933](#); spent time in the Savvatiev special isolator in [1935](#); placed in the prison block in [September 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Peter Baranowski (aged 55, sentenced on [September 20, 1929](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrested on espionage and anti-Soviet activities charges on [July 5, 1932](#) on [Anzer Island](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Stepan Eroian (aged 40, arrested on [November 26, 1929](#) in [Tiflis, Georgia](#); convicted on [August 3, 1930](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a camp; arrived at [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) on [August 15, 1930](#), later transferred to [Anzer Island](#); arrested in [1932](#), charged with 'creation of an anti-Soviet group, carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgical and religious rites and maintaining an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information', placed in solitary confinement; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Russia: Smolensk Prison

Fr Franciszek Budzinski (aged 46, arrested in [Bryansk, Russia](#) on [August 2, 1937](#), charged with espionage and counter-revolutionary activities; sentenced to death on [October 5, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0071>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0182>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0246>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0946>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1009>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1052>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1559>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1588>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1720>

Sunday October 10, 1937

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Russia: Dermencovo village, Volokolamsk

Fr Vsevolod Smirnov (aged 63, husband, arrested on [October 19, 1929](#); sentenced in [Moscow](#) to 3 years' internal exile on [November 18, 1929](#), sent to [Leshukonskoye, Arkhangelsk region](#); released in [1932](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

Russia: Magnitogorsk, Chelyabinsk Oblast

Metropolitan Peter of Krutitsy aka Pyotr Fyodorovich Polyansky (aged 74, appointed acting Patriarch on [April 12, 1925](#); arrested on [December 10, 1925](#); sentenced to death on [October 2, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

Russia: Simferopol Prison, Crimea

Filippina Faut (aged 57, collective farm worker in [Dzhankoye](#), arrested in [1930](#) in the anti-kulak campaign, released; arrested on [April 6, 1935](#); charged on [June 19, 1936](#); convicted on [March 17, 1937](#), sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment in a labor camp followed by 3 years' internal exile; **UPDATE**: sent to Karlag labor camp, fate unknown)

Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp

Jadwiga Dmitriyevna (aged 43, housewife, sentenced in [Moscow](#) on [November 10, 1936](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0237>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0254>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_of_Krutitsy

http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1090:-13-31-&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1 - with translation

УРСР

Ukraine: Bila Tserkva Prison

Anton Basinski (aged 47, church organist; arrested on [September 9, 1937](#) in [Stavishche](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Ludwik Janiszewski (aged 55, arrested in [Volodarka, Kiev province](#) on [September 16, 1937](#), had collected money to support the arrested Fr Albin Gutowski; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Lucjan Janiszewski (aged 53, metalworker, arrested in [Volodarka, Kiev province](#) on [September 28, 1937](#); indicted on [October 1, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Sylwester Janowski (aged 47, arrested in [Ratum, Volodarski region](#) on [September 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Vasily Lishevsky (aged 44, collective farm worker, arrested in [Krivets, Kiev province](#) on [September 27, 1937](#), sent to [Bila Tserkva prison](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death, **shot dead** - exact date unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0082>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1149>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1709>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1710>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1718>

Monday October 11, 1937

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Russia: Butovo firing range outside Moscow

Fr Hilarion Gromov (aged 73, arrested on [August 26, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced to death on [October 8, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation

Tuesday October 12, 1937

PCФCP

Russia: Leningrad

Foma Bydzan (aged 58, railroad conductor, arrested in [Luga](#) on [October 6, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0206>

УРСР

Ukraine: Kharkiv

Fr Leonard Gaszynski (aged 70, arrested on [January 3, 1921](#) in [Mogilev, Belarus](#) on espionage charges; released on [February 3, 1921](#) due to lack of evidence; investigated in [1935](#) along with other clergy, not convicted; arrested on [August 12, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [September 24, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0820>

Thursday October 14, 1937

РСФСР

Russia: Leningrad

Anton Dagus (aged 32, factory heating technician, smuggled religious literature, arrested on [May 8, 1931](#), charged with "keeping anti-Soviet pamphlets"; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [March 7, 1932](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Shio Batmanishvili (aged 52, arrested on [October 16, 1927](#) in [Tbilisi, Georgia](#); sentenced on [January 16, 1928](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrested on espionage and anti-Soviet activities charges on [Anzer Island](#) on [July 5, 1932](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp

Fr Alexander Dornhof (aged 46, arrested in [Rohleder](#) on [March 12, 1930](#); sentenced on [April 20, 1931](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Aloysius Kappes (aged 52, arrested in [Kharkiv, Ukraine](#) on [July 14, 1930](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges stemming from his fundraising trips abroad for charity; sentenced to death on [April 20, 1931](#), sentence commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death, the camp commander wrote 'from the moment of his arrival in the camp until the present has led energetic counter-revolutionary activity. He has grouped the imprisoned priests around himself. He set up illegal Masses, using them to attach counter-revolutionary elements to himself. He has systematically engaged in malicious counter-revolutionary agitation. He is an open enemy of the Soviet regime')

Fr Piotr Kapusto (aged 46, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [August 23, 1931](#), had been arrested in [Mozyr, Mogilev oblast, Belarus](#) for non-payment of the church tax; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0085>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0907>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0239>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0373>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0990>



Ukraine: Bila Tserkva Prison

Anton Basinski (aged 47, church organist; arrested on [September 9, 1937](#) in [Stavishche](#); sentenced to death on [October 10, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Ludwik Janiszewski (aged 55, arrested in [Volodarka, Kiev province](#) on [September 16, 1937](#), had collected money to support the arrested Fr Albin Gutowski; sentenced to death on [October 10, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0082>



Austria

Leopold Engleitner (aged 32, conscientious objector; arrested [September 19 1937](#); **UPDATE: released**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leopold_Engleitner

Friday October 15, 1937



Russia: Arkhangelsk

Bishop Ignatius Sadkovskogo (aged 49, arrested in [Tula](#) on [February 3, 1936](#) on counter-revolutionary charges, sent to [Moscow](#); sentenced on [March 16, 1936](#) to 5 years' internal exile, sent to [Arkhangelsk](#); arrested on [August 3, 1937](#); **UPDATE: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp**)

<http://solovki-monastyr.ru/saints/martyrs/ignatij-sadkovskij/> - with translation



Ukraine: Bila Tserkva Prison

Lucjan Janiszewski (aged 53, metalworker, arrested in [Volodarka, Kiev province](#) on [September 28, 1937](#); indicted on [October 1, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced to death on [October 10, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Sylwester Janowski (aged 47, arrested in [Ratum, Volodarski region](#) on [September 25, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [October 10, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1709>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1718>

Sunday October 17, 1937



Russia

Bishop Jonah aka Ivan Lazarev (aged 68, dismissed from his bishopric in [Nevel](#) on [May 14, 1926](#), five months after his consecration; **UPDATE: sentenced to death**)

Russia: Leningrad

Foma Bydzan (aged 58, railroad conductor, arrested in [Luga](#) on [October 6, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [October 12, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0206>

http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1075:21-8-1937-&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1 - with translation



Ukraine

Peter Filippovich Andreychuk (aged 45, shoemaker, husband, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0020>

Monday October 18, 1937



Belarus

Fr Stanislaw Cybulewicz (aged 75, arrested on [June 14, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced to death on [September 22, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1518>

Wednesday October 20, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Fr Alexander Alexandrovich Glagolev (aged 65, theology professor, husband of Zinaid Petrovna Glagoleva, father of Varvara, Sergey, and Alexej Alexandrovich Glagolev, defended Jews during pogroms and show trials in [1905](#) and [1913](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aleksandr_Glagolev

Thursday October 21, 1937



Russia: Moscow

Archbishop Demetrius Dobroserdov (aged 73, [shot dead](#) at Butovo firing range)

Bishop Jonah aka Ivan Lazarev (aged 68, dismissed from his bishopric in [Nevel](#) on [May 14, 1926](#), five months after his consecration; sentenced to death on [October 17, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#) and buried at Butovo firing range)

Russia: Leningrad

Lucjan Girin (aged 47, factory cloakroom attendant, arrested on [August 2, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0836>

http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1 - with translation

http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1075:21-8-1937-&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1 - with translation

Saturday October 23, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Anna Kozaczyńska (aged 52, widow of Stanislaw Kozaczynski, sister of Fr Josef Zmigrodzki, dispensary registrar, private music teacher, investigated in 1933; **UPDATE**: arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0415>

Sunday October 24, 1937



Ukraine

Peter Filippovich Andreychuk (aged 45, shoemaker, husband, arrested on **October 17, 1937**; **UPDATE**: convicted on multiple anti-Soviet charges, sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0020>

Monday October 25, 1937



Spain: Quijorna, Madrid

Jose Sanchez Feranadez (aged 21, seminarian, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC58.htm>

Tuesday October 26, 1937



Ukraine: Volhynia province

Konstancja Janicka (aged 54, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0350>

Wednesday October 27, 1937



Russia: Sandormokh, outside Medvezhyegorsk, Leningrad district

Camilla Kruszelnicka (aged 45, aunt of Vera Kruszelnicka, arrested in [Moscow](#) in [1933](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#), according to reports "Camilla Nikolayevna was convinced that she was suffering for the Faith. When she was in the camp she tried as best she could to maintain contact with Catholic priests and preserve the firmness of her faith, trying to give witness of it to others. In the inhuman conditions of the camp, she preserved her human feelings and love of neighbor"; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0421>

Friday October 29, 1937



Ukraine: Fastiv

Wladyslaw Kowalski (aged 54, railroad station fireman, arrested on espionage charges on [March 22, 1931](#); sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [June 18, 1931](#), sentenced suspended; released; **UPDATE: re-arrested on anti-Soviet, counter-revolutionary, and espionage charges**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1053>

Sunday October 31, 1937



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Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow

Archpriest Andrey Vladimirovich Resurrection? (aged 53, **shot dead**)

Russia: Leningrad

Lucjan Girin (aged 47, factory cloakroom attendant, arrested on **August 2, 1937**; sentenced to death on **October 21, 1937**; **UPDATE**: **shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0836>

http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1 - with translation



Germany: Munster

Bishop Clemens August Graf von Galen (aged 59, **UPDATE**: delivered a homily in which he protested the government-ordered shutdown of all Catholic lay organizations, including youth organizations, and new government encroachments on Catholic schools)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26246325M/The_Lion_of_Munster

October 1937, date unknown



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Russia: Leningrad

Julian Dargel (aged 55, railroad fireman, parish council member and treasurer, arrested, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, family banished, sent to and **died** on an unknown date in Borlag labor camp, Chita, Zabaykalsky Krai, Russia)

Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp

Fr Adam Bellendir (aged 48, arrested on a train in a border region near Poland on [January 10, 1930](#); sentenced on [April 20, 1931](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0104>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0910>



Ukraine: Mariupol

Fr Michael Hatzenbuhler (aged 59, arrested, **died in prison** 'while under investigation')

Ukraine: Stavishche, Tarashchan district, Kiev oblast

Piotr Fedorowicz (aged 46, food depot worker, arrested, charged with membership in an 'anti-Soviet espionage organization')

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0331>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0959>