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The three feature articles in this issue are related to a topic of immediate interest and deep concern to all Christians and to Lutherans in particular: Christian Fellowship Without Denial of One Word of God. The question of Lutheran fellowship occupied our Synod at Chicago; the problem of Lutheran world unity was the heart and core of Lund; and the thought of an ecumenical Christianity will be the central theme of the proposed Amsterdam meeting in 1948. The first article, "Luther's Concept of the *Una Sancta*," by your magazine's editor pro tem, originally appeared in *Christendom* and is republished with permission. *Christendom* is the publication of the American Committee for the World Council of Churches. The author endeavored to present Luther's view on the unity of the *Una Sancta* and the necessity of confessional consciousness to readers who are interested in a pan-Christian union and advocate an external ecumenicity.

The second article, dealing with the rather confused church situation in Germany, was prepared by Lic. Martin Kiunke. Pastor Kiunke was born August 27, 1898, in Breslau. At present he is the pastor of the congregation at Klitten, Oberlausitz (Russian Zone). Here he is gathering the dispersed members of the former flourishing Breslau Church in Silesia. He has been a member of the church council of the Breslau Synod and has been very active in the union endeavors between the Breslau Synod and the Saxon Free Church. Recently his church body appointed him professor for the proposed theological high school to be opened at Frankfurt am Main, where he will teach church history and related subjects. The topic of his dissertation for the licentiate is: "Johann Gottfried Scheibel und sein Ringen um die lutherische Reformation." His contribution to our magazine (written in German and translated by the managing editor pro tem) is an analysis of the current religious situation in Germany and an attempt to point out the main problems confronting the Lutheran Church. In this issue we shall bring the first part of his memorandum, dealing with the EKID. The second chapter will appear in an early issue and will present the church conditions as they affect the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The third article was prepared by Jaroslav Pelikan, Jr. This young author is the son of Pastor J. J. Pelikan, Chicago, Ill., of the Slovak Lutheran Church of America. He was graduated from Concordia College, Fort Wayne, in 1942; from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1946 (B.D.), and from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago in 1946 (Ph.D.). The title of his doctor's dissertation is: "Luther and the *Confessio Bohemica*." He is a member of the Department of History at Valparaiso University. Dr. Pelikan has made special studies in the field of the Lutheran Slovak Church history, an area relatively unknown to students of church history. His current contribution deals with a phase of union endeavors which is historically of considerable significance.

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