

AMERICAN AND VATICAN REACTIONS TO THE TISO TRIAL

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The trial and ensuing death sentence pronounced against Dr. Jozef Tiso, president of the Slovak state during the Second World War, attracted great attention in the USA. Americans of Slovak origin in particular worked energetically for an intervention by the US government to prevent the sentence from being carried out.

The State Department, however, rejected any intervention, as did the Vatican, which saw Tiso primarily as an ex-ally of the Third Reich — a view for which Tiso's activity during his time in power had provided enough concrete justification.