

Coronation Oath Binds Queen To Protect Protestant Church

London—(NC)—Queen Elizabeth the Second will promise at her coronation in Westminster Abbey here on June 2 to maintain inside the United Kingdom "the Protestant reformed religion established by law." The queen will also promise to govern all other British territories "according to their respective laws and customs," thereby leaving it to the governments or legislatures concerned to make their own religious arrangements.

THE OFFICIAL text of the Coronation Oath, once bitterly anti-Catholic but gradually toned down over the years, has been issued here.

The ecclesiastical part of the oath remains unchanged. The Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England, will ask: "Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England and the doctrine, worship, discipline and government thereof as by law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and clergy of England and of the churches committed to their charge all such rights and privileges as by law do or shall appertain to them or any of them?"

The Queen will in each case answer: "I will."

The Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, commented here that the "Protestant Reformed Religion" refers to the two State-established Christian bodies in this country—the Church of England and the Church of Scotland.

THE CHURCH of England, established by Queen Elizabeth the First in 1534 when she broke away from the Holy See, is Anglican or Episcopalian and in this country has a wide range of interpretations from the extreme "High Church" which now has "Mass" and the "Seven Sacraments" and claims to be Catholic, to the extreme "Low Church" which is known as "Protestantism" and is in possession of almost all property in England.

The Church of Scotland, established in 1560, is Presbyterian.

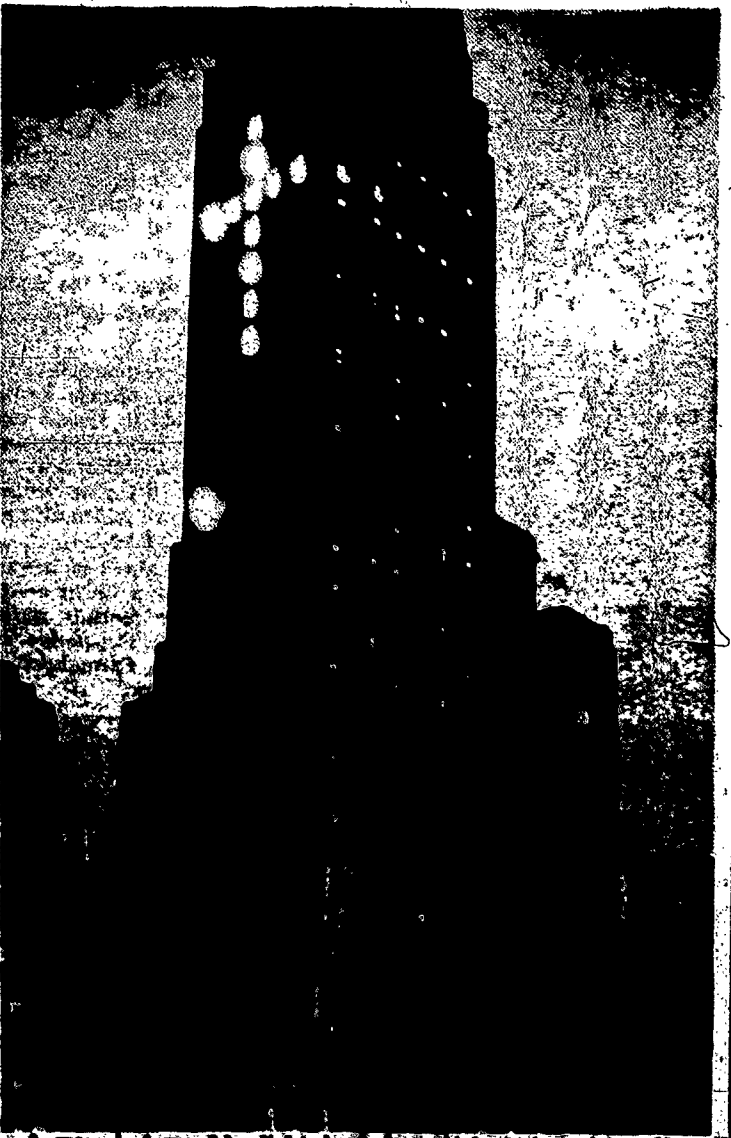
Both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland will take part in the coronation service.

Owing to the claim by a section of the Church of England that it is "Catholic" there had been some doubt whether the word "Protestant" would still be used in the Oath. It had been

suggested that the word "Christian" be substituted. The Anglican Bishop of Monmouth, Dr. A. E. Morris, declared in Westminster Abbey itself last November that the Church of England is not Protestant but Catholic.

The "Anglo-Catholics," as they are called, claim that their clergy have valid orders passed down from priests who broke away from Rome and helped Elizabeth the First found their heretical church.

OFFICE BUILDING CROSS



A cross is formed by lighted windows in a huge New York office building, every evening during "Holy Week." (Religious News Service Photo.)

Death Reveals Conversion Of Company Head

Cincinnati—(NC)—The conversion to the Catholic Faith of Richard Knight LeBlond, pioneer machine tool maker, was disclosed when he died (March 17) here at the age of 85.

Cincinnati's Archbishop Karl J. Alter offered Requiem Mass for the industrialist in St. Mary's Church in Hyde Park.

MR. LEBLOND was the founder and chairman of the R. K. LeBlond Machine Tool Co., one of the largest in the world, but his first job as a machinist was the making of altar bread cutters for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur here.

Mr. LeBlond, who had been a Mason, was baptized at his home last September 13 by Magr. Cletus A. Miller, pastor of Annunciation Church. The following day Monsignor Miller offered Mass in the LeBlond home and the industrialist received his First Holy Communion.

His conversion came after a long interest in the Church and its activities. His wife, Mrs. Loretta Heekin LeBlond, is a member of an old Cincinnati Catholic family and their two sons and two daughters are Catholics.

Mr. LeBlond was honored with honorary degrees by both Xavier University and the Athenaeum of Ohio. According to terms of his will, the family residence will go to Mrs. LeBlond and after her death to the Institutum Divi Thomae, an archdiocesan graduate school of science research. In addition to his wife and four children, he is survived by two brothers, 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Senator Attacks Red Propaganda

Washington—(NC)—Transportation "by any means or instrumentality" of communistic propaganda "intended for circulation, dissemination, or use in a public school" would be unlawful, under a bill introduced by Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine.

Persons guilty of such action would be punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both. A corporation of association could be fined \$10,000.

Unusual Church Has Eight Sides



Interior view of the unusual new octagonal Blessed Sacrament Catholic church here, now nearing completion. The eight-sided church has only eight rows of pews from the centrally-located altar in any direction, and seats 1,000 persons. The first Mass will be held on Easter Sunday. (Religious News Service Photo.)

Business Leaders Form 'Adoptions Anonymous' To Aid Girls' School.

San Francisco—(NC)—"Adoptions Anonymous"—a group of civic and business leaders of all faiths—was formed here at a luncheon meeting of some 250 men in the Fairmont Hotel. They heard their chairman, Ben Swig, tell of the plight of girls at Good Shepherd convent.

THE GIRLS at the convent are "problem" girls. The convent educates and trains them for rehabilitation to the community. But the convent is heavily in debt, due to increased costs and an expansion program necessary to provide facilities for the growing enrollment.

That's why Ben Swig, the Fairmont Hotel owner, brought the 250 men together. They were to play the role of "Dads" to the girls, form a guild to aid the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and pledge \$25 a year for 15 years (that's 50 cents a week) to retire the mortgage on the convent.

Among Those Who

answered Mr. Swig's appeal were leading merchants and manufacturers, railroad managers, industrialists, judges, lawyers, educators. Most of them are Catholics, but other faiths were well represented, and, in fact, were the first to answer Mr. Swig's call for contributions. At the close of the luncheon Mr. Swig waved a handful of checks and said it was only the beginning. Mr. Swig himself is Jewish.

American Jesuit

Vatican City—(NC)—Father Edwin F. Healy, S.J., of Detroit has been named theologian of the Sacred Penitentiary of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. It is announced in *Observatore Romano*, Vatican City Newspaper.

Polish Bishops Ban Politics From Pulpit

London—(NC)—The Polish Bishops have stepped in to block some of the pressure exerted on the clergy by the regime which tries to make them preach the communist line from the pulpits.

This is the interpretation placed by observers on the joint instruction issued to the clergy by the members of the Polish Hierarchy. The instruction was drawn up at a meeting of the Bishops in February and has now been made public.

"THE CATHOLIC community does not like politicians in cassocks and is not fond of political speeches from the pulpits," the Bishops declared. "Politics can lead only to deepening of cleavages, increasing difficulties and arousing passions."

"It cannot be repeated too frequently that the priests should consider the main field of their activity, the church and the school, the altar, the pulpit and the confessional."

The Bishops' instruction is also regarded here as a rebuke to the group of "patriotic" priests who have with increasing frequency held meetings recently to give rubber-stamp approval to all the actions of the regime. Recent meetings of these priests have applauded the government's sentencing of priests at Cracow for alleged "treason."

"THE CHURCH must perform its mission at all times, under all conditions and for all people," the Bishops reminded their clergy. "Nothing can release us from the performance of this mission: neither new times, nor new conditions of life, nor new people..."

"We priests have the duty, first of all, to achieve for ourselves the natural and supernatural virtues and to show the Polish people the great importance of these virtues for public life. At the head of these virtues is charity and justice."

The Bishops also looked at the Polish people as a whole and expressed growing concern over what they termed three "plagues" destroying the nation's moral fiber. The Bishops listed these as drunkenness, immorality and disrespect for public property.

Papal Decorations Awarded 2 Laymen

New York—(NC)—Two laymen, honored with Papal decorations for work in the interracial field, were told that they were "loving and serving God and loving and serving men" by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who presented the awards.

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medals were presented to Judge Harold A. Stevens of the Court of General Sessions, who is president of the Catholic Interracial Council here, and Gerard L. Carroll, chairman of the council's board.

Cardinal Spellman was assisted by Father John LaFarge, S. J., council spiritual director. The presentation was made in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral after which Cardinal Spellman presided at a Solemn Mass.

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BEHOLD! HE IS NOT HERE

These were joyous words on the first Easter morn. Today they are sad words in Nablus, a small village in Egypt. No church is there. No Christ is not there. Catholics and "separated" Christians begged Bishop Scander for a chapel and school for their children. With pennies scraped, from their dire poverty, they bought a small property and proudly presented it to him. He hasn't the heart to tell them he is completely without funds. He needs \$2,000 for the chapel. Can you help? Your April donations to our "Chapel-of-the-Month" club go there. Thank God you have a church.

The seminary from St. Servus in Saida (Lebanon) walk miles to get to the village where they teach catechism to the kiddies. They're worn out before they start. The pastor asks for a "jeep."

Our "11-A-Month Club" helped seven mission seeds. In April ORPHEAN'S BREAD helps the new St. Vincent's Crch, founding home at Beirut. The new "Damen Institute" being built at Tripoli, Lebanon, receives the LEPER FUND. The girls of the Franciscan Sisters' school in Hama will bless you for your gifts to BARRILLANA. The poor Deservants of Charity in Turkey wait for the dollars deposited in MARY'S BANK.

IT IS I! PEACE BE TO YOU!

What peace your heart will enjoy if you have shared in the work of His missions. We still need your help for our FATIMA CHAPEL in Tripoli. A block costs \$10. ALFONSO, a seminarian with the Committee in Tripoli needs \$100 yearly for the cost of his six years training. Can you adopt him by giving him that sum each year in any payments? Sister Marguerite, Dominican at Moscow, and Sister Janina in Beirut, each needs \$100 to complete her training. Can you give one of them that much within a year?

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