

Churchmen Plan Marxists Study

Heraklion, Crete — (RNS) — Plans by the World Council of Churches to sponsor a five-day international study consultation between Christians and Marxists early next year were reported at a meeting of the WCC's Central Committee here.

The Rev. Paul Abrecht, secretary of the Council's Department of Church and Society, said that the meeting would have 30 participants, including Roman Catholic representation and would be held somewhere in Western Europe.

The purpose of the consultation, Mr. Abrecht's report said, was that of serving as an experimental opening step in establishment of dialogue looking toward "increased possibilities of cooperation between Christians and non-Christians irrespective of their ideologies for the furtherance of peace and progress for all mankind."

This will be the first such conference sponsored by the World Council, which represents 223 Protestant and Orthodox churches in 90 countries, although similar meetings involving both Protestants and Roman Catholics have been held in recent years.

Christian-Marxist dialogues have taken place in Germany and France. The most recent was at Marienbad, Czechoslovakia, under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Paulus Society.

Mr. Abrecht also announced two other conferences involving the relation of the church to society in which there will be official participation by both the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church.

One is a consultation on "Theological Issues in Church and Society" which is tentatively scheduled for next Spring in the Soviet Union. There will be 25 participants, and Mr. Abrecht said this meeting would mark the first time that the Roman Catholic Church would be represented by consultants rather than observers at a WCC-sponsored event.

The second meeting will be co-sponsored by the Council and by the International Christian Union of Business Executives, a Catholic organization active in 30 countries.

Scheduled for Paris, it will bring together 40 top executives to consider ecumenical development in the light of business experience and Christian social ethics.

Prof. Jan N. Lockman of the Comenius Faculty of Protestant Theology in Prague, told reporters that conversations thus far have shown that both Christians and Marxists can learn from each other.

Marxist Seeks Catholic Links

Paris — (RNS) — Santiago Carrillo, secretary general of the outlawed Spanish Communist Party, made a lengthy plea for cooperation between the Communists and the progressive Catholics of Spain.

It is believed that the Mass was originally requested by members of an anti-Semitic faction within the Falange, Spain's only recognized political organization.

The movement apparently has no support from government authorities, who have made repeated efforts to discourage anti-Semitism and, in recent months, have emphasized the promotion of goodwill between Spanish Christians and Jews.

Efforts to hold a joint memorial Mass for Hitler and Mussolini in Barcelona were also forestalled but a memorial Mass for Mussolini was held in Madrid in April to mark the anniversary of his death.

English Mass In England

London — (RNS) — The all-English Mass be celebrated in England and Wales for the first time on Dec. 3, the first Sunday in Advent, according to Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer of Birmingham, chairman of the National Liturgical Commission.

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Lutheran Pastor

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of financial concern, worry about property, and care of the parochial school.

There are also a lay principal of the parochial school and a parish secretary. Thus, Pastor Pomeroy has more time than most Catholic pastors for sermon preparation, study, liturgical services, spiritual counsel and participation in community life.

Pastor Pomeroy is paid \$7,500 a year, plus costs of his spacious home, utilities and car. The Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church provides health insurance and a pension plan.

A typical day in Pastor Pomeroy's ministry may find him calling on a shut-in, broadcasting over station WELT in a Lutheran Hospital after instructing nursing students in medical ethics, counseling with a parishioner, pleading for a park in his community before the Chicago Park District as a representative of the Edgewater Community Council, meeting with a parish committee and then accompanying his son, Justin, 18, to an engagement with his rhythm and blues group.

It's a busy schedule, like many that Catholic pastors have. Still there are contrasts, especially the ramifications of having a family. A sympathetic understanding of Lutheranism by Catholics, especially on the grass roots level, Extension editors believe, is a good beginning towards rebuilding the Christian unity advocated by Vatican II.



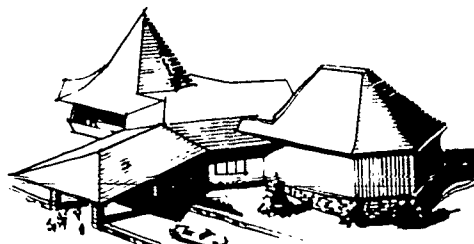
St. Louis — (RNS) — Top ranking scholars from Lutheran churches and the Roman Catholic church are shown at their fifth national-level dialogue in St. Louis. The meeting was their third on the topic of the sacrificial aspect of Eucharist. After a three-day session the joint group said some agreement had been reached but that a drafting committee had been named to prepare an official statement, which is expected to take about two months.

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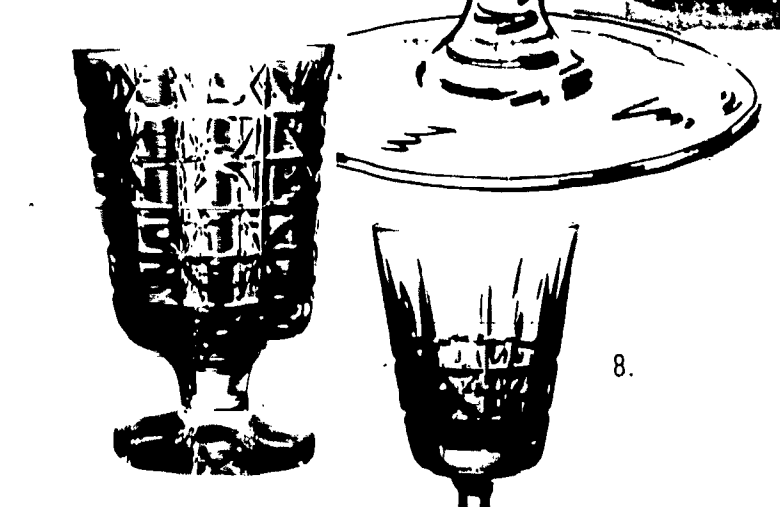
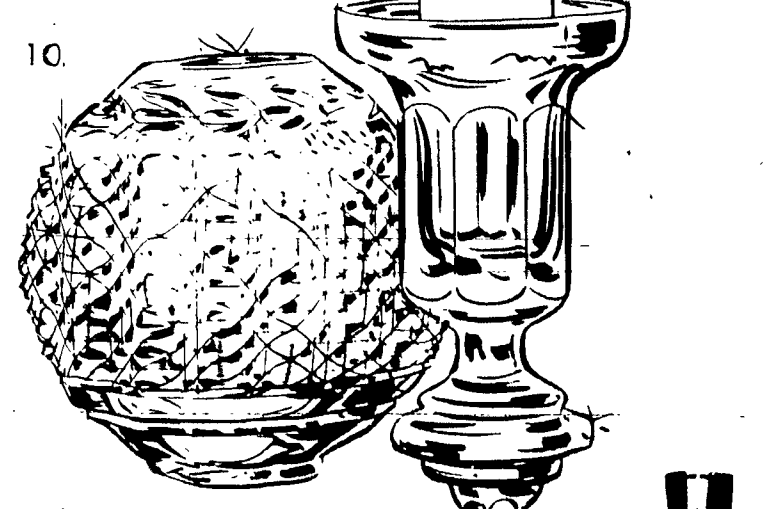
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