

### Pope Names Eight New Cardinals

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orary doctor of laws degree by De Paul University in Chicago.

Previously he had served as Papal Delegate to the first National Congress of Religious in the U.S. held at South Bend, Ind.

Besides being secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, Father Morano is consultant of the Sacred Congregation of the Council and of the Holy Office, and of the Pontifical Commission for Authentic Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law.

Archbishop Testa, who was formerly Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem, is a 73-year-old native of Bolzano, in the Diocese of Bergamo, Italy. Archbishop Marella, 64, whose birthplace was Rome, was named Papal Nuncio to France after having previously served as Apostolic Delegate to Japan.

Last August he presided at impressive ceremonies in Paris marking the 100th anniversary of the death of St. John Baptist Vianney, the Cure of Ars, who is the patron saint of the diocesan clergy.

OBSERVERS here said they believed the Pope had chosen the new cardinals with an eye particularly to the Ecumenical Council for which he announced plans last January, since all of them belong to the special commission set up to prepare the Council.

They said that in addition, the new appointments will strengthen the international character of the Roman Curia, which will now include, besides Italians, two French Cardinals (Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College, and Andre Cardinal Dubois), one Spanish (Cardinal - designate Larraona), one American (Cardinal-designate Muench), one British (Cardinal - designate Heard), one Argentine (Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, Archbishop of Buenos Aires), one German (Cardinal - designate Bea), and one Australian (Gregory Peter XV Cardinal Australian, Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith).

### Should Mother Or School Tell Girl Facts Of Life?

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Our parish Mothers Club wants to sponsor a showing of the Disney film on menstruation for our 5th to 8th grade girls. They feel our little girls need to be clinically instructed in all such matters at a very early age. I objected in vain, maintaining that mothers should give the needed instruction gradually, and that the film was only an escape to excuse them from giving any personal instruction. Am I wrong?

My first observation, Clara, is that it takes a woman to catch a woman! Your letter displays keen insight into feminine, or should I say maternal, psychology.

Most modern mothers are quite aware of their serious obligation to instruct and guide their daughters, but whether through shallow prudery, lack of understanding, or the selfish desire to escape the bother of gradual training, they try to hand the job over to the school or to get it over with by showing a film. Unfortunately, this system of duck-passing obvious maternal obligations is all too frequently encouraged by the readiness with which outsiders are willing to take over the job.

Let your position and mine be misunderstood, let me say at once that the Disney film is excellent, unobjectionable in itself, and can serve a highly useful purpose.

As you remark, "I doubt very much whether the movie will upset or confuse my own ten-year old. She is aware of about all the facts and comes to me freely in a natural manner as with any other type subject when she hears new information or usually misinformation. She and her twelve brothers and sisters have always been that way."

Hence the point at issue is not really the showing of the film, but rather what this approach implies. You state, "I feel that many mothers simply send their daughters to see such a movie and feel they are then excused from giving any personal instruction though their children will not be benefited at ten years of age by the mere viewing of a film."

What I'm trying to say is that girls sex instruction must be given gradually from the



most natural place (the mother) and junior high age is quite early enough to bring in the anatomical study of why and how in a group study program.

You state your position well. Sex instruction is not a one-shot affair, and facts mean very little unless they are related to the child's experience. At the same time, the study of the anatomical mechanism involved is neither pertinent or useful at this early age.

Just as the young girl can learn a great deal about good and bad habits without understanding the mechanisms of digestion or learning even a chart of the digestive tract, she can be taught what she needs to know about her sexual development at this time without going into anatomical details.

Most current approaches to the sex instruction of youth labor under several serious misconceptions. First, as I have suggested, they confuse knowledge of facts with education. But sex education involves more than knowledge of facts; it implies the interpretation of these facts in terms of personal development and human destiny. As a consequence it necessarily includes growth in self-knowledge and self-control.

Further, current approaches

tend to treat sexual phenomena out of context. Sex is only one property in the human person, so that its nature, character, mechanisms, and proper function can be understood adequately only in reference to the total person.

Current emphasis not only exaggerated the importance of sex in personality development but distorts its relationship to other human drives and impulses of equal, if not greater significance.

As a result, current approaches misconceive the role of parents in training their children. The argument is frequently advanced that modern parents refuse to give their younger adequate instruction and training.

This may be true, but the logical remedy should not be a program emphasizing parental obligations, together with competent courses of instruction for parents.

It seems to me, Clara, you should have suggested the film be shown to the Mothers Club. I suspect the mothers would learn a great deal more than their daughters from viewing it. The crux of the problem, of course, is the inability of most women to face the facts of sex in their own lives, but a discussion of that point will have to be postponed until later.

### 'Maverick' Returns To Faith, Dies

Cassleton, N.D. — (NC) — Requiem Mass for U.S. Sen. William Langer, 73, of North Dakota, was offered in St. Leo's church here. Burial was in the family plot beside the grave of his wife in St. Leo's cemetery.

The colorful legislator was known as "maverick" throughout most of his long political career. A Republican, he often crossed party lines to vote with the opposition on a number of major issues.

In 1958, he was denied the endorsement of the North Dakota Republican convention for the Senate, but he ran as an independent, carried every county in the state in the primary and was reelected. His political nonconformism earned him the sobriquet of "Wild Bill" Langer.

The Senator was a "maverick," too, most of his life in the matter of religion. Born and reared in the Catholic faith, he lapsed from the practice of his religion in his manhood until a few months before his death, according to the Fargo diocese chancery office.

Sen. Langer was grieved deeply by the death of his wife, Lydia, from cancer last August. Shortly afterwards, he quietly returned to the faith of his childhood and to the sacraments. His health began to fail after the death of his wife and he was hospitalized for three weeks in Washington with a siege of pneumonia.

### Prelate Owns Pagan Temple

Taipei — (RNS) — Communist-exiled Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy of Wuchow, China, now head of the Maryknoll Fathers' mission in Formosa, is probably the only Catholic prelate to own a Buddhist temple.

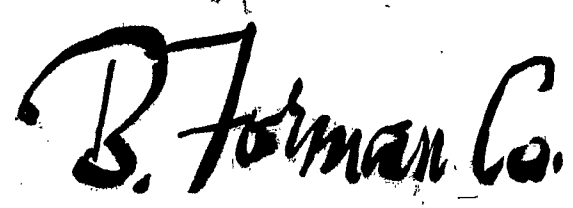
The American-born bishop unwittingly became heir to an ancient temple at Hsueh, about 60 miles south of here, when he purchased a plot of land there.

### Youth Crime Jumps 118%

Los Angeles — (NC) — The commander of the Los Angeles Police Department's juvenile bureau told a U.S. Senate subcommittee on juvenile delinquency that juvenile arrests here increased 118 per cent in the last eight years.

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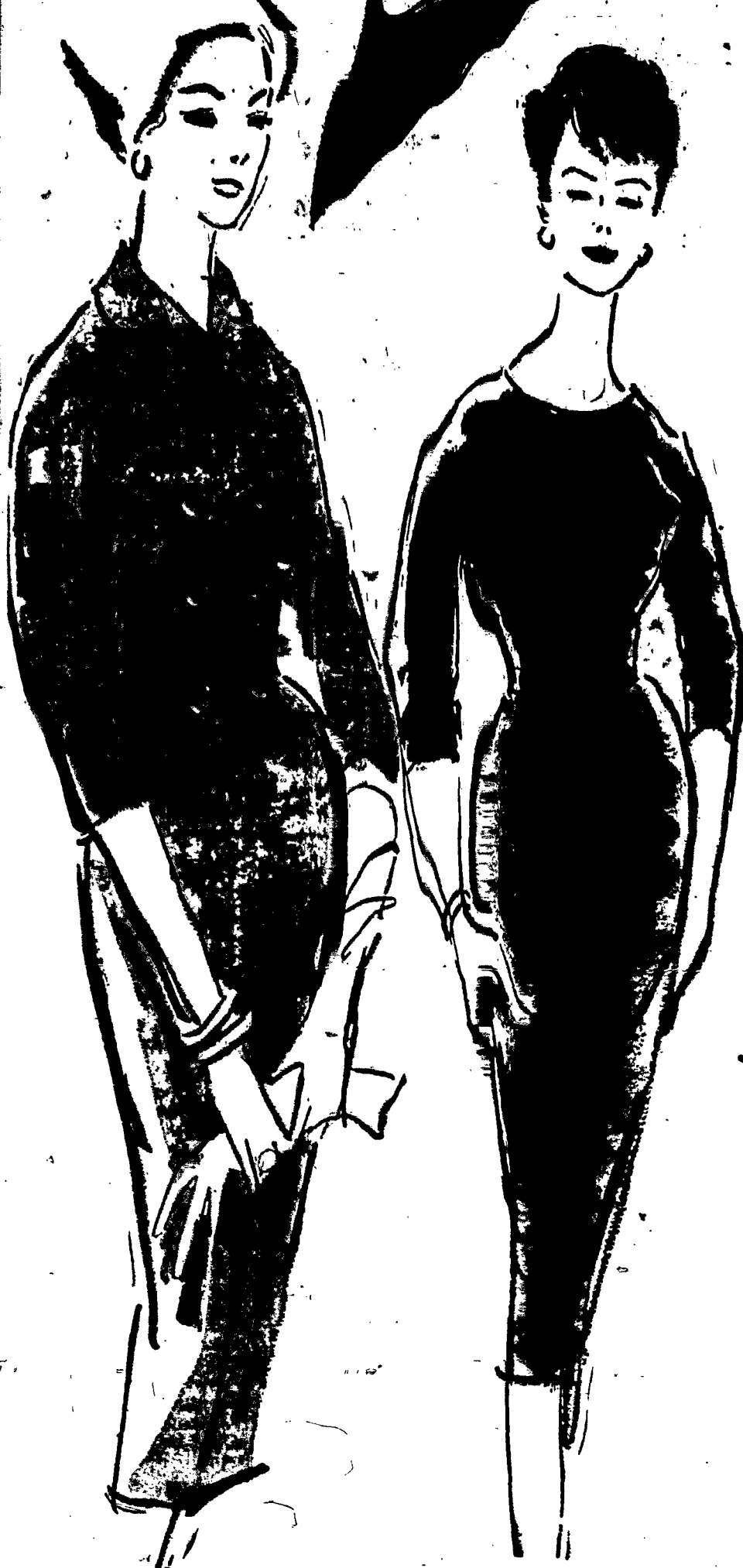
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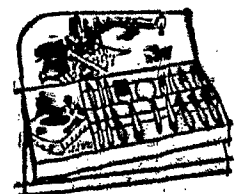


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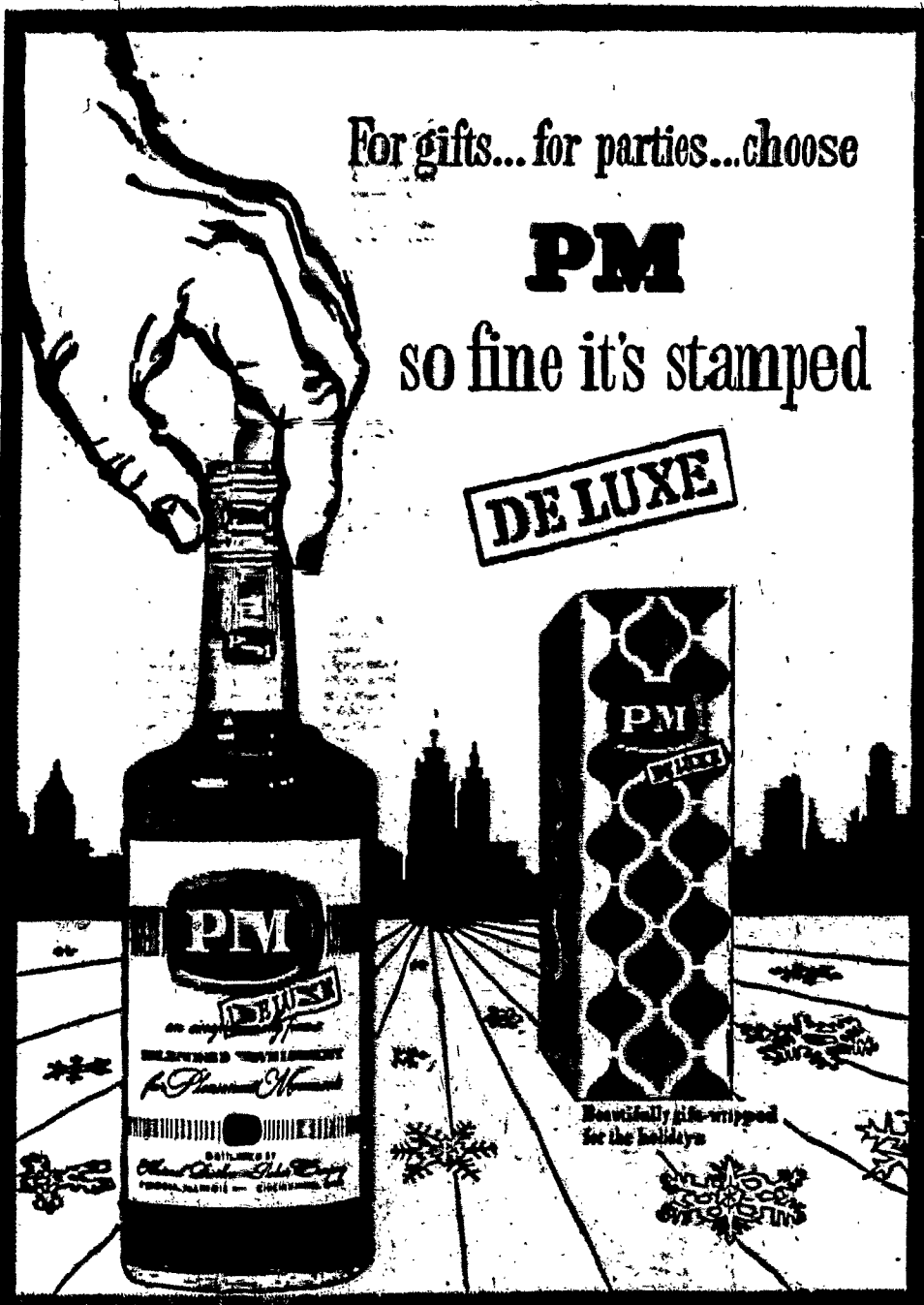
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