

New Translation Of Church Fathers To Appear Soon

Washington (NC) — The first volume of a monumental work — a new translation of the works of the ancient Christian Fathers — will shortly make its appearance. The translation, which will be entitled "Ancient Christian Writers," is being edited by two members of the Catholic University faculty here, the Rev. Dr. John Quasten, Professor of Ancient Church History and Christian Archaeology, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Plumpe, Associate Professor of New Testament Greek and Ecclesiastical Latin.

The initial volume of the new work, which is "Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch," has been translated by the Rev. Dr. James Kilest, S.J., Professor of Classical Languages, St. Louis University.

Other volumes, now in preparation, will cover the following writings: St. Polycarp: To the Philippians; Papias, The Disciple and Letter of Barnabas; St. Irenaeus: Demonstration of the Apostolic Teaching; Acts of the Martyrs; Clement of Alexandria: The Tutor; Tertullian: On Prayer; On Baptism; St. Cyprian: Letters; St. Cyril of Jerusalem: Mystagogical Catecheses; St. Ambrose: On the Mysteries; On the Sacraments; St. Augustine: On the Catechizing of the Unlearned; St. Augustine: On the Trinity; St. Augustine: On the True Religion; Athanasius: The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land; St. Cyril of Alexandria: On the True Faith; St. Leo: Sermons; St. Gregory the Great: Homilies on the Gospels.

Parish Housing Groups Urged to Aid Veterans



Bishop William Arnold (right), Military Delegate, and the Rev. Paul F. Tanner, Assistant General Secretary, National Catholic Welfare Conference, pictured as they left a White House conference of eight national church organizations, at which President Harry S. Truman suggested that each individual parish organize a housing committee to aid in providing housing facilities for veterans. (Real-NC Photos)

Washington — (NC) — Joining with Protestant and Jewish leaders in a discussion on veterans' housing, Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate, and the Rev. Paul F. Tanner, Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, represented Catholics at a conference with President Harry S. Truman in the White House.

It was suggested that each individual parish organize a housing committee to canvass the membership for possible housing facilities, and examine the service honor rolls to determine the

number of veterans in need of housing. President Truman said he endorses the idea "most heartily."

The President stated his belief that "the personal concern of churchmen would aid materially in meeting our urgent housing needs." "Surely no veteran who has served his country faithfully and well should now be left homeless on his return from service," he said. "I sincerely hope that every citizen will take this matter to heart and aid this effort in every way possible."

Warsaw Refusal to Let Eire Aid Children Protested

Glasgow, Scotland — (NC) — The refusal of the Warsaw government to allow 1,000 Polish children to go to Eire for recuperation from the effects of the war was a crime against humanity, John J. Campbell, a leading Catholic layman and member of a deputation from the Scottish Polish Society, told Hector McNell, British Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, at a meeting here.

The children are in urgent need of clothing, food and home life, Mr. Campbell asserted. To deny them the help offered by Eire was an act of wanton cruelty, going a long way toward confirming the suspicions of British citizens about the character of the Provisional Government in Poland, he added. The Scottish Polish group asked Mr. McNell to convey their thanks to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin for his assurance in the House of Commons that Polish servicemen attached to the British forces would not be compelled to return to Poland.

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New Jap Constitution Gives Religious Liberty

Tokyo — (NC) — Japanese Catholics have high praise for the democratic and peaceful trend seen in the draft of the proposed new Japanese Constitution.

They note with special satisfaction the articles safeguarding religious freedom and are willing to cooperate in any further constructive discussion of these safeguards.

The props of special favor were knocked from under Shinto in the proposed Constitution made public by the Cabinet of Premier Kijuro Shidehara, which specifies that "no religious organization shall receive any privilege from the state, nor exercise any political authority." "Freedom of religion is guaranteed to all," the new draft states. "No person shall be compelled to take part in any religious act, celebration, rite, or practice."

The proposed constitution also holds that freedom of thought and conscience shall be held inviolable and that freedom of assembly, association, speech, and press and all other forms of expression are guaranteed. The Emperor shall no longer rule by divine right as a direct descendant of the sun-goddess, it states, but his position shall "derive from the sovereign will of the people."

Marriage was also brought closer to the Christian concept in the new constitution which provides that "marriage shall be based on the mutual consent of both sexes. The new draft stresses

the "equal rights of husband and wife" and adds that any legislation on marriage must derive from the principle of "individual dignity and the essential equality of the sexes." The new draft prohibits the "exploitation of children" in industry.

Madison Diocese Installs Bishop

Madison — A distinguished congregation which included 15 members of the Hierarchy, a score of Monsignori and more than 300 priests, witnessed the ceremonies at which the Diocese of Madison was erected canonically and Bishop William P. O'Connor was enthroned as its first Bishop, in St. Raphael's Cathedral, here.

Archbishop Moses E. Kiley of Milwaukee was the officiating prelate. He read the document from the Holy See which created the new diocese out of eleven counties in central and southwestern Wisconsin — the fifth diocese in the State. The Archbishop then led Bishop O'Connor to his throne.

Bishop O'Connor, who formerly served as Bishop of Superior, was the celebrant of Pontifical High Mass. In his sermon, he exhorted his priests and people to work tirelessly so that the See of Madison might carry out the hopes of its pioneers.

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