

Greek Criticizes Greek in Athens

Athens Metropolitan Seeking Legislation To Prevent Any But Orthodox Clergy From Wearing Clerical Habit—Bishop Calavassy Refutes Charges

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Athens, March 11.—The violent campaign of the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Athens against Catholics of the Greek Rite is continuing unabated. The latest move is the preparation of a bill for introduction in the Chamber of Deputies whereby no laymen or ecclesiastics except those of the Orthodox Church would be permitted to wear the clerical habit. A systematic propaganda is being carried on in the press, chiefly the newspapers *Patris* and *Hellenike*, in an effort to incite the government and the people to persecution. In this campaign even the suppression of freedom of worship and freedom of speech is being advocated. It is the aim of the Orthodox Greek Archbishop of Athens, Chrysostomos Papadopoulos, it is stated, to have the Orthodox religion established as the official religion of the State.

Bishop Refutes Orthodox Charges.
The Orthodox Metropolitan has gone so far as to accuse the Greek Catholic Church of practicing deception to draw membership from the Orthodox religion. These charges were refuted by the Rt. Rev. Georges Calavassy, Bishop of Athens, when a hearing was held before an investigating jurist.

The attack of the Orthodox Metropolitan then was centered on the school of the Catholic Orphanage in Athens, which he succeeded in having closed. The propaganda campaign continued with charges of proselytism by force, by fraud, by bribery, etc. The plan of the Orthodox Metropolitan was given the support of the Minister of Cults, M. Gontikas, who is the uncle of the Bishop Coadjutor of the Metropolitan. An unsuccessful attempt was made to have these charges investigated by the Chamber of Deputies.

Bishop Calavassy is determinedly opposing the effort to have clergy of the Catholic Greek Rite prohibited from wearing the clerical habit. Several memoranda have been presented by him to Premier Venizelos and efforts are being made to have the legislation rejected by the Chamber of Deputies.

In a letter to the newspaper *Patris*, Mgr. I. Philippoudis, Catholic Archbishop of Athens (Latin Rite) reminds that paper that the Orthodox Metropolitan himself is conducting a campaign to encourage proselytism. He quoted from the Orthodox weekly *Anaplasis* the following statistics of converts to the Orthodox religion during 1928:

"Fifteen Latins belonging to the Catholic religion."
Following this the newspaper adds:

"Undoubtedly a more systematic apostolical activity for the diffusion of the Christian truth among the heterodox and the peoples of other religions would give greater and more notable results to the advantage of Christianity and of the Orthodox Church."

Jew Puts "Power" to Orthodox.
One indication that the campaign of calumny being conducted by the Orthodox clergy is reacting against that church is found in a letter written by Jouda Koen, appearing in a recent issue of *Patris*. It says:

"Please permit me, a Greek indeed, but an Israelite in religion, to submit to you a question on a subject purely Christian."

"For a long time discussions have been going on, especially in the press, on the propaganda of the Catholics of Greek rite, and almost all the newspapers, beginning with yours, demand the closing of the orphanages of the Catholics of the Greek rite, etc. All that is well and good and according in the law. I suppose, however, that within such establishments, judging from their names, the little orphans are nourished and instructed. And I have never heard, speak of a Christian—that is to say, Orthodox—organization, explain the reasons why it does not occupy itself with these children nor with the charge of the support and instruction of these orphans. Perhaps, then, would it not be

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