

Lutheran-Catholic Dialog Uncovers Much In Common

Zurich, Switzerland — (NC) — Ecumenical cordiality, candor and agreement on many basic points marked the discussions held here by the official joint study commission of Catholic and Lutheran theologians.

In a joint statement issued by the group at the end of talks,

which were closed to the press and public, "considerable agreement" was reported on "both the scholarly methods used in studying the biblical data and on the results of this study."

"There was a definite convergence in the understanding of what Roman Catholics refer to as 'the hierarchy of truths

(Decree on Ecumenism, Vatican II) and what Lutherans call 'the center of the Gospel,'" the statement said.

"Both sides agreed that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the eschatological saving deed of God is the center of the Gospel. There was also agreement that the word of God

is supreme and that the authority of the church stands in its service."

Dogmatic questions were touched on in the talks and will be pursued in later sessions. The study commission scheduled its next meeting for the fall of 1968 but has not yet set an exact date or location.

Moslem-Christian Dialog
 Madrid — (NC) — Archbishop Casimiro Morcillo Gonzalez of Madrid and the diplomatic representatives of several Arab countries have cooperated in the establishment of a Christian-Islamic Society here.

Purpose of the new society is to sponsor studies on religious subjects and foster relations between Moslems and Christians in this country.

Anglicans May Sell Unused Churches

London — (NC) — English Catholics are expected to benefit from a bill now going through Parliament to allow the Anglican Church to transfer unused churches to other denominations.

The bill is meeting very little opposition and is expected to be approved finally early next year.

Because of a general slump in religious practice in this country and shifting populations, the Anglican Church today has a considerable number of such unused churches. Many well-built Catholic churches which still stand—possibly after restoration—were taken over at the Reformation. In some instances Anglican churches were built on



Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue

Zurich — (RNS) — More than 20 theologians, Biblical scholars and clergy leaders participated in the first Lutheran-Catholic working group consultation on "The Gospel and the Church." The dialogue was held in Zurich under auspices of the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity. Shown between sessions are two of the representatives: Prof. Anton Voegtle of Freiburg, Germany (Catholic) at left, and Prof. Krister Stendahl of Cambridge, Mass. (Lutheran).

Caritas Refutes Charges

Rome — (RNS) — Caritas Internationalis, Roman Catholic relief agency, has distributed medical equipment but no funds in North Vietnam, its 17-man executive board noted here.

The board adopted a resolution expressing regret over a "misunderstanding in the Catholic press" about the relations between Caritas and Catholic Relief Services, agency of the U.S. bishops.

Its resolution was a response to a campaign by some U.S. Catholics who oppose the Vietnam war and seek to have contributions sent to Caritas for the aid of North Vietnam war victims.

Several U.S. Catholic publications and the Catholic Peace Fellowship (affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation) have criticized Catholic Relief Services for not having an aid program in North Vietnam and for distributing relief to members of the South Vietnamese home guard.

Reports have circulated both in Europe and in the U.S. that Caritas has launched a \$1.5 million relief campaign in North Vietnam, including the construction of a 250-bed hospital.

Officials of Caritas and CRS have contradicted these reports. Msgr. Carlos Bayer, secretary general of Caritas, has said that Caritas is giving no direct financial aid to North Vietnam because it has no means of supervising the use of money in that country.

While it is not sending money, however, Caritas has sent shipments of medical supplies to the North Vietnamese Red Cross and has ordered the shipment of equipment valued at approximately \$85,000.

As of mid-November, it was reported, the campaign for Caritas by the Catholic Peace Fellowship and other groups had led to total donations of slightly over \$1,500.

ABC Airs 'Luther' Play

New York — (RNS) — The prize-winning drama, "Luther," starring British actor Robert Shaw in the title role, will be presented as a 90-minute color special on the ABC Television Network Jan. 29.

Also starring in the John Osborne play about the 16th Century monk who started the Reformation will be Robert Morley, who will portray Pope Leo X, the pontiff who promulgated the papal bull which called on Luther to recant.

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