Quirks of Custom Balk Unity Hopes

Church." Already at Princeton must not obstruct majorities. they had agreed that the min-

New Church.

for transmission to the con-

The preamble in one part sums up the intention of the union in a terse sentence, "we resolve to attempt, under God. a more inclusive expression of oneness of the Church of Christ than any of the participating churches can suppose itself alone to he.'

In the preliminary statement to the Dallas report, several principles are laid down. One senses again that they set the climate for what is to follow.

1. Obedience to mission must be the primary characteristic of the Church at every level. This principle implies that "oneness" will exclude competition and overlapping in the church's mission task to the world. At base this is an article on expediency, which could be stated like this. "Our task is too great to duplicate or waste the energies of the Church."

2. Mutual enrichment must be served and guarded. Qur only loss will be our separate ness, and our gains shall be the good and valuable things coming out of our various tradi-

The consultation, encourages a pressure towards "interplay" across traditional lines of our various traditions.

3. Existing relationships should be maintained and strengthened wherever possible. This statement serves as a warming that the New Church should guard against weakening its relationship with any presently existing ecumenical groups such as local councils of churches, the National or World Council of Churches.

4. Maximum protection must be given to existing diversities and liberties. Here is seen an admintion to all parties in the United Church regarding free

duty."

Presbyterian Rite OK'd

Wayne, Pa. - (NC) - Arch-hishop-John J. Krol-of Philadelphia granted permission for the wedding of two Presbyterians to take place in St. Katharine of Siena Catholic Church

The unusual request for the use of the church was made by the Rev. William Dupree, pas-tor of the Wayne Presbyterian Church, for two of his congregation, William Raybock and Linda Merwyn.

The Presbyterian paster ex-plained that his church is being completely renovated and will not be finished in time for the wedding, scheduled Aug. 27. A nearby Methodist church also is being rebuilt and no Protestant church in the area is large enough to accommodate the number of persons anticipated at the wedding.

Ecumenical Bible in Italy

Milan—(NC)—A new Bible in Italian—the result of collaboration between Catholic, Ortho-dox, Protestant and Jewish scholars-will be published this

The announcement was made by the Mondadori publishing firm here. The "Ecumenical Bible" was prepared by a private interreligious commission of nine that was organized in 1959 The translation of the Scriptures was prepared under their direction by 36 biblical scholars chosen from among various religious confessions and communities of Italy.

The new Italian translation has been variously dubbed the "Ecumenical Bible" or "Ravenna Bible," because the private commission set up to realize the project is called the Ravenma Bible Society.

Doctor Named Replaces Priest

Paterson - (NC) - Bishop Lawrence B. Casey has named Dr. Andrew McBride as director of hospitals for the Paterson diocese, a post formerly held by priests. Dr. McBride is director of surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital here and a former Army field surgeon.

Bishop Casey also named a new moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men. Father James J. Rugel, and a new CI rector of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Father Rich. ard G. Rento.

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dom. The goal is to enhance the final report cannot be is the One Head of the Holy over our divisions nor led to heal them. Our churches often copate as symbol and agent there must be order and dis-but its characteristics are true gelical Church. copate as symbol and agent cipline. Majorities must not to the Blake proposal and to Loyalty to One Lord

Ecumenical Economy

Akron, Ohio — (RNS) — A Protestant minister came to the rescue when

the Dominican Sisters at Our Lady of the Elms school, Akron, Ohio, had

an envolument of 90 kindergarten and pre-school youngsters but no avail-

able classrooms. A building program would not be finished until October.

Mother Mary Eileen asked Dr. Noel Calhoun, pastor of the nearby West-

minster Presbyterian church, if he could help and he provided four class-

rooms in the church building. And no rents will be collected — the minister

said: "Sister, we'll not even talk about that; we consider this our Christian

The Churches":

of the continuity of the coerce minorities and minorities the meetings which followed. Its tone is generous, its theolistry should include the orders of bishop, ministers (elders) and deacons."

5. Maximum openness should be provided for continuing renewal and reformation, and finally it must be a uniting as nally it must be a uniting as tions and hopes expressed, but One thing is made clear. The well as a united Church. Human not many commands. Often counted essential tend to be-New Church will not repudiate institutions can not be guaranthere is the generous acknowlteed free of human sin and edgment of historical alternation of the several s eral churches. Some rite or perversion. God's judgment of historical alterna- and things which he views as ment of the consultation itself service will symbolize the union by allered to historical alterna- and things which he halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of "Printing the union by allered to historical alterna- and the halls report of the consultation itself service will symbolize the union must be allowed to purify the was done or that non-essential we of the historic ministry of the Church Union." Stage

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stituencies of the participating intention of union is not merely to form just a larger denomination, but "to embark on a pill of Dallas is the thread of higher of Christ, we allow neither our the several churches. ment is reached as an extension grimage whose only ultimate standards of integrity in the selves nor others to grasp the of the previous meetings.

grimage whose only ultimate standards of integrity in the selves nor others to grasp the Church, and deeper and more full power of that baptism. We honest obedience to Christ, who join him at his Table, receiving the unification of ministry and whole body.'

his body and blood, but we are

not thereby impelled to sorrow servants of the servant Christ but as affluent, self-perpetuat Characteristic of this are seving enterprises competing with eral lines from an apprendice one another. These things the entitled "An Open Letter To world sees, and is dismayed and alienated by them, alienated from God and from us.'

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affirm the same basic confes-ciples of Church Union." Stage sion and are bound by common three is the procedures for We have not seen, in recent loyalty to the one Lord, we adoption of the plan, and four

The consultation sees this as "a fairly long" period-"it canhope it will not need more than gether to its pudgment or toten years." This "long period" the several churches.

Step four is a period called membership. The consultation considers this to be hopefully a short period of "two or three

There is a final fifth stage of the writing and adoption of the constitution. This would be the final commitment of all

There remains a six stage, an open-ended period when the Church continues the process of growth together. And, it is open · ended, because other churches will be invited to join wherever the process is at that

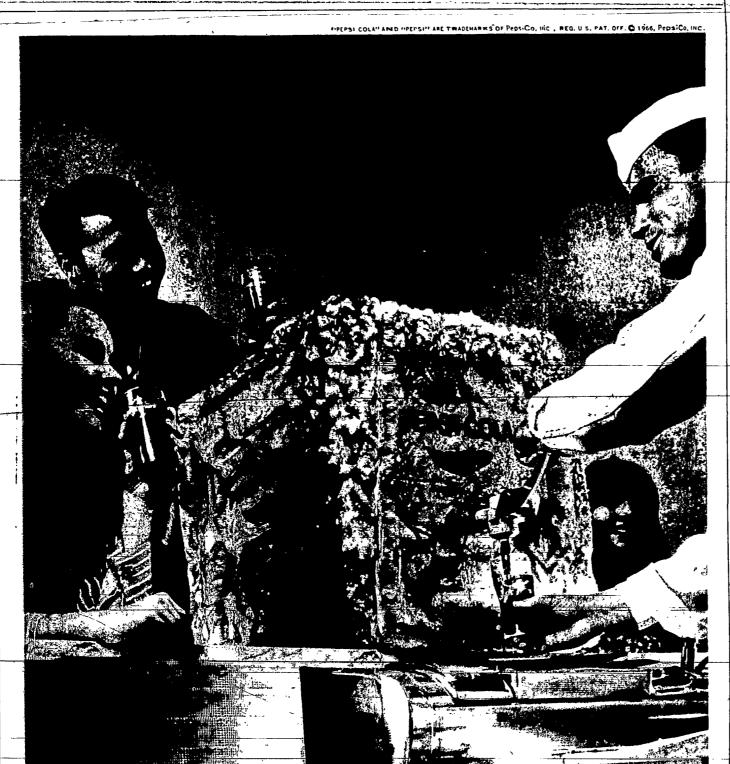
Unity then like the stone rolling downhill, hopefully gathers momentum, strength

Clergy Want Civil Rights

Accra —(RNS)— The Roman Catholic clergy of Ghana have sked for the insertion of guarintees of fundamental human rights and liberties in the new constitution now being written or the country.

In a 16-page memorandum addressed to the commission draft. ing the constitution, they requested inclusion of an appropriate clause which would give full respect to the religious traditions of Ghana's popula-

They also asked that the preamble of the constitution recognize the work done for the good of the nation by the laity of



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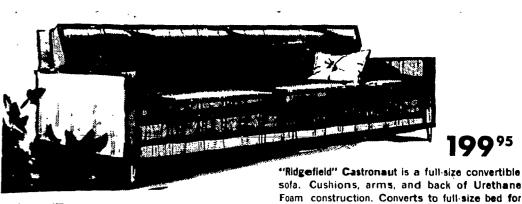
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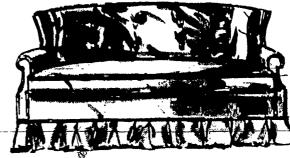
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