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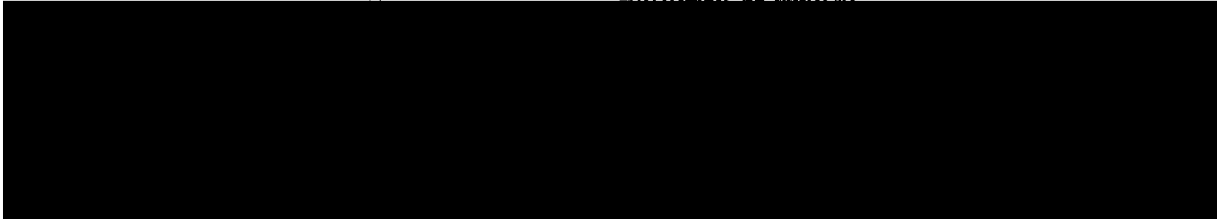
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1. The holy Synod has named as Primate of the Russian Church in Austria Monsignor Stefan, former Archbishop of Smolensk. In February 1947, Archbishop Stefan left Munich for Salzburg, center of his new archdiocese, which comprises twenty parishes spread over the three non-Russian zones of occupation in Austria.
2. The Holy Synod in Munich has welcomed Metropolitan Augustin, former Primate of the Russian Church in Latvia and former Archbishop of Riga. The prelate is now in the western zones of Germany.
3. The Holy Synod has named as Primate of the Russian Church in Australia Monsignor Theodore, former Bishop of Rovno (Ukraine). The center of the diocese will be Brisbane, where there is an Orthodox cathedral.
4. The Soviets have arrested and taken away to an unknown destination Canon Filarete (sic) of Harbin, Manchuria, who would not recognize the authority of Patriarch Aleksii of Moscow. Religious life in Harbin now appears to be completely paralyzed.

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