

## Bishop Installed Over Court Ban

Consecration of a new Rumanian bishop for the Episcopate of America was carried out yesterday in the Emmanuel Orthodox Church of the Decent of the Holy Ghost, American and Brown sts., despite a Federal court order directing that the ceremonies be postponed.

The court order was issued by U. S. District Court Judge Allen K. Grim on a petition brought by attorneys for Bishop Andrei Moldovan, of Detroit, who contended that the ceremonies would be illegal.

### RITUAL LASTS 3 HOURS

In a solemn ritual, lasting more than three hours, the Rev. Vorel D. Trifa, of Cleveland, O., was consecrated bishop and elevated to head of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada.

The induction was made by the Most Rev. Ioann Theodorovich, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox

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Church in the United States. He was assisted by the Most Rev. Archbishop Mstyslav, South Bound Brook, N. J. and the Most Rev. Archbishop of Hungary.

More than 400 members of the church attended. Fresh flowers adorned the main and side altars and mixed choirs sang throughout the ceremonies.

### ATTORNEY ATTENDS

Present throughout the services was Maximilian J. Klingner, attorney for the defendants in the suit. He stated that he had advised officials of the church to go through with the ceremonies.

Klingner explained his actions by stating he "felt the restraining order was not valid and that the court order interfered with ecclesiastical and religious matters in violation of the constitutional freedom of religion."

The Very Rev. John Popovich, administrative Archpriest, district of Philadelphia, said installation of the new bishop in this country proved that the Rumanian diocese would not tolerate interference in its affairs by the Communist-controlled Patriarch of Bucharest-Justinian.

### DECLARATION OF FAITH

Observers at the ceremonies pointed out that one of the important features was the formal declaration of faith by the newly consecrated bishop and his promise to defend and work for the peace and prosperity of the United States.

Bishop Trifa at 37 is the youngest Rumanian Orthodox bishop anywhere. He was born in Campeni, Transylvania, was graduated from the theological Orthodox Academy in Chisinau and received a degree in theology and philosophy. He will rule over 50,000 communicants and 37 dioceses.

Judge Grim, contacted at his home, would not comment on the matter except to say, "I do not wish to prejudge the case before it is brought before me on Wednesday."

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