

## Today's Martyrs – February 1954

Saturday February 13, 1954



### **Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp, Dzhezkazgan, Karaganda oblast**

Fr Anton Kuyava (aged 46, arrested in [Jazno, Belarus](#) on [February 17, 1949](#), accused of anti-Soviet activities, tortured with sleep deprivation; sentenced in [Dzisna, Belarus](#) to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 21, 1949](#); sent to [Steplag](#) on [July 25 1949](#), arrived seriously ill; began to show signs of active tuberculosis in [March 1952](#); sentenced to solitary confinement for not wearing camp clothes on or about [March 7, 1953](#) - most likely to identify himself as a priest; **UPDATE**: sentenced to solitary confinement for 3 months for participating in a work slowdown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1143>

Monday February 15, 1954



### **Laos: Thakhek**

#### **Six missionaries including a French nun were arrested by the Viet Minh**

Bishop Arnaud (arrested, interrogated)

Fr Jean-Bapitste Malo MEP (aged 54, French citizen, arrested and imprisoned in [Pao Pao Chou district, China](#), in [1951](#), later expelled; **UPDATE**: arrested, interrogated)

[https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste\\_Malo](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste_Malo) - with translation

February 1954, date unknown



**Czechoslovakia**

Sr Marie Helena Knajblova (aged 63, arrested in 1951, tortured; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on treason charges, health broken in prison)

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