

### UNESCO Mass Told Definition Of Peace Needed

Paris, (AP) — It is the wish of the world to achieve permanent peace, they told a mass audience today at a meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization which met in this city.

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Three new members of the Daughters of Mary, Health of the Holy Spirit, recently joined the mission to the children of the Holy Spirit, Mission of New York, Rev. Edward P. Garvey, S. J., president of the board, reports that \$5,000 pounds of pharmaceuticals were shipped during the past year. (NC Photos)

### UNESCO Needs Christian Spirit, Prelate Says

The author of the following article, who is the director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, recently attended the First General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris as a consultant to the United States delegation.

At the moment it is difficult to predict how effectively the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will be in the attainment of its far-reaching objectives. In fact, UNESCO probably will not prosper unless those who control its destiny will appeal to the profound religious convictions of people everywhere who in the spirit of Christian charity may set aside prejudice, distrust, jealousy and other hazards to the peace which, at the UNESCO Conference, are "in the minds of men."

The UNESCO conference in its formal adoption of a program for 1947 stated: "Here, in our opinion, is a program for common action to reconstruct in the minds of men such defenses of the peace as the minds of men can maintain."

This declaration echoes the Bishop's statement which set forth: "At the bottom of all the problems of the world today is the problem of man. Unless those who bear the responsibility of world leadership are in basic agreement on what man is, there is no way out of the confusion and conflict which block the road to real peace."

"In the final count," the UNESCO conference added, "it is the will of man that counts."

### Constitutions For Reich Areas Stress Divinity

Frankfurt, Germany — (NC) — Two of the three new constitutions recently adopted by popular vote in the American zone of occupation, while carrying on the basic concepts of the pro-war Weimar constitution of Germany, signify a distinct progress in so far as they stress the divine origin of human society.

"In view of the ruins which are the result of a godless political and social order, one without conscience and without respect for the dignity of man... These are the opening words of the Bavarian constitution while that of Wuertemberg-Baden is introduced thus: "At a time of great external and internal stress the people of North Wuertemberg-Baden have adopted this constitution in reliance on God."

The constitution of Greater Hesse is less satisfactory. Its opening words are determined by socialistic influences which explain why it is the only one of these three documents insisting that all state activities to the church be discontinued. The Bavarian constitution maintains such activities indefinitely while the Wuertemberg-Baden constitution recognizes their validity even though with the restriction that later laws should be adopted later on regarding their enforcement.

The report of the UNESCO conference indicates how the projects approved by the Program Commission and accepted by the General Conference will be steps to bring the world nearer to the hoped-for good of peace through understanding. Notable among the projects approved are an examination of textbooks to eliminate "materialist" and "obscure" ideas, and an extensive study of the "obstacles to the free flow of information and ideas."

Chaplain Inspector Gen. Named by Navy — Washington — (NC) — The Rev. John F. Hughes, Navy chaplain with the rank of captain and Maryland priest from Philadelphia, has been appointed Inspector General in the Office of Navy Chief of Chaplains here.

A veteran of World War I in which he served as a radio operator on a submarine, Father Hughes joined the Chaplain Corps in 1930 and has served at various naval stations in this country and in the Atlantic and Pacific areas. In his new office he will serve as a "trouble shooter" for the Chief of Chaplains, ironing out any difficulties for chaplains in the field.

### Nativity Rites Held in Bethlehem

Bethlehem — (AP) — The white stone buildings of modern Bethlehem reflected the pink rays of the setting sun as pilgrims from Jerusalem escorted the Latin Patriarch of Palestine, Major Luigi Barlassina, to the massive Basilica of the Nativity here for traditional Christmas Eve services at the birthplace of Christ.

All Bethlehem's population, mostly Christian Arabs, were on hand to greet the thin, white bearded prelate. Among those receiving the Patriarch were Mayor Issa El-fendi Bandak of Bethlehem, consular representatives of predominantly Catholic countries, headed by the French Consul General, American Vice Consul Wells Stabler, and representatives of the Palestine government, including Falz Bey Idaris, local Moslem Police Chief, whose function was to prevent any attempt at sectarian disorder.

Carrying religious banners, which had to pass the scrutiny of rival sects sharing custody of the basilica, the procession stopped for a moment in an entrance narrow centuries ago to bar the horses and camels of Turkish infidels, to the modern Church of St. Catherine maintained by the Franciscan Order, where vespers were chanted, followed by solemn matins and the celebration of a Pontifical midnight Mass.

Prior to the Mass, the Patriarch, led by Franciscan friars, including four priests from the United States, went to the tiny chapel erected at the site of the manger in which the Christ child was laid. Here the Patriarch placed a wax figure symbolizing the infant in the marble model of the manger.

### World Problems Forum To Hear Card. Spellman

Cleveland — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will be one of the speakers in "A Report from the World," an international forum to be held here January 9 to 11 under the joint auspices of Time magazine and the Council on World Affairs.

In addition to Cardinal Spellman, speakers will include, from the United States, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, General Omar Bradley, and Sumner Welles, and from abroad, E. N. Van Kleeffens, Netherlands delegate to the UN; Alcide de Gasperi, Prime Minister of Italy; Maurice Schumann, a leader in France's MRP; Robin Cruikshank, editor of England's News Chronicle; and others.

### Hungary Leader Softens Tone Toward Church

Budapest — In the arena of political life in this turbulent country without the dividing line between the Eastern and Western spheres in Europe, a number of developments in recent days have been of particular interest to Catholics.

Assistant Prime Minister Arpad Szakasits, a leader of the left wing faction of the Social Democratic party who in the past has been bitterly critical of the Church, has returned from a journey to London with a more moderate tenor in his criticism.

"We have no desire to bring about a struggle of cultures," Szakasits declared in a public statement, "and no one is entitled to attack anyone else because of his religious beliefs. The future relations of the State and the Church will depend on the extent of the Church's ability to be an advocate of democracy."

Replying to this statement, an authoritative Catholic commentator asserted that Catholic public opinion in Hungary was pleased with the political leader's more amicable attitude and that the Church had never sought a cultural conflict in Hungary.

The fact that such a conflict had not broken out, the spokesmen stated, was due to the great self-control of Hungary's Catholics. 70 per cent of the total population of the country, who would continue to exercise their self-control in the future as they had in the past.

The Church does not discuss politics, the commentator added, but stands ready to make every sacrifice in the interest of liberty of religion and education and freedom of human rights.

The past and current attitude of the Church in Hungary was defended in a speech by Secretary Pfeiffer of the Ministry of Justice who also declared significantly that the administration of justice is above party considerations. He stated further that the Communist Party of this country must recognize that it occupies a minority position. At the same time he advocated an inquiry into the activity of those who exploit the monetary situation for their own gain while the Hungarian people starve.

The first production of a Catholic drama in Hungary since the end of the war took place recently in Budapest. The presentation was "The First Legion," by the American playwright Emmet Lavery.



Accompanied by government leaders, His Beatitude, Patriarch Luigi Barlassina, head of the Latin Rite Catholic clergy in Palestine for 23 years, led the traditional Christmas Eve procession from Market Square to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. He is pictured upon his arrival there, greeted by Mayor Issa Bandak (right) and M. V. Marroun, Bethlehem district officer. AP radiophoto. (NC Photos)

### Epiphany Ceremonies To Close Holy Land Rites

Bethlehem — (NC) — The rites have been excluded for two centuries the liturgical reception Asperges was performed outside the low doorway of the ancient church which has acquired the name "Needle's Eye." Stopping to go through the doorway, the Patriarch turned after a few steps and went into the Franciscan cloister and St. Catherine's parish church adjoining the Basilica where vespers were chanted.

Then the Midnight Mass was celebrated with the famous Bethlehem bells pealing out the Gloria heard around the world through radio. Among those assisting the Patriarch were the Revs. Patrick Cogle and Peter Fehelberger, both of the Washington, D. C. Franciscan houses.

On Christmas afternoon pilgrims took part in a march to the Shepherds' Field, an hour's walk east of Bethlehem, where liturgical devotions were held. All these aged services will be brought to a close for the western Christmas on Epiphany afternoon, when the Most Rev. Albert Gori, O.F.M., Custos of the Holy Land, brings the image of the Holy Infant back from the Grotto to the Church amid renewed Christmas songs and carols and the light of flickering tapers memorializing the adoration of the Wise Men.

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