

and particularly when they thought of distant bishops they thought of the bishop of Rome, Rome the great center of the Western church, (question)  
Answer: the matter of councils is one that in those days they were always holding meetings of churches which they called councils and a meeting of the church as an area, the council of that area and so ~~that~~ there were meetings of the bishops at a city or province or large area and there are a great many of these councils but there are certain councils which we call ecumenical or general councils because of two things, one, because they claim to represent the whole Christian world and second that the Christian after that ~~the~~ time recognized them as having done so. In a controversy over the Trinity, whether Christ was fully God was a great general council held in 325, Council of Nicea, ~~at~~ which the emperor Constantine called, which has been accepted as the great general council of the church and the second council the Council of Constantinople but in between the two there were perhaps 12 or 15 councils which claim to be general councils, they were always trying in between to get a general council together that would decide in favor of Arianism or a compromise, and there ~~to~~ were perhaps 20 creeds put up in the area between the large councils, but no one of them was accepted by large ~~portions~~ portion of the church, unless it was under compulsion by the emperor and so this council to which I was referring to in 448, was a council of the area of Constantinople, the council there called by Flavian, the patriarch of Constantinople, and in this council a bishop from "Frigia" charged the error against Eutychus and this council decided to condemn them. It is one of the great many councils and a very interesting study of all these different councils, the thing that is vital for us is to know the general councils, the general councils are first, the Council of Nicea in 325, second the ~~Council of~~ Constantinople in 381, and third the Council of Ephesus in 431 and the fourth the Council of Chalcedon in 451. This council we have not yet discussed ~~it~~ and we shall discuss it to some length. I think those four dates it is good to remember ~~to~~ specifically or I would rather a thousand times you knew what third of the century it was in than there was something in 31 maybe 631 or 31