

BISHOP OF MAINZ

Explains Ordination Of Married Convert

By REV. MAX JORDAN

Frankfurt — (NC) — The decision of the Church to give permission for the ordination of a married former Protestant minister, and to accept the continuation of his marriage, "has matured slowly," said Bishop Stohr of Mainz who recently ordained the Rev. Rudolf Goethe as a priest of his diocese.

In a sermon in his cathedral the Bishop said that the decision was reached "after the most careful examination by the supreme authorities, so that we may have full confidence 'This is the finger of God' (Exod. 8, 19)."

BISHOP STOHR emphasized that there never was, nor is there now, any question of abolishing the celibacy of the priesthood, or of restricting its scope in any way. The decision in the case of Father Goethe represents a special ruling for a specific and very small group of people, he said.

In this connection the Bishop referred to the reunion of the Lutherans with the Catholic Church at the end of the 16th century. At the time married priests of that Eastern rite were admitted to the ranks of the Catholic clergy, and the procedure then adopted in their regard is still applied.

Marriage, as a sacrament, the Bishop went on, remains sacred. A marriage lived in the spirit of Christ "is not in conflict with the priestly ordination," the Bishop said, "even though, according to the teaching of the Church, it does not correspond to an ordination in the same manner as does celibacy."

"The Church," Bishop Stohr said in concluding his sermon, "was motivated in her decision by her motherly love which wants to show to the separated brethren that in no case are they to have lesser rights, but full equality."

"The decision of the Church is bold; it shows that the Church is prepared for any sacrifice provided it leaves intact the inviolable laws of God." Yielding

Henry Ford's Aid Boysville



Detroit — (NC) — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford 2nd have made a personal gift of \$42,000 to Boysville of Michigan to erect a much needed dormitory, it has been announced by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit. Boysville provides home and education for boys "with problems not of their own making." Mr. Ford long has been interested in the work of the institution and has visited it on a number of occasions. The Fords are members of St. Paul's parish in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Czechs Changing Diocesan Boundaries

London — (RNS) — Government authorities in Communist Czechoslovakia have been changing the boundaries of Roman Catholic dioceses in defiance of ecclesiastical canons, the Vatican Radio reported.

According to the Vatican Radio, the changes in the diocesan boundaries were ordered without any pretense of consulting the Catholic bishops. It pointed out that under Canon Law, the right to change or modify diocesan boundaries was reserved to the Holy See and the bishops.

British Plan Tyburn Shrine For Martyrs

By JOHN A. GREAVES
London — (NC) — The Catholics of England and Wales are to build a national shrine to their principal 105 martyrs of the Protestant Reformation on the site of their executions in the London West End.

The shrine, a church containing most of the martyrs' relics, will rise from the ruins of the bombed convent overlooking Hyde Park and the Marble Arch, which marked the site of the public gallows of Tyburn of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

A GENERAL appeal for funds will be launched, with the approval of the hierarchy, on May 4, Feast of the English Martyrs. The shrine will supersede the shattered Tyburn Convent of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart, which, up to the blitz days of World War II, was the center of countless pilgrimages in honor of the men and women, cleric and lay, who suffered there so terribly for their faith.

It will mark the termination of the annual "Tyburn Walk" across the capital each spring from the other Church of the English Martyrs near the Tower of London and from the old Newgate Jail along the route of the martyrs' last journey to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

THE PROJECT, which will cost at least 60,000 pounds sterling (\$168,000) at present costs, should appeal particularly to the Irish, whose Blessed Oliver Plunket, Archbishop of Armagh, was the last defender of the Faith to die at Tyburn in 1681. It should also attract the sympathy of Spain, whose ambassadors at the time of the persecutions often witnessed the executions under the protection of their diplomatic immunity and managed to preserve many of the relics that still exist.

A committee of two priests and five laymen has been formed to handle the appeal. The church will be held in the name of the four Archbishops of England and Wales — Westminster, Liverpool, Birmingham and Cardiff.

Award



First Lieut. Robert M. McGovern, 23, of Washington, D. C., former employee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, one of two brothers killed in action in Korea, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery above and beyond the call of duty, while with Co. A, First Cavalry Div.

Supper Rosary Program Wins Popularity In West

By REV. WALTER J. TAPPE
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)
San Francisco — A year ago they said it couldn't be done.

A year ago more wet blankets were thrown on the idea than any other since the days of flying machines.

Who will recite the Rosary over the radio every day at supper time, they sneered?

Undaunted, Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco inaugurated a Rosary Hour over radio station KFOV, Oakland.

On January 8, the Archdiocese of San Francisco marked the first anniversary of the Rosary Hour with a group of 216 men from 216 parishes broadcasting the Rosary.

Since that night one year ago, when Archbishop Mitty led his people in the recitation of the Rosary, the Rosary Hour has developed into one of the most popular religious programs on the Pacific Coast.

Every evening one of the parishes has a group of its men and a priest in the studio to recite the Rosary over the air.

About 40,000 pieces of mail have been received at the radio station. Over 150,000 listeners tune in the program daily according to a radio survey.

When the radio station enlarged its quarters, it named one of its new studios the "Rosary Room" in tribute to its most popular program.

The guest book has more than 6,000 names of men (no women allowed to broadcast) who have participated in the broadcast.

Protestant Leader Urges Religion In Public Schools

New York — (NC) — "Religion ought to be the central factor in all of life as well as in our schools and colleges," Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of the Union Theological Seminary, declared in a lecture here.

Calls Prayer Plan Threat To Liberty

New York — (RNS) — A proposal by the State Board of Regents to begin the school day with a prayer is "a threat to the religious liberty of the growing number of Americans who do not believe in God," the Society for the Advancement of Judaism was told here.

Dr. J. Paul Williams, professor of religion at Mount Holyoke College at South Hadley, Mass., in making this statement, vigorously affirmed his own belief in a personal deity. But he contended that requiring students of all religious attitudes to participate in public prayer to God would be indoctrination in sectarianism since considerably less than 100 per cent of Americans hold theistic beliefs.

Dr. Williams quoted public opinion polls as indicating that between six and 10 million Americans hold atheistic or agnostic views.

King Gives Nuns Order Of Empire

London — (NC) — Three nuns and a Vicar General in far-flung mission fields were among the many Catholics who received awards from King George VI in the traditional New Year's list of honors.

Included among them also were five Catholics who received the knighthood and the di. King George VI, rector of the Women's Royal Naval Service, who was named a Dame of the British Empire.

MSGR. E. M. LEE, Vicar General of Port Louis, on the Island of Mauritius, a British Indian Ocean Colony, received the Order of the British Empire, while the three nuns became members of the British Empire. The nuns are Mother Eugenie Bloeker, superior of St. Joseph's Convent, Jesselton, North Borneo; Sister Mary Frances Rolleston, who is stationed in Tanganyika, Africa, and Sister Mary Clematis Schmitt, who operates a Catholic leper hospital at Anelasma, New Ireland, in the New Guinea Territory.

KNIGHTED WAS Dr. John Rothenstein, director of London's Tate Picture Gallery. He and his wife, Lady Rothenstein, from Lexington, Ky., are both converts. He is the son of an artist, Sir William Rothenstein, and taught art at both the Kentucky and Pittsburgh Universities early in his career. He was appointed as "director" of the Tate Gallery in 1933 at the age of 36, and was the first Catholic to take charge of a British national art collection.

India Press Month
Tutukorin, India — (NC) — India will have a Catholic Press Month in February, modeled after that of the United States, during which concerted efforts will be made to promote the study and diffusion of Catholic literature.

Parents Association Opposes Prayers

New York — (RNS) — Reaffirmation of its stand against the recitation of prayers in the public schools was voted by the United Parents Association here.

Parent groups in the city's five boroughs are federated in the association which claims to represent 235,000 parents of children in 335 schools.

School Plaque
Alexandria, La. — (RNS) — Knights of Columbus in Louisiana want a plaque carrying the Ten Commandments placed in every school in the state.



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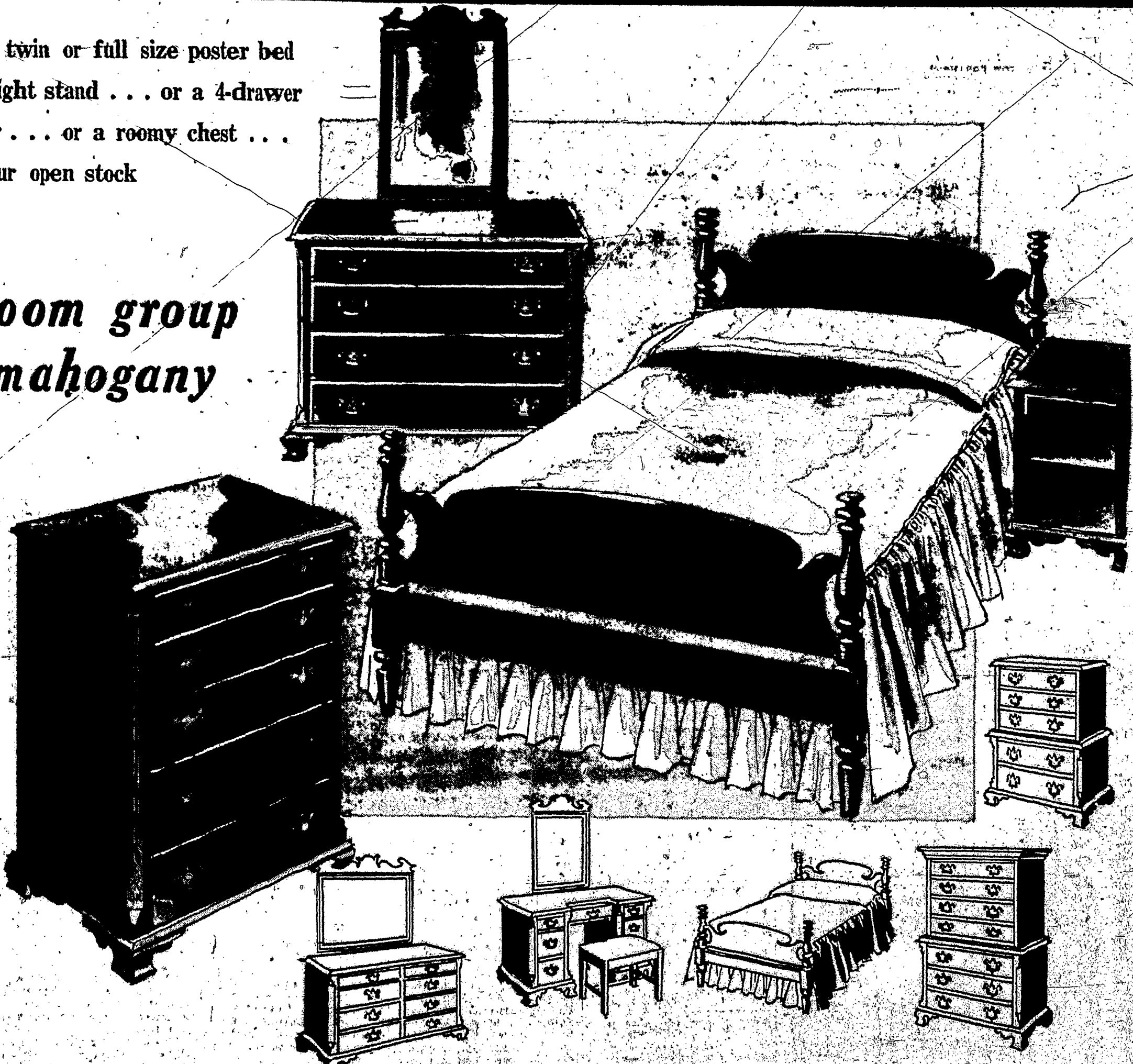
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