

### East German Catholics Face New Red Threat

Berlin — (RNS) — East German Communists in recent weeks have notably stepped up their campaign against the Catholic Church in the Soviet Zone. For the first time, they are hinting openly at efforts to pressure East German Catholics into "disassociating" themselves from the West German hierarchy.

COMMUNIST propagandists are capitalizing on statements by West German bishops and theologians which they charge were calculated to drum up support for the atomic armament of West Germany.

One of the statements was a joint pastoral letter of the bishops of North Rhine Westphalia, which stressed that Catholic teaching does not rule out the defensive use of nuclear weapons.

The other was a declaration by seven prominent theologians which also upheld the defensive use of atomic weapons. Obviously referring to West Germany's membership in NATO, it said that if a State belongs to a defense system and fulfills the resulting obligations, including appropriate armament, "it does nothing but comply with its duty toward its own citizens and toward the community of people."

The Communists have contended that the two declarations constitute direct support by the German hierarchy of West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's "atom war policy."

SINCE CATHOLIC prelates in the Soviet Zone also belong to the Conference, the Communists added, it remains to be seen whether, and in what way, they will disassociate themselves from the West German Bishop's "support of atomic armament."



### New Atomic Energy Chief

Washington — (NC) — Following ceremonies in the White House, President Dwight Eisenhower congratulates Mrs. John A. McCone of Los Angeles after her husband (center) was sworn in as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. McCone is a Knight of St. Gregory.

### Parochial Pupils Lunch 'Illegal'

Topeka, Kan. — (RNS) — State Attorney General John Anderson ruled here that a Kansas School district cannot budget public funds for a school lunch program for parochial pupils.

Mr. Anderson wrote a school board member, "There is no statute which authorizes the expenditure of public funds for the maintenance of a school lunch program for parochial school students."

### Italy Boys Town Stadium Gift Of N. Y. Donor

Rome — (NC) — Boys' Town of Rome has inaugurated a new stadium and sports field, the gift of Nathan Ohrbach, a New York store owner.

An increase in the number of boys when four new buildings were opened in September, made the sports area and equipment an urgent necessity. Mr. Ohrbach, a longtime friend of Boys' Town of Rome, responded to the need with the gift, which he called "a testimonial to our harmonious Italian-American relations."

Among those at the inauguration ceremony were American Ambassador James D. Zellerbach and his wife.

### The News This Week

The Church's continual battle to win souls went on this past week against this back drop of news.

United Nations, N.Y. — Communist Russia again showed its true face in the Middle East crisis by blocking peaceful efforts to re-establish order by the West in using its veto twice (number 84 and number 85) at UN Security Council sessions.

Cairo, Egypt — Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic, said that the kingdoms of Jordan, Lebanon and Algeria would soon join his Arab federation. In lining up with Moscow, Nasser is one more who is walking the political tightrope in hoping to achieve his goal by using communist power as his backer, without falling into the communist web. The Pope has warned repeatedly that communist nations can not be trusted.

Washington — President Eisenhower agreed to a Soviet bid for a summit conference — provided that it is held at the UN, after pressure was put on him by Great Britain. Gen Charles de Gaulle, France's premier, meanwhile, said that the United Nations was not a suitable place for the meeting, although he agreed that a conference was needed.

Beirut, Lebanon — Robert Murphy, President Eisenhower's special envoy, worked with government and opposition leaders in trying to effect a compromise in the problems that caused Lebanon to become a scene of a civil strife. Meanwhile, elections in that country, due to take place this week, were postponed in definitely. Bishop Paul Meouchi, Patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church, had a two-hour conference with Murphy in explaining his views on the problems facing the country.

Lodz, Poland — This predominantly-Catholic country received another blow to its freedom when communist premier Wladyslaw Gomulka re-emphasized Poland's allegiance to the communist bloc and hailed the Soviet Union as his country's strongest friend and ally.

Esperanto: Hymns Munich — (RNS) — A West German Catholic Esperantist movement with headquarters here has issued a hymn book in Esperanto.

### I've Been Married For Six Months, I Still Can't Figure My Wife Out

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We've been married six months now, and I still can't figure my wife out. Like the other evening, I knew she'd been crying about something, but she wouldn't tell me. Some days when I'm tired, she wears me out with talking; at other times, she claims I don't show any interest in what I want to tell her. These are only a few examples. Do you think we're incompatible?

You probably are, Frank, for as Chesterton once remarked, "Men and women are incompatible by nature."

It would be little short of a miracle if you and your wife always felt the same way, were emotionally up or down on the same days, and felt like talking or being silent at the same times.

Unfortunately, there's been so much talk about the need for "compatibility in building a successful marriage" that many young couples feel they're just not meant for each other if they don't find perfect agreement.

In going over much of the modern literature on the subject, I get the impression that only two colorless morons would meet all the specifications required for perfect compatibility.

IN REALITY, this thinking is based on a defective psychology which assumes that people have a basic personality structure that can't be modified or adapted. Hence if husband and wife discover that they have dissimilar personal-



ities, they're caught in a hopeless situation and may as well head for the divorce court at once.

What does Chesterton's remark really mean, Frank? Obviously that men and women, as two distinct expressions of human nature, are necessarily different; and with the French, most of us would agree, "give us a difference." But there's more to it than that. No two women — or two men — are quite alike.

Since marriage involves such constant, intimate companionship, it brings out the individual masculine and feminine differences of husband and wife in full contrast. Dating and courtship do this to some extent, but they are relatively shallow associations in comparison with marriage.

Whether they recognize it or not, most couples put on their best behavior during courtship. In the routine intimacy of marriage, they appear as they really are.

Hence only in marriage do couples start getting acquainted with each other to any marked degree. The process takes time, starting in earnest as soon as the novelty and emotional effervescence of first intimacy wears off. In this sense, we can say that marriage really begins only after the honeymoon has faded.

THIS DOES NOT mean that marriage is a dull, monotonous routine into which you have been tricked by your emotions. It can become such only for shallow couples who make no attempt to understand and ap-

preciate each other's diverse qualities. Some fall to do this because they foolishly believe that they know each other perfectly already; while others are so immature and self-centered that they simply ignore the richness and distinctiveness of their partner's character.

How can you go about getting better acquainted with your wife? Paradoxically, Frank, the first step is to become better acquainted with yourself. You need greater insight into your own character, your changing moods, interests, and dispositions.

Reflect on your own need for encouragement, friendship, affection, and affection. Analyze your motives, your reactions to success or failure, your own emotional ups and downs.

Once you have gained some insight into yourself, apply this knowledge to your wife.

Try to put yourself in her position. She too is an individual, with her distinctive moods, reactions, and personal needs. These are different from your own, of course, but they make her what she is, the woman you loved and married. Like yourself, she also seeks happiness and fulfillment in marriage.

If adjustments must be made, remember, Frank, you must both make them. In marriage you are helpmates, partners, supporting one another, and helping to carry each other's burdens. You can do this from day to day only to the extent that you understand each other.

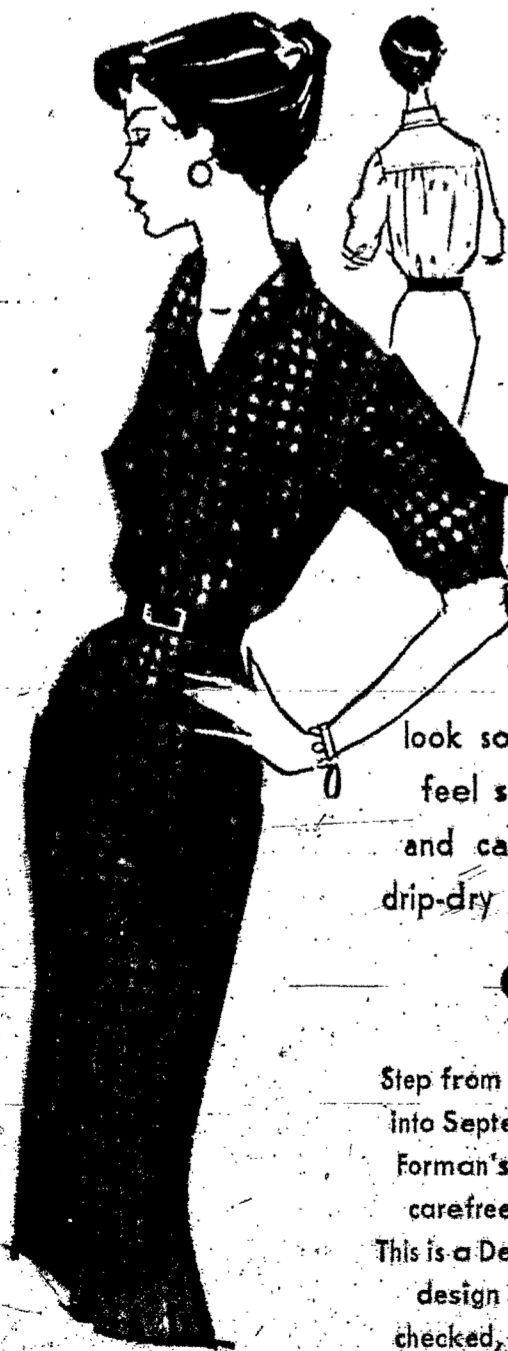
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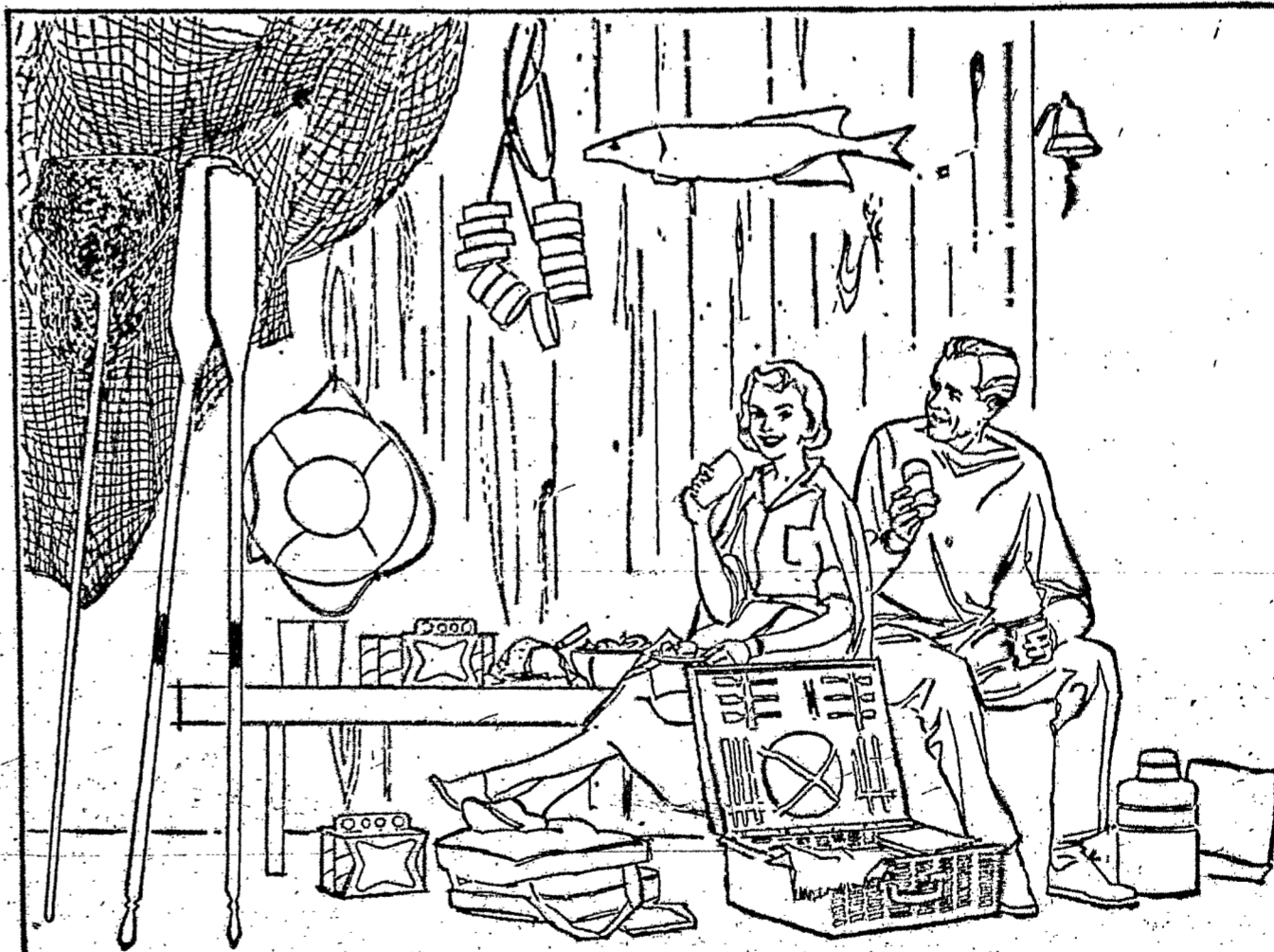
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