

Separation Statement Disproved

(Here is an excerpt from a text address before the Holy Name Society of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester.)

By Rev. Wallace Van Doren
A man here in the New York Times recently told that Kenneth Leslie, editor of *The Protestant*, had made public a declaration addressed to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin by sixteen hundred Christian ministers and religious leaders.

The declaration was said to oppose "any attempt under whatever formula to involve the free democratic states in any deal in which the Vatican State or its representatives; or the representatives of any Protestant or Jewish establishment of religion, has part or place, either as principal or mediator."

That this reference to Protestant and Jewish "establishments of religion" was an attempt on the part of the "Christian ministers and religious leaders" to cover up the fact that the real object of their attack was the Vatican, became apparent with the publication of the text of the declaration.

Divinity School Signs

Stating that "sponsors of the statement say it has 1000 signatures," the Times prints the declaration, and then names twenty-three of the signatories. One of these, Kenneth Leslie, is editor of *The Protestant*; two others, Dr. James Luther Adams, Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago and Pierre van Paassen, author, are associate editors of the same magazine; fifteen others, including Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Dr. Edwip McNeil Potat, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, are the magazine's editorial advisors. Evidently, *The Protestant* has more than a passing interest in this matter.

The declaration itself, has some curious statements . . . "For a hundred years or more it has been assumed in all democratic countries that freedom of conscience had become a permanent achievement in human society . . . Further, it has assumed that this freedom rested securely on the basic principle of the separation of church and state."

We are bound fairly that *The Protestant* would consider that of the nations which have existed for a hundred years, the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, the Scandinavian countries and the low countries were the chief democracies at the beginning of the present war. In how many of these is there separation of church and state?

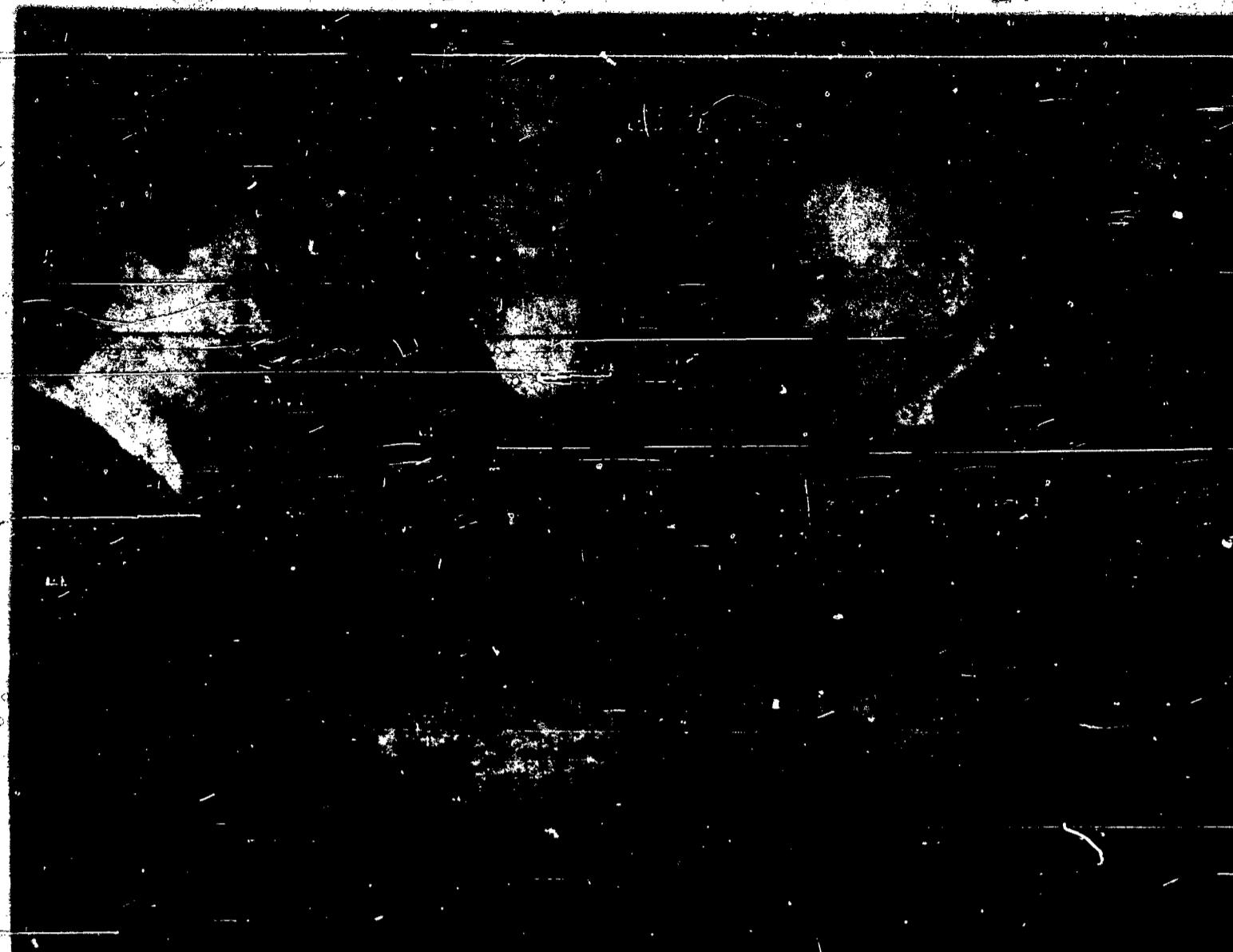
King George Signs

England has the Anglican Church, the Protestant churches of which the King is the Supreme Governor, and the Roman Catholic Church, which is headed by the Pope, and the King is the Supreme Governor of the Roman Catholic Church.

The King is the Supreme Governor of the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church, and the King is the Supreme Governor of the Church of Ireland.

The British Commonwealth now uses the term "Supreme Governor" instead of "Supreme Governor."

Papal Delegate Honors WAC Sergeant



At a reception held in the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, Archibald Anthon Cleopas Cheung, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, received nearly 200 servicemen and women, representing nearly all branches of the service. The Washington area National Catholic Community Council, S. C. Council sponsored the event and the dinner was led by the Rev. Lawrence P. Gant, of St. Stephen's Church. Archbishop Cheung is shown on that occasion as he presented the visitors with a military model, a navy and a model. (NCWC)

POPE PLEDGED OUR DEVOTION

Washington — (NC) — "A solemn pledge of devotion" from America to His Holiness Pius XII—the first Pope to know "the length and breadth of our own United States" — was voiced here Sunday by the Most Rev. Martin J. O'Connor, Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, at ceremonies marking the sixth anniversary of the coronation of the Sovereign Pontiff. His Excellency the Most Rev. Amato Giovanni Ciochetti, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, presided at the Solemn Mass in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America.

The distinguished congregation included members of the diplomatic corps, Senators and Representatives, members of the judiciary and other high ranking Government officials.

Catholics Urge Philadelphia — (NCW) — More Protestant theological schools and seminaries should offer courses on communism. Roman Catholics, it was urged here by Dr. William L. Minge of Bethlehem.

New Papal Medal



The newest model of the Papal Medal has just been distributed to the members of the various parishes throughout the country.

Pantheon Burial Sought For Bergson, Philosopher

By M. Mandel
Paris — (NC) — The famous philosopher Henri Bergson died at Paris in 1941. He was a Jew and, for that reason, his remains could be rendered to his relatives during the Nazi occupation.

It is now proposed by representatives of the Episcopate, Mercury, clerical and political world, who have signed a petition to that effect, that Bergson's remains be transferred to the Pantheon, the edifice originally intended to be the Church of St. Genevieve, but which became instead the edifice mausoleum for many of the most illustrious sons of France.

Bergson's philosophy is essentially spiritual and apparently had been progressively oriented towards Christianity. The teaching of Bergson greatly influenced the philosopher Jacques Maritain, now French Ambassador to the Holy See, and his wife, in the steps they took to their conversion. It was widely rumored last year that the son of Bergson's deceased wife was about to become a Catholic.

The testament of Bergson, only recently made public, indicates that the rumor was well founded: "My reflections have led me more and more towards Christianity in which I see the complete fulfillment of Judaism. I would have been converted had I not remained developing for many years now (mainly, also, due to the efforts of certain Jews who have sincerely served a moral cause the fundamental cause of justice and peace in order to broaden the spiritual life of the world)." Bergson's son, Jean, is a member of the French Resistance.

He died last summer, but his widow, Mrs. Bergson, still lives in Paris.

Henri Bergson died April 4, 1941, in Paris, and his funeral will occur to day the anniversary of his funeral.

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