

Priest-Scientist Says

Evolution, Dogma Not In Conflict

Chicago — (NC) — A true theory of evolution "is not in contradiction to any Catholic dogma," a priest-anthropologist has declared.

However, Father J. Franklin Ewing, S.J., told a Charles Darwin centennial conference, Catholics cannot accept any evolution theory which ignores or denies God's creative activity and His direct creation of each human soul.

THE DARWIN centennial observance was held at the University of Chicago to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the publication of Darwin's book "The Origin of Species," in which he proposed the theory of evolution.

Father Ewing, professor of anthropology at Fordham University, New York, was joined in outlining a Christian view of evolution by the Rev. Jaroslav Pelikan, Lutheran minister and professor of historical theology in the federated theological faculty of the University of Chicago.

Earlier sessions of the Darwin observance had heard some speakers contend that evolution rules out divine creation of the earth or man.

Among them was British biologist Sir Julian Huxley, who declared:

"The earth was not created. It evolved. So did all the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body."

FATHER EWING denied in his address that there is any "real conflict in terms of head-on, edge-to-edge opposition between science and religion." The conflicts that have arisen among philosophers, theologians and scientists, he said, have most often come about when one or the other made pronouncements in a field in which he was not qualified.

"As a Catholic," he declared, "I believe that the intellect is gravely involved in religion. . . I believe that truth perceived by science or philosophy is ultimately from God, Who is the Author of all truth. . . Any adequate concept of God would preclude the possibility that truth learned by a reasonable study of God's universe could ever be in conflict with truth presented to us by Revelation."

That God should contradict Himself is unthinkable."

Father Ewing stated that "the question of evolution affords us an excellent example of how Catholic theologians can change their opinion, without challenging the immutability of Catholic doctrine."

He recalled that 100 years ago Darwin's theory seemed to many Catholic thinkers to call into question some sections of Scripture, especially the Book of Genesis.

To those who believe that theologians were "too slow to accept the evolution of man's body," the Jesuit scientist replied that at the time of the publication of "The Origin of Species," scientific evidence for evolution was "scant indeed."

Nevertheless, he said: "From the beginning Catholic writers made it clear that a spiritualistic evolution — one which allowed of the human spirit and the fact of God the Creator — did not come into opposition with any Catholic dogma."

New Bishops Named By Pope

Washington — (NC) — Pope John XXIII has named new bishops for the Dioceses of Manchester, N.H., and Norwich, Conn., and appointed an auxiliary bishop in Trenton, N.J.

Msgr. Ernest J. Primeau, 59, who recently returned after 12 years as rector of the Chicago archdiocese's house of studies in Rome, is to be Bishop of Manchester, N.H.

Msgr. James J. Hogan, 48, chancellor of the Trenton diocese, is to be Titular Bishop of Philomelium and Auxiliary to Bishop George W. Ahr of Trenton.

Msgr. Vincent J. Hines, 47, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., is to be Bishop of the neighboring Diocese of Norwich.

National Shrine Dedication

Washington — (RNS) — Scenes at the Friday, Nov. 20, dedication rite of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception show Cardinal Spellman blessing the sanctuary as Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles and Cardinal Tien of Peking watch. In the pulpit is Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, apostolic delegate to this country, as he reads a message from Pope John XXIII. Dwarfed by the immensity of the new shrine is the group of over 200 American bishops in the sanctuary for the dedication Mass. Over 4,000, including top governmental figures, attended the ceremony.

Archbishop Vagnozzi reads papal message

Home Mission Program Suffers Drop In Funds

Chicago — (RNS) — Contributions to the Catholic Church Extension Society totaled \$1,975,109 for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, representing a decrease of \$264,088 over the previous year.

The figure was announced at the society's 54th annual meeting here by Auxiliary Archbishop William D. O'Brien of Chicago, president of the group in 1958.

He also said that more than 5,000 missionary churches have been built in this country by the society within the last 50 years.

More than 100 archbishops and bishops, and 200 priests attended the meeting. Presiding at the gathering was Cardinal-designate Albert G. Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago, who is the society's chancellor.

In his report, Archbishop O'Brien said that much of the society's success in its mission-work "is undoubtedly due to the dedicated laymen serving in key positions, side-by-side with the clergy."

The society is the principal home missions organization of the Catholic Church in the U.S. It provides funds for the building, repairing and furnishing of mission churches and chapels, and for the maintenance of its property in this country and its possessions.

Don't Drink Too Much

Vatican City — (RNS) — Osvatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, warned that daily cocktail drinking could lead to chronic alcoholism.

An occasional cocktail is "frankly pleasant," but nevertheless it "should more properly be called a scorpion's tail because of the harm it could ultimately do to the body," the paper said.

It listed among the ill effects of "too many cocktails too often" degeneration of the liver, heart and arteries, a tendency to skin diseases, an influx of blood to the brain, nervous degeneration, insomnia with hallucinations, and general physical and moral decay.

Latin America

End Poverty, Prelates Plea

Medellin, Colombia — (NC) — The Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) has told this area's Catholics that they must strive to end the huge economic and social differences dividing Latin America's people.

These differences, CELAM said in the first statement issued after an annual meeting, are at the root of the grave problems that today afflict the area. The council also warned that these differences provide fertile soil for communist propaganda.

Presiding over the 17th annual CELAM meeting was Archbishop Miguel Dario Miranda of Mexico City. Six of the bishops came here from Washington, D.C., where they

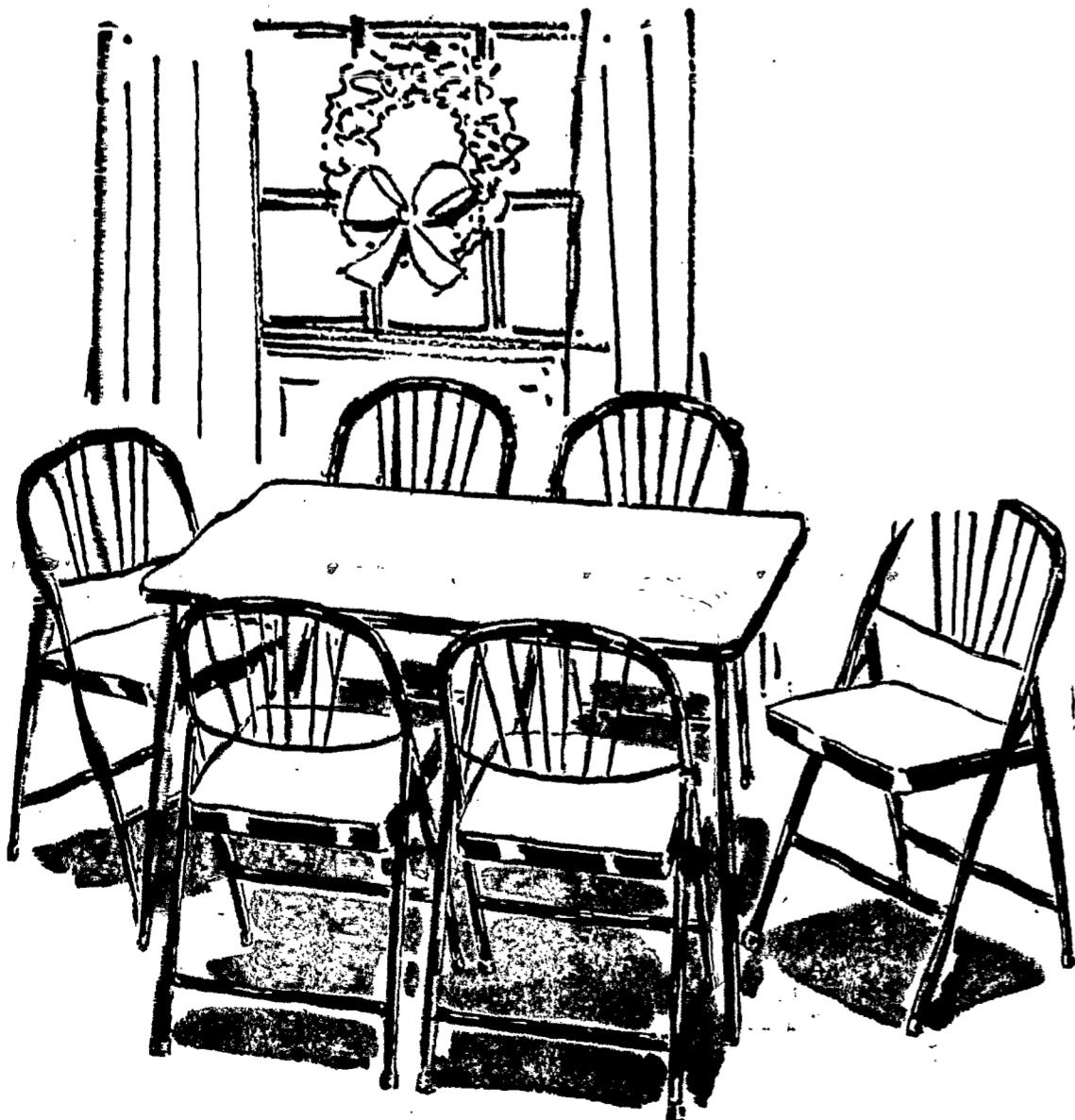
discussed the needs of the Church in Latin America with top-ranking representatives of the hierarchies of the U.S. and Canada.

The CELAM statement stressed that men need an adequate standard of living if they are to fulfill God's laws.

Noting that the profound and widespread changes taking place in Latin America as a result of scientific and technical advances have given rise to hopes for a better social order in which prosperity is not restricted to a favored few, the statement declared.

Bishops at dedication Mass.

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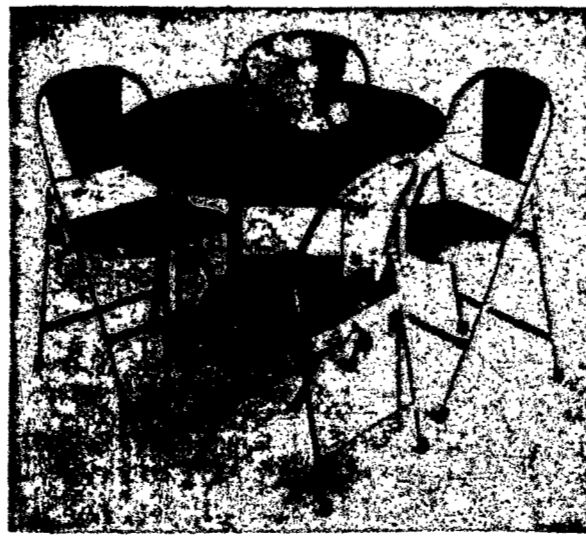


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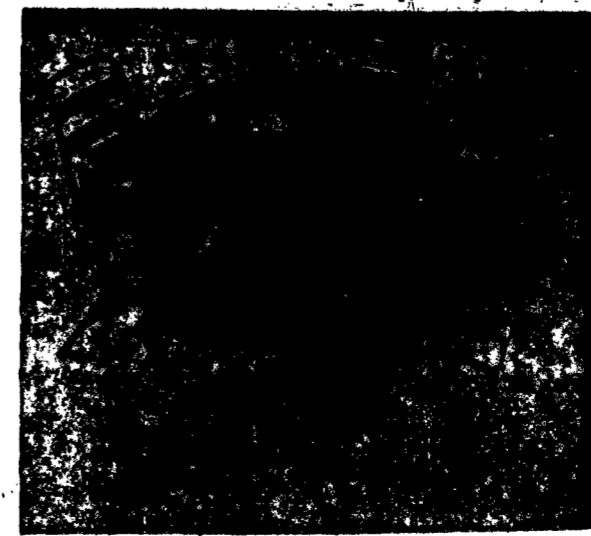
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