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Events – June 1950

Saturday June 3, 1950

Czechoslovakia: Spisske Podhradie

Bishop John Vojtassak (aged 72, arrested on May 5, 1945 for having served in the wartime Slovak government; released in Bratislava on September 8, 1945; **UPDATE**: placed under house arrest after opposing the government takeover of religious schools)

https://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ján_Vojtaššák - with translation

Sunday June 4, 1950

Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp

Fr Wladyslaw Kisel (aged 56, arrested in Vilnius, Lithuania on December 1, 1944; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on August 22, 1945, sent to Karlag and later to Steplag; **UPDATE**: died)

https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1023

Sunday June 11, 1950

Lithuania

Fr Wladyslaw Kurp-Garbowski (aged 64, arrested)

Sunday June 25, 1950

Invasion of South Korea by North Korea

Tuesday June 27, 1950

South Korea: Chunchon

Fr Anthony "Tony" Collier SSC (aged 37, Irish citizen, killed by North Korean soldiers)

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

Thursday June 29, 1950

Hungary: Esztergom

Bishop Zoltan Lajos Meszlenyi (aged 58, arrested)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zolt%C3%A1n_Meszl%C3%A9nyi

June 1950, date unknown