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The Vatican Council and All Christians

Claud D. Nelson, Association Press, 126 pp. \$3.00.

A long-time Protestant observer of Roman Catholicism presents the nature, scope and background of the preparations for the Second Vatican Council as a guidebook for the proceedings and pronouncements to follow.

Nuclear Weapons: A Catholic Response

Walter Stein, Ed. Sheed and Ward. 151 pp. \$3.50.

Five British university professors of the Roman Catholic faith add their views to the current symposia on the moral challenge of nuclear weapons. Although denying the philosophy of pacifism, they find within the framework of their faith a moral basis for condemning the use of nuclear arms.

Progress and Perspectives: The Catholic Quest for Christian Unity

Gregory Baum, O.S.A. Sheed and Ward. 245 pp. \$3.95.

Discussions of the Catholic theology of ecumenism and prospects for Christian unity, and a brief consideration of the relation of Jews to ecumenical dialogue are presented for priest and layman alike by a consultant of the Secretariat of Christian Unity.

The Root and the Branch

Robert Gordis. University of Chicago Press. 254 pp. \$3.95.

The author offers his understanding of the religio-ethical outlook of Judaism for the light which it can shed upon crucial issues of the day and upon the "tension-laden areas of group relations, religious, racial, and national."

Rebels, Mercenaries, and Dividends: The Katanga Story

Smith Hempstone, Praeger, 250 pp. \$4.95.

The history, economics and politics of Katangan succession, and effects of UN intervention in the Congo, are explored by an American reporter based in Africa who considers that there is substantial evidence to support a change in American policy toward the area.

Conflict and Defense

Kenneth E. Boulding. Harper. 349 pp. \$7.00.

An economist draws upon models of the social sciences to construct "a new theoretical abstraction from the general phenomenon of conflict," emphasizing in particular the system's application to international relations, and presenting a view of social reality which he hopes will add to the perspective on peace.

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