

### Once On Brink Of Reunion

London (NC) — A large the overlordship of the Orthodox of the Russian Orthodox patriarch in Moscow and Church might have become looked on Archbishop Semyon Catholic in 1918 if a Catholic ekly as their leader.

At about that time the Archbishop wrote to the Arch- Ukrainian exiles that he had been asked to accept the title of Patriarch of the Ukraine.

This was stated here when the Ukrainian exiles met to commemorate the death 15 years after the general synod of the Ukrainian Archdiocese. Archbishop Semyon, leader and champion of the Ukrainian Catholic Church intended to accept the title of Patriarch of the Ukraine in 1918 if the people there were generally Orthodox but opposed it into that of Russia.

"It is clear that the idea of a Ukrainian patriarch in union with Rome not only had the support of Pope Leo XIII but was also entertained by Archbishop Semyon," Cymbalista said.

The Archbishop, born in 1885, spent much of his life working for the union of Eastern Christians and the Holy See. When he died in Kiev, Nikita Khrushchev, now Soviet Premier, led a Russian government delegation to the funeral and Joseph Stalin, then Premier of Russia, sent a wreath.

### Morality Of War Debated

Washington (NC) — Catholic thinkers must develop a "coherent theory of force" applicable to modern warfare, the 32nd annual conference of the Catholic Association for International Peace was told.

Needed today, declared Dr. William V. O'Brien, are "imaginative legal pioneers," possessed of a good working knowledge of military science and international relations, who can chart some promising courses which nations with a conscience might follow in their international policies.

Dr. O'Brien, chairman of the Institute of World Policy at Georgetown University, stated that working for the international reign of law "does not stop with mere enthusiasm and support for international organizations."

"It entails the realization that there is a duty to join, if necessary, in coercive measures on behalf of the juridically organized community which is characteristic of a true juridical order."

In the meantime, Dr. O'Brien said, Christians "are obliged to do our utmost" to see that modern wars are carried on in accord with moral principles. "The Christian tradition requires that international law and morality penetrate into the heat of battle," he stated.

Dr. O'Brien asserted that there has been "neglect" of the laws of war on the part of internationalists since the end of World War I.

"Serious study of the laws of war has been most unusual in our times," he said. "To the student of the subject, it seems that he always speaks in the wrong idiom."

"A military audience is ideal, good, and desirable, but it is not either a matter for high authority or for private contemplation to the post chapel on Sunday. The legal audience is strictly legal matter, such as the effect of the war on the contract with the war alien. Gels frequently the audience of religious organizations finds the whole subject unpleasant, beyond their knowledge and vastly inaccessible to their imagination for world peace and order."

The truth of the matter, of course, is that all of these groups have their contributions to make. The military must tell us what the strategic and technical considerations are. The lawyer must help us to formulate our principles and rules and regulations. And, above all, the moralists and the theologians must help us to find the right practical answers from the general precepts of our moral code."

Dr. O'Brien complained that any serious study of the laws of war meets a number of objections. Among these:

"Efforts designed to prevent war are outlawed, and are inherently opposed to efforts to regulate war. . . . Talk of the law of war is subversive to the efforts to eliminate war."

However, he pointed out, under the UN system there is still room for war and once a war has begun "it will not do to say that the war never should have occurred. . . . Human beings on both sides of the conflict will be suffering and any mitigation of this suffering is urgently wanted."

"It is said that talk about limitations and regulations of modern warfare is an index of any way is too rational, too removal from reality. . . . The world is not rational, war is not rational, the terrible forces which may be unleashed are irrational and beyond control."

To this argument, Dr. O'Brien replied that businessmen and military leaders are constantly obliged to think about and discuss war. "And if there is discussion," he added, "it is seriously contended that it should not be carried on with all the accuracy and clarity which language and logic can supply."

### Jesuit's Book Wins Award

Chicago (RNS) — Father Robert A. Graham, S.J., associate editor of America magazine, national Catholic weekly, was awarded the annual John Gilmary Shea Prize by the American Catholic Historical Association in Chicago for his newly-published book, "Vatican Diplomacy" (Princeton University Press).

The association cited the book as "the most original and distinguished contribution to historical knowledge" by a Catholic scholar during 1959.

### Catholic Books Top 700 Titles

Washington (NC) — Publication of Catholic trade books reached a record total of 771 titles in 1959, according to preliminary statistics released here.

Eugene P. Willing, director of libraries of the Catholic University of America, said the final report, customarily issued toward the end of February, probably will show a further increase of two-to-three per cent.

Mr. Willing, editor of a weekly card and news service for Catholic books, said that the adjusted 1958 total was 747 titles, the previous record production. This annual compilation is limited to "trade books," namely, those sold through the book trade, and excludes most text books and pamphlets.

A MAJOR FACTOR accounting for the increase was the rise in translations from 156 in 1958 to 202 in 1959 which constituted 21 per cent of all adult titles.

There were 90 titles translated from French, 48 from German, 23 from Latin, 17 from Italian, six each from Spanish and old English, while other languages represented were Arabic, Dutch, Greek, Japanese, Coptic, Norwegian, Polish, Slovene and Syriac, Mr. Willing said.

The number of publishers also set a 1959 record with 168 firms represented. Of these, Mr. Willing designated 64 as primarily Catholic firms which issued a total of 431 titles. "The general firms" issued 340 titles, a slight increase over 1958 figures and — emphasizing the significance of their production.

For the sixth consecutive year since the publication of these data began in 1954 the Newman Press of Westminster, Md., was the leading publisher with a 1959 total of 63 titles, of which six were paperbacks.

Bruce Publishing Co. of Milwaukee was second with 45 titles and in third place was Dujarie Press of Notre Dame with 43 titles. Dujarie also led in production of juvenile publications, with 28. In fourth place was Doubleday of New York with 40 titles, a figure which includes Hanover House, Anchor and Image Books imprints. Next was Sheed and Ward of New York with 33, followed by Hawthorn with 30 and J. Kenesdy of New York with 24.

### Stoles For Converts

Lexington (NC) — Use of white stoles in place of symbolic white baptismal robes in the baptism of adult converts is being advocated at the headquarters of the National Guild of St. Paul here.

Mgr. Leonard B. Nienaber, founder and national director of the convert club, used the stoles in the recent baptism of a class of eight converts.

The stoles were made by members of the Lexington Guild of St. Paul, who because converts themselves in the last few years. Serving as a "welcome" to the convert club, the stole also is a symbol of the new Catholic's admission to the great multitude before the throne of God clothed in white stoles, which St. John recounts in the Apocalypse.

Normally a vestment reserved to the priest, the stole presented in the baptismal ceremony indicates the baptized person's participation in the work of the priest.

A circle with the chi rho, Greek letters for Christ's name, inside is embroidered in red on the stole which is also fringed in red. The white stole symbolizes the new grace and new life within the convert's soul; red symbolizes the Holy Spirit and the gift of Faith, according to Msgr. Nienaber.

### Red Victims Likened To Faith's Martyrs

New York (RNS) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, in a New Year's message broadcast by Radio Free Europe, likened those enslaved behind the Iron Curtain to the "first martyrs and confessors" of early Christianity.

Cardinal Spellman recorded his message here before departing for Europe to tour U.S. bases in his capacity as Military Vicar to Roman Catholics in the Armed Forces.

"I GREET YOU that I may send you the messages of gratitude from your brothers who breathe the air of freedom," he said. "We are thankful to you for the inspiring example which daily you give to us of strong faith in bitter adversity."

"You are to us what the first martyrs and confessors were to the early Christians and their pagan neighbors, so many of whom followed in their bloody footsteps because of the simple sincerity of glorious example, for the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

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### Mother Greet's Bishop - Son

By MARTA JABLONSKY  
Radiant with happiness, Mrs. Borecky welcomed her son and daughter-in-law to her home in Montreal, Canada. It is almost a miracle, Long ago I had given up hope of ever seeing my son and husband again.

Mrs. Borecky said that all faithful Catholics in Trembovka go to church for Mass, baptisms, marriages and funerals. But, she added, only all of this takes place in Orthodox churches since the jurisdiction of the new Orthodox patriarch, Eastern Rite Catholic churches were forcibly closed by the Soviet regime shortly after the end of World War II and their members were declared united with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Mrs. Borecky explained that Catholics feel it is better to go to the Orthodox church where at least they can pray than to have these churches closed, turned into museums, galleries or other government houses because of lack of attendance.

She said there have been a number of improvements in Soviet Russia since Premier Nikita Khrushchev came to power. But, she added, it is pitiful to watch the younger generation "grow up without any knowledge of Catholicism."

No religious instruction or catechism classes are allowed, she said. That made it easier to understand the first question asked of her Bishop — "Do you really have a chapel right in your own house?"

Just from talking with Mrs. Borecky it became apparent that hardships which the Ukrainian people have endured have not

### Red Rally Fizzes

Berlin (NC) — A Communist-sponsored Christmas "peace rally" for East German Catholics was attended by only 70 persons, according to reports reaching here.

The rally was organized by the East German Communist party, and linked the Christmas theme with Red-backed disarmament proposals under the slogan "Worldwide Disarmament—Peace on Earth."

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