

or the other, but he said it's the only really dark blot on his history. I don't think we have to think the ~~worse~~ worst of him in that connection.

- ? Prefect of Rome ?

Does his attack on the bishop of ~~Const~~ Const° reflect the great power of the Eastern Roman Empire at that time had - and if so was Rome at that time part of the Eastern Roman Empire.

Yes, those are two questions, especially the second, upon which it's good for us to have a good understanding, although perhaps not as important as they might be at some periods.

The first of the questions: ~~ix~~ The ~~type~~ titles of officers have changed much in different periods and different areas, and I am not greatly familiar with the details at this time, ~~na~~ but it would be my impression that ~~h~~ his father was the civil ruler ~~f/~~ of Rome, that he was considered to be under the authority of the Eastern emperor = and that that authority would ~~y~~ vary, depending upon how strong the emperor might be, because you had so many of the Germanic tribes in the west, and it was not easy to exert much control. ~~xl~~ However, during this century, ~~just~~ Justinian, the great Roman emperor, had reconquered northern Africa and Italy for a brief time before Greg°'s taking over (?) Greg° was taking over. So, until Charlemagne, the emperor in Const° was theoretically emperor of the whole empire, including all the east - theoretically. But actually, ~~na~~ his power in the east - in the west, was usually very, very slight: it was apt to be more in Rome than ^{most} anywhere else because he could get there by ship as well as by land. There were probably more educated people in Rome than elsewhere, still at this time, and if he had power enough to exert any authority in the west, that's where he was likely to try to exert it. But the whole west had been overrun by these Germanic tribes who were really holding actual control, and many of them called themselves kings, and maintained themselves independently, while there were others of them who pretended to be representatives of the eastern emperor, even though the eastern emperor had had no voice in ~~xi~~ selecting them.