

freedom of religion in Poland in any way so Henry III made that promise but then, within a year after that, his brother~~/~~ died and he left Poland without any word to anybody, left when people were looking the other way and showed up in France and became King of France and so they wanted a new King in Poland and then Henry III as King of France was - I described his character a little bit - his relationship with his mother and to the "Flying Squadron" and the effect upon him and then - however, he was a man of considerable ability but of a terrifically nervous temperament and he didn't want to take the extreme ideas of the Jesuits ~~xx~~ though he was more on their side than the Protestants ~~sp~~/. In the end he and ~~his~~ mother had to flee for protection to the camp of Henry of Navarre, his cousin. And there in that camp someone came into the camp secretly and assassinated him. And that left Henry of Navarre, the next one in line for the throne and he became Henry IV. And then Henry IV you remember - and if you will read - many a book about the Reformation will say, "The Counter-Reformation in France was given a terrific setback by the fact that Henry IV became King" and so it appears. Because Henry IV though he gave up his Protestantism, was ~~very~~ thoroughly sympathetic with the Protestants - most of his relatives and friends were Protestants, he made the Edict of Nantes which not only guaranteed the Protestants freedom of religion, absolute freedom in their areas and freedom to have services in at least one village in every district throughout France, and gave them not only that but gave them the right to have their own garrisons, their own fortresses, their own protection of their areas in Southern France so that they never could be attacked with success. It gave the Protestants everything they wanted and most of the big Romanists were against every letting Henry become King. But the Jesuits insisted they should let him. And the Jesuits said, "Well if he isn't sincere - How can you tell whether a man is sincere or not? He says he is ready to accept the Roman faith. He is the next legitimate King. Receive him."