

Accord on Mary Distant

Dayton, Ohio — (NC) — Although Catholics and Protestants are in opposite camps on the Blessed Virgin's place in Christian belief, they may someday find agreement.

That is the opinion of Father William J. Cole, a priest of the Society of Mary and a faculty member of the theology department at the University of Dayton, an institution conducted by the Society of Mary.

The Marianist priest, a scholar in Mariology, said he believes a "breakthrough" already has been made on the question of Mary, "at least on the scholarly level."

He acknowledged, however, that the great majority of Protestants, including Protestant

ism's most respected theologians, "present no real interest in Mary" at the present time.

Father Cole, a director of the Mariological Society of America and associate editor of *Mary Today* magazine, discussed "Catholics, Protestants and Mary" at a "Religion and Life" program at the University of Dayton.

"Is it not strange that the very woman whom God chose to be His mother should be the source of the greatest difficulty between Catholic and Protestant, who both acknowledge her Son as their God and Saviour?" he asked.

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Group Asks Democracy In Spain

Madrid — (RNS) — A newly-formed Christian Democracy Union here has dropped its previous call for "active opposition" to the Franco regime and adopted a program more conciliatory in tone.

Formed last January as a result of a merger of several small Christian Democracy groups, the Union has adopted a program which calls for "active opposition" to the Franco regime and adopted a program more conciliatory in tone.

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The report was received by Father Joseph Madeore, M.F.P., pastor of Our Lady of the New Church here. He said Father Tam died on May 11.

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After Bishop Dominic Tang, S.J., apostolic administrator of Canton, was arrested, Father Tam ran the See. In 1959, the communists put him in a Canton prison and then transferred him to Ying Tak prison. There his health began to fail as a result of enforced labor, poor conditions, ill treatment and no proper medical care.

After he was sent to a labor camp, nothing further was heard of him until the news of his death.

However, in a new 18-point program, the Union, although demanding the removal of political and social justice, the political and economic life, retained from demanding the right to form an opposition party.

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Also dropped from the Union's new program was its previous rejection of any collaboration with the present regime.

In its new platform, the Union repeated demands for political liberty and freedom to form political parties, points incorporated in its earlier manifesto.



Mother Murphy Visits Rochester

Mother Angela Murphy, founder of Rochester's Cenacle Convent and now assistant mother general of the order for the United States and England, came back for a visit this week. With her are Mother Gertrude Coleman, provincial of Cenacle convents in the eastern United States, Mother Jean Fletcher, provincial for England, and Mother Blanche Gannon, Rochester superior. The order will open new retreat houses for women this year in Pittsburgh and Peru.

Carmelite Shrine Ready for Feast

London — (RNS) — Carmelite priors from many parts of the world will come to Britain for the rededication of the historic rebuilt Carmelite shrine established at Aylesford 724 years ago.

The church was founded as the very first house of the Carmelite Friars in Europe by an Englishman, St. Simon Stock. It was destroyed during the Reformation over 400 years ago, and it was not until 1949 that the Friars returned to Aylesford, with the relics of St. Simon, to re-establish the friary.

Work on the fine modern shrine-church has been completed and three days of rededication ceremonies will begin July 16, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The contemplative order's present rule was given by Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem, in 1210, but was later revised by St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa.

The major rededication ceremony will be held July 16, when the new shrine will be dedicated. The ceremony will be presided over by the Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev. John Copleston, and will be broadcast by the BBC.

In a pastoral letter, written from the new friary, the prelate, whose diocese was decreed a new Metropolitan See by the Vatican in June, declared, "We must thank God for this glorious revival. Today Aylesford has arisen again and continues to arise in even greater splendor than in the days of its former grandeur. Yet, despite what has been so wonderfully accomplished, there is a spirit of true humility in this holy place."

Aylesford is on the banks of the River Medway in the heart of Kent, a county known as the "garden of England." It is a few miles south of Rochester where St. John Fisher was bishop.

Heading the English Roman Catholic visitors for the event will be John Cardinal Heenan, Primate of England and Wales. Overseas visitors will include

College Aid Proposed

Washington — (RNS) — An amendment to the higher education bill, providing assistance to colleges and universities with aid comparable to that given elementary and secondary schools for teaching certain specialized subjects and for teaching aids, has been introduced in the Senate.

Introduced by Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Texas), it would follow that format of Title III of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 whereby matching grants are authorized for teaching such subjects as mathematics, science and modern foreign languages.

Besides public institutions, the measure, as does the higher education bill itself, would make funds available to church-related schools wishing to participate.

Objective of the amendment, Sen. Yarborough said, is to provide the means for "higher quality instruction in our institutions of higher learning. The higher education bill has been under study since January."

He is the author of "Friedrich Nietzsche, Philosopher of Culture," and "Arthur Schopenhauer, Philosopher of Pessimism." He also wrote "Existentialism and Modern Man."

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Many Wives Still OK For Moslems

Cairo — (RNS) — Members of the Islamic Higher Research Council, at the end of closed discussions here, agreed that polygamy, divorce and birth control — topics of lively interest in most Arab countries today — are lawful according to the principles of the Koran and are matters that concern only the individual conscience.

The discussions were conducted as the second and concluding part of the Second Pan-Islamic Congress which began May 15 under the Council's sponsorship. The first part, attended by 35 countries, adopted a number of political resolutions dealing mainly with the Arab-Israeli "Palestine question."

The conclusions of Islamic experts were regarded by observers here as of particular interest in view of the special Civil Status Committee established in Egypt to bring laws on polygamy, divorce and birth control into harmony with changes in modern society which have seen women assume a status almost equal to that of men, and where rapidly increasing populations constitute a major problem.

On the issue of birth control, a statement approved by the congress' second sessions said:

"Islam encourages the increase of birth because this strengthens the Islamic community socially, economically and materially. It also increases its dignity and strength."

However, it added, "if there is a personal necessity to control birth, the spouses are to act according to necessity. The estimation of this necessity is left for the consideration of the individual's conscience and his religion."

Other subjects on the agenda of the closed sessions — all examined in the context of Islamic law — included banking, insurance, investments, almsgiving, the role of women, and youth upbringing. The congress' main role was to attempt to update the Islamic religion in the light of modern developments here, it failed to issue recommendations that were in any way revolutionary.

Noted Jesuit To Visit U.S.

Newton, Mass. — (RNS) — Father Frederick C. Copleston, S.J., prominent Jesuit philosopher of Heythrop College, England, and the Gregorian University, Rome, will begin a U.S. lecture tour here at the Jesuit-staffed Boston College.

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Hungary Reds Arrest Seven

Vladivostok — (RNS) — Seven Roman Catholic priests were sentenced to long prison terms after a secret trial in Budapest on charges of high treason, according to reports reaching here from the Hungarian capital.

The priests, who had been banned from clerical functions by the State Office for Church Affairs, were accused of exercising a subversive influence on young people and establishing contacts with the "capitalist West."

Reports said that at the time of their arrest police confiscated a quantity of religious books as "incriminating evidence."

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