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Cardinal To Take Part In Council Preparation

ROME —(NC)— Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, primate of Poland, was expected to arrive here February 16 to take part in the fourth plenary session of the central preparatory commission for the second Vatican Council.

Polish sources here said he was leaving Warsaw by train on February 14 to take part in the commission's meetings scheduled for February 19 to 27.

CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI'S last visit to the west was in the fall of 1958, when he came to Rome to participate in the conclave that resulted in the election of His Holiness Pope John XXIII. Thus this will be his first appearance here at a meeting connected with the ecumenical council.

The cardinal archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw is reported to plan to remain in Rome for six weeks, returning to Poland at the end of March.

During his stay, it was understood, he intends to schedule a meeting with the Archbishop of Philadelphia for the Ukrainians, Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn, O. S.B.H. Purpose is to map out a program of celebrations in the United States marking the 1,000th anniversary of the conversion of Poland to the Catholic faith.

In preparation for this event in 1966, Cardinal Wyszynski instituted in 1957 — following an audience during which Pope Pius XII Blessed an image of Poland's national patron, Our Lady of Czestochowa — a nine-year program of spiritual preparation.

The copy of the Marian image — the original is in the national shrine at Czestochowa — is being taken to all parishes in Poland and is scheduled to end its pilgrimage in Rome in 1966 for celebration of the closing of the millennium.

Pontiff Urges Prayers For Ecumenical Council

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has asked all priests of the world to join him in dedicating their daily recitation of the breviary for the success of the coming ecumenical council.

He made the request in an apostolic letter "To All Clergy" published here February 9 but dated January 6.

Pope John said: "The chief form of cooperation for the success of the council that we expect is prayer, and priestly prayer above all, which immediately gives tone and fervor to the spiritual elevation of all Christian people."

He noted how the liturgical commemoration of the visit of the Magi to Christ came early in the new year. He said it would be fitting at the outset of the year that the clergy of the world, in a similar spirit of adoration and offering, should make an intense preparation for the council.

He included in his invitation "all those who belong to the priestly order of all countries, of every language . . . under the vaults of every church or chapel or gather together in choir . . . from the young subdeacon who has just begun to taste the fervor and tenderness of the recitation of the Divine Office . . . to the venerable old man who finds gentle repose in his prayer."

The Pope went on to make observations on the breviary itself. He called it an "admirable reminder" of the four marks of the Church — one, holy, catholic and apostolic — and "the great divine poem offered by Jesus Christ as the song of redeemed mankind."

The Pontiff gave evidence of his desire for Christian unity when he expressed his "intense longing that the different Chris-

tian confessions, which through the centuries of history have lived and still live separated (from the Church), should be reunited with her and enjoy the same benefits" as are found in the breviary.

Drop Ideology, Editor Urges

BURLINGTON, Vt. — (NC) — Catholic newspapers should be neither conservative nor liberal in their task of reporting the news, a Catholic editor said here.

Frank Morriss, associate editor of the Catholic Tribune, newspaper of the Burlington, Vt., diocese, said that whatever stands Catholic editors take in their editorials, they are obliged to be objective in their news columns.

Morriss said too many Catholic journalists seek to promote their own point of view by finding "news" which supports it.

Cites Threats To Church Press

FRESNO, Calif. — (NC) — A Catholic editor warned here against the twin threats of anticlericalism and "anti-laism."

Gerald E. Sherry, managing editor of the Central California Register, Monterey-Fresno, Calif., diocesan newspaper, said the latter is a "new phenomenon" involving clerical mistrust of the laity.

In a talk to a Catholic Press symposium, he urged both clergy and laity to realize their proper roles in the Church and to cooperate in promoting the Church's best interests.

President Stands Pat On U.S. Aid

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WASHINGTON — (NC) — President Kennedy said here he will maintain his opposition to Federal aid for church-related schools on constitutional grounds until the Supreme Court rules otherwise.

His news conference comment came only hours after Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said enactment of the administration's bill to aid only public schools would mean the "eventual end" of parochial schools.

A newsman asked the President about the chances of his Federal aid proposals, noting the Cardinal's opposition and alleged apathy in the House.

The President called education aid an "urgent matter" and pledged "to do everything I can" to get Congressional action.

Mr. Kennedy said he is hopeful the House Education and Labor Committee will produce a bill incorporating his proposals. The committee's bill last year was tabled by an 8 to 7 vote of the House Rules Committee. An effort to maneuver the bill around the committee was rejected by a House vote.

Of aid to church-related schools, he said:

"I took the oath to defend the Constitution. The position which I have taken on this matter I have taken after legal advice from the Attorney General and from the Counsel of the Department of H-E-W (Health, Education and Welfare).

"As I said, it is the maximum I thought we could carry on under the United States Constitution, and as I take my oath to defend it, that would be my position, unless the Supreme Court decision should change the previous interpretation which has been made of that constitutional provision.

"So I am going to continue to take the position I now take, unless based on constitutional grounds, there is a new judgment by the supreme Court."

Card. Mindszenty Praised in Senate

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The U.S. Senate heard praise for Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, in connection with his 70th birthday, which he will celebrate March 29.

Sen. Benjamin A. Smith of Massachusetts said Cardinal Mindszenty "represents the spirit of freedom in Hungary today."

Since the Hungarian revolution was crushed in November, 1956, the Cardinal has lived in refuge in the U.S. legation in Budapest.

Sen. Smith paid tribute to "the courage of this man who has defied all forms of totalitarianism, both fascist and communist." He placed in the Congressional Record an article on Cardinal Mindszenty from the Boston Globe.

statements by bishops

Press Role: To Alert Catholics

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Catholic Press Month statements by bishops and by Catholic newspapers have stressed the role of the press in keeping Catholics alert to vital current challenges facing the Church.

The statements, issued in connection with the February observance of Catholic Press Month, cite such events and issues as the coming Ecumenical Council, the religious unity movement, the communist menace and the problem of secularism as matters on which the faithful must read the Catholic press to get a true perspective.

The theme of the 1962 Catholic Press Month is "Alert Catholics read their Catholic press." Here



CARDINAL GREETES CONGO LEADER — New York's archbishop, Francis Cardinal Spellman, receives Congo premier, Cyrille Adoula, during the latter's visit to New York where he addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations. The two met at the Cardinal's residence and later the premier attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was guest of honor at a breakfast arranged by the Africa Committee of the Catholic Association for International Peace. (NC Photos)

Nehru Chides Bishops For Anti-Red Pastoral

ERNAKULAM, India — (NC) — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has criticized the Bishops of Kerala state for urging Catholics to vote against communists in the nation's coming parliamentary elections.

He said a recent pastoral letter on the subject was "dangerously near to religion officially interfering with the process of voting."

The Prime Minister did not mention Kerala's Catholic Hierarchy by name but his words left no doubt he was referring to them. He spoke here at election rallies for his Congress party.

"I am sorry the pastoral letter was written," Nehru said.

"I have not yet seen it, and cannot say much about it. While I suppose a bishop or archbishop has every right to express his opinion, a combination of them expressing it and asking the people to vote seems to be dangerously near to religion officially interfering with the process of voting."

The Prime Minister emphasized his own anticommunist principles and said the letter probably was written with good intentions.

Communist leader Bhupest Gupta said in Hyderabad he had sent Nehru a telegram of protest against the Kerala Bishops' pastoral.

He called the pastoral "clear disregard for the constitution and defiance of its basic tenets and the principles of secularism."

The Kerala Times pointed out that Nehru had in the past defended the right of the Hierarchy to prohibit Catholics from voting for communists.

Lutheran Official Disputes Cardinal

NEW YORK — (NC) — Francis Cardinal Spellman's view that President Kennedy's Federal aid to education program would "mean the end of our parochial schools" was challenged here by the head of the largest Protestant school system in the country.

The Cardinal's stand was disputed by Arthur L. Miller of St. Louis, executive secretary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Board of Parish Education, which supervises 1,323 schools with 150,440 pupils in 46 states.

Miller commented: "It is just as senseless to predict the end of denominational schools if Federal aid should be offered to public schools only as it would be to predict the end of the public school system if no Federal aid were enacted into law."

and in directing their attention to important secular and religious developments within our country and our archdiocese."

Archbishop John J. Swint, Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va., said the Catholic press performs an "indispensable service" to the Church, "especially in these bewildering and trying times."

Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., noting the possibility of disagreement with the Catholic press, commented: "It is likely that, if Our Lord Himself edited a Catholic paper today with the four Evangelists as regular staff writers and the other Apostles as contributing editors, there would be some readers who would not like everything in the paper."

is a roundup of comment in connection with the observance:

Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Conn., cited the "complete and authoritative" coverage which the Catholic press will give of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and said it is "important" for Catholics to follow the development of the council, which will open October 11.

Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, Tex., said Catholic laymen need the Catholic press "to inform them and assist them" to know their Faith and to "think with the Church."

Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit said the Catholic Press plays an "important role . . . in keeping our people aware of events in the universal Church