

## Court Bars Rite Of Consecration

Federal Judge Allan K. Grim yesterday issued an order temporarily blocking the consecration of a Rumanian Orthodox Church Bishop here today and tomorrow and, for the time being at least, restraining the proposed future bishop and other defendants from using church funds and property.

Judge Grim scheduled a hearing on the temporary injunction for 10 A. M. next Wednesday in the U. S. District Court.

The restraining order was issued at the instance of William M. Gerber and John R. Vintilla, counsel for Bishop Andrei Melcovan, of Grass Lake, Mich., and, through him, the Rumanian Orthodox Missionary Episcopate of America.

### THOSE RESTRAINED

Restrained from conducting or having any part in the scheduled ceremonies were Ioan Trutza, 723 N. Bodine st.; Viorel D. Trifa, of the same address; the Rev. John Popvich, rector of Pogorarea Duinului; Sfant at that address; Metropolitan Ioan, of Bala-Cynwyd, and Archbishop Mstyslew, of South Bound Brook, N. J.

About to be consecrated bishop was Viorel Trifa, who, said the complaint, calls himself an elected bishop on the basis of an "illegal convention" in Chicago. Apparently the week-end ceremonies were to have been performed in Mr. Popvich's church by the Metropolitan and the Archbishop who, it was averred, have no authority so to act.

### CALLED UKRAINIANS

The complaint protested that the Metropolitan and the Archbishop are Ukrainians, not members of the Rumanian Orthodox Church, and therefore were improperly designated to perform the consecration. Mostly to blame for it all, it was implied, was Ioan Trutza, however.

Trutza, said the complaint, "in reckless disregard of the rights of the Bishop and canon law of the Rumanian Church, is deliberately misrepresenting that he is head of the Episcopate Council and head of the religious organization to the detriment of the organization's best interest."

By his actions, it was averred, he "deceives and confuses" members of the church and "brings the church and the Bishop to disrespect and discredit."

Among the monies and other property "possessed and controlled" illegally by the defendants, according to the protest, was a \$13,000 fund supposedly belonging to the Episcopate and allocated for the construction of a monastery at Grass Lake, Mich., and the newspaper Solia, official organ of the Episcopate.

It was alleged that "immediate and irreparable damage" would follow the consecration of Trifa and the use of the monies and other property.

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