

# Scaring Numbers Of Catholics At Secular Colleges

New York — (NC) — Nine out of ten U.S. Catholic college students, it is estimated, will be in secular schools by 1990, and a vastly enlarged Newman movement will be needed to meet their intellectual and spiritual requirements.

But, he adds, where proper pastoral care is available to such students, the number who leave the Church "appears to be no greater, and probably less, than in the ordinary city parish of comparable size."

He cites a 1958 report by 302 Newman Club chaplains showing that in the five years between 1952 and 1956 there were at their schools 5,739 conversions to Catholicism and 550 vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

This same survey, however, revealed a "pathetic inadequacy" of personnel and facilities in the work of Newman Clubs for Catholic students.

According to Father O'Brien, there are 741 Newman Clubs or similar groups in the country, but fewer than 100 have a full-time chaplain. There is one priest for every 576 Catholic students in secular colleges, compared with one priest or Religious for every 31 students in Catholic colleges, he states.

Of 568 Newman Clubs and other such groups covered in the 1958 survey, he says, only 62 had their own student centers, while 232 had no special facilities at all.

# Father Ray Minder's Report Catholic High Schools Campaign

Highest percentage paid during March — St. Joseph's parish, Penfield.

Highest amount of cash paid in March — Holy Rosary, Rochester.

Highest percentage paid toward total goal — St. Joseph, Rochester.

Highest total amount paid in cash to date — Sacred Heart Cathedral.



# War Pledge Still Kept

Worcester — (RNS) — "I do it is vital to the future of difficult because it is a fight against new, modern youth centers built by the Communists to attract the children of the poor. It is a fight even against rock 'n' roll music."

While stopping off here during a five-month tour of the United States to form chapters of the Orphans of Italy, Father Carloni said Italian Communists are working very hard to organize young people.

Enlarging on this, he asserted that the fight against Communism has been helped and trained by the young people in Russia who have been replaced by the youngsters of poor fishermen in Chioggia, the homeless street urchins of Naples, the emaciated youngsters of Verona and Salerno.

Father Carloni was able to accomplish his good work through aid of an American organization known as Orphans of Italy, Inc. Recently a branch of the movement was started here.

The priest said the work he and his fellow Oratorian Father

# U.S. Youth Face Freedom Choice

Newport — (NC) — Unless American youngsters decide to be a part of the solution of the communist problem, they "could easily become part of the problem itself."

Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation gave this warning in an address to Catholic high school basketball teams who participated in the Eastern States Catholic Invitational Tournament here.

"With its natural enthusiasm and optimism," Sullivan said, "youth is a vital force in the ferment of current world affairs. The vigor and vitality of younger people have always constituted a dynamic force of immense power. Directed into constructive channels, it can be an immense force for good."

HE WARNED that "the communists, well aware of the potential of youthful energy seek to gain control of this driving force in order to manipulate it for their own purposes."

If young people fail to decide to be "part of the solution" of the problem, they easily could become "part of the problem" themselves, he said.

Recalling Lenin's words that "youth will decide the issue of the entire struggle," Sullivan said that "the communists are trying continuously to put pressure on youth both in the United States and abroad."

Sullivan said the Communist party today "has returned with renewed vigor to expanding its influence among American youth," and is "devoting a great part of its energies to developing a nucleus of a new nation."

# Laity Urged To More Active Role

Cincinnati — (NC) — Jerome G. Kirwin, Chicago political scientist, called on Catholic lay persons to take a more-active role in politics and community affairs.

He cited as a current example of needed action the Federal aid to schools controversy.

Head of the University of Chicago political science department, Kirwin is a Catholic active in community projects. He told the Cincinnati Mediaevalists that Catholics have been afflicted with "a very cynical approach to politics" in the past.

"The authentic Catholic tradition is that politics is a very high and worthy activity," he asserted. He said the larger number of politicians are "honest, self-sacrificing, and underpaid." But because government activity "does not escape the spotlight of publicity," it sometimes seems more corrupt than other enterprises, he added.

As to community welfare activities, Mr. Kirwin said: "I sometimes feel very lonely when I look around and see so few Catholics in such projects."

He predicted that "Catholics in this land are going to make a great contribution to the history of the Church," citing the "growing number of Catholics in graduate schools" as a source of intellectual leadership.

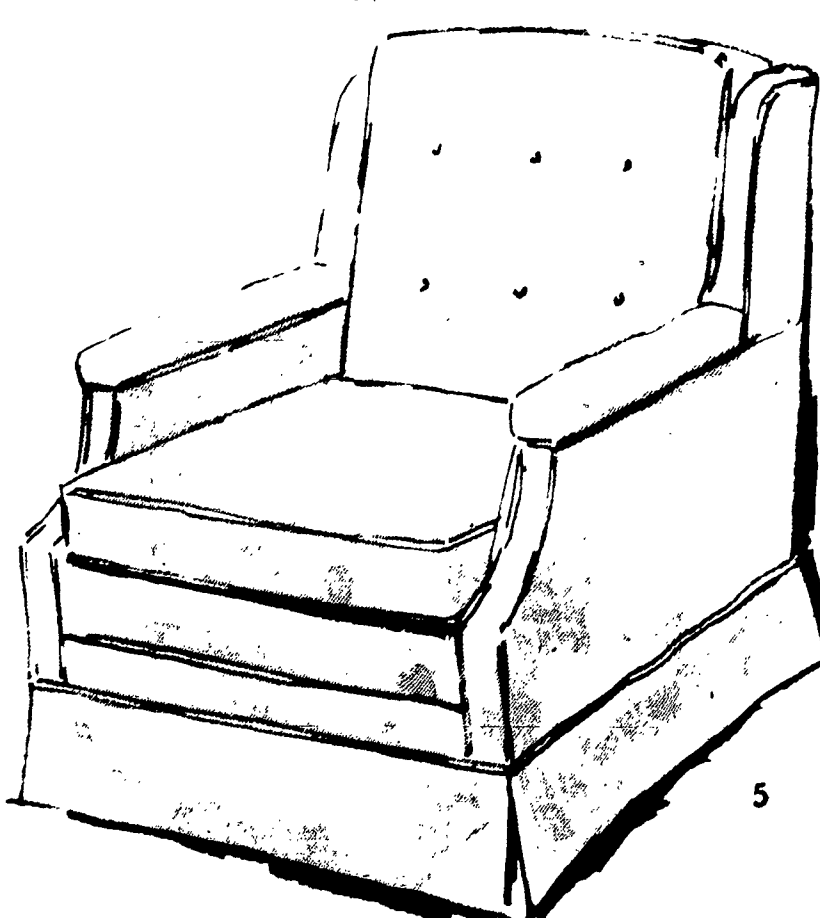
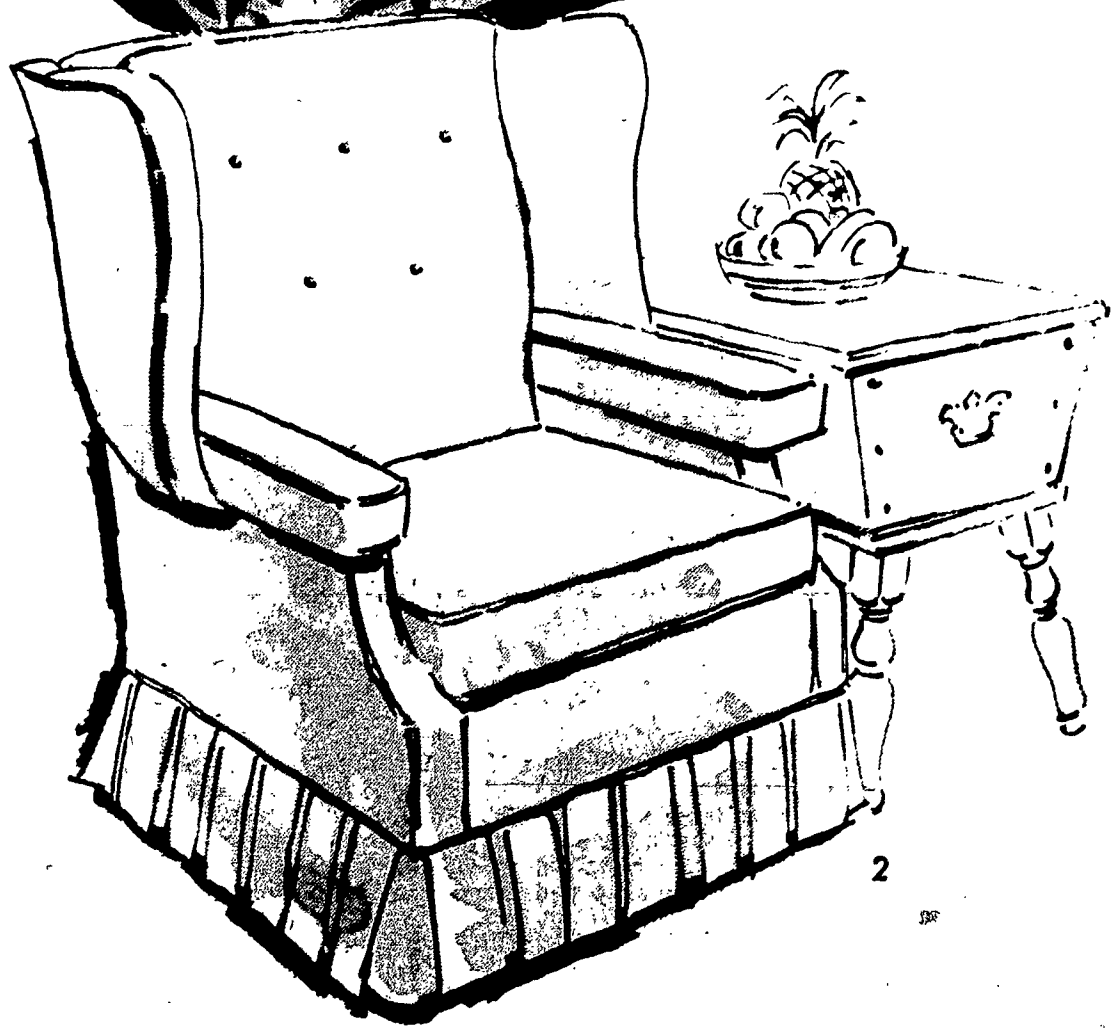
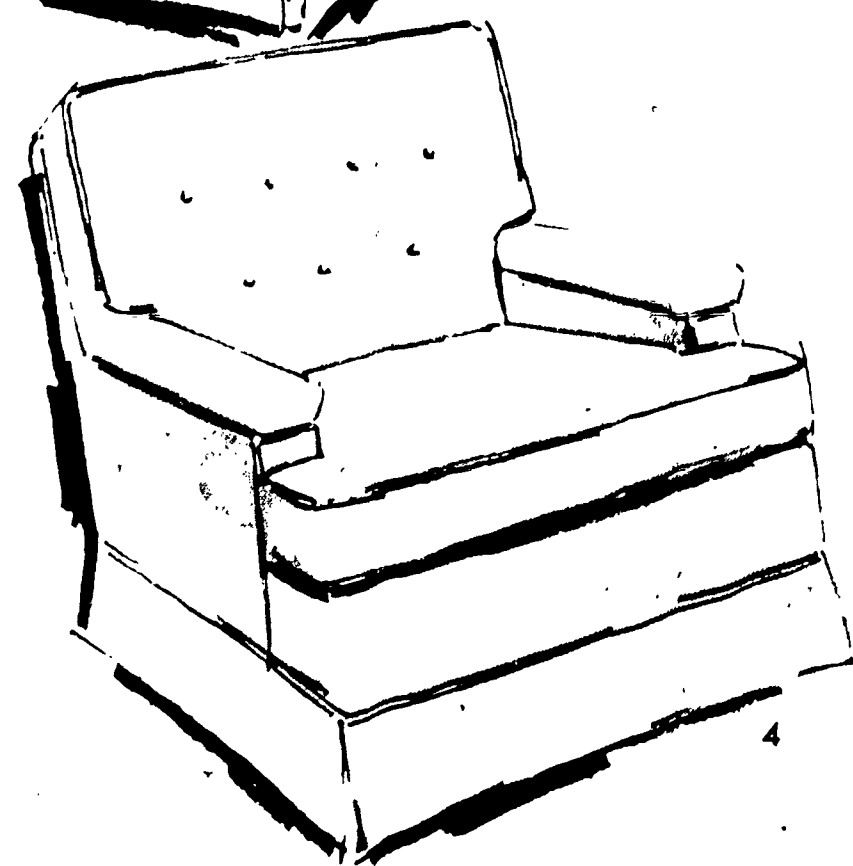
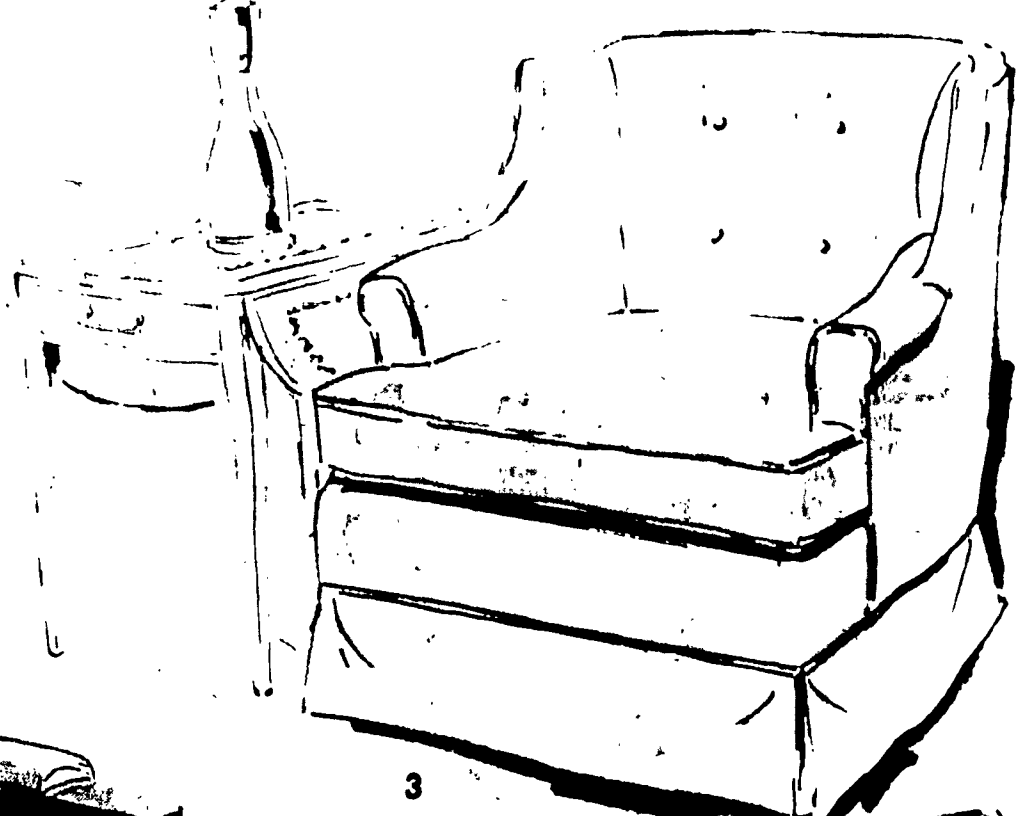
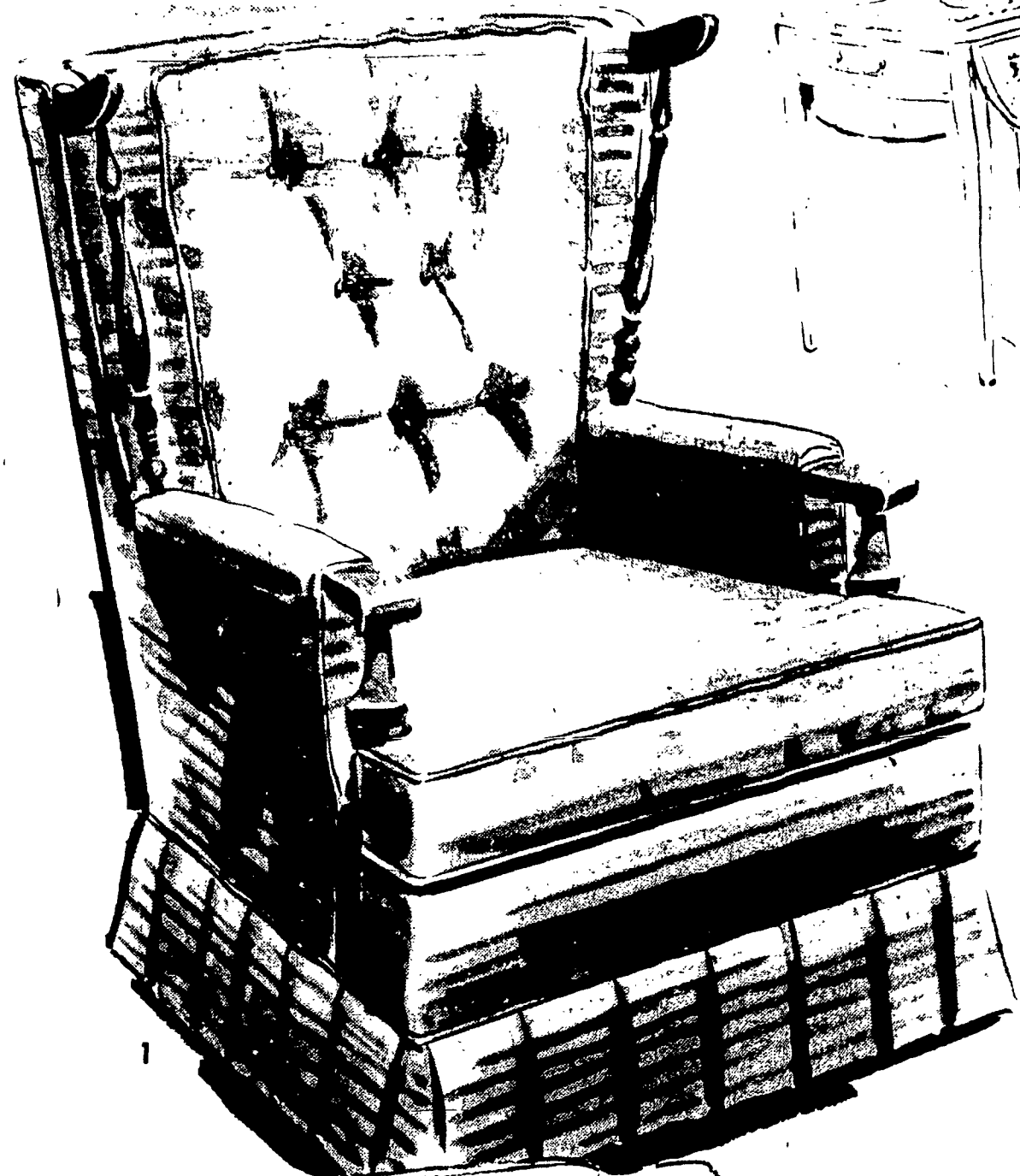
# Red Rites Enroll 142,000

Berlin — (RNS) — The East German Central Committee for Youth Dedications announced here that 142,000 young people in the Soviet Zone are taking part in the Red youth rites this spring. This number represents over 88 per cent of all eligible youngsters.

An atheistic counterpart of Christian Confirmation, the rites have been denounced repeatedly by Protestant and Catholic authorities.

Although Protestant and Catholic leaders have condemned the Red rites as irreconcilable with the Christian faith, they recently adopted a more lenient attitude in view of increasing political pressure imposed by the Communists upon parents and children to force youngsters to take part in the ceremonies.

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