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Pope Presides At Council Preparations



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, seated at far end of the table, presides over a meeting of cardinals and other high-ranking Church prelates for the first session of the Central Commission preparing for the Second Vatican Council to be held probably late next year. The scene is the Hall of Congregations.

What Does Church Advise Wife About Psychopath Husband?

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I have been married for 14 years to a man diagnosed as a "psychopathic personality." In spite of numerous beatings, desertions, and so on, I have kept the home together as advised, but now my 12-year old is suffering a nervous condition and I wonder if I've done the right thing. The doctor says there's no cure for my husband. I've tried to talk to my confessor, but he doesn't accept the diagnosis. What does the Church say about psychopaths? I need sound guidance desperately.

I am somewhat puzzled at the advice you have been receiving, Madge. A man who exhibits such behavior in marriage obviously has no intention of fulfilling the roles of husband and father, so why continue the relationship? Indeed, it may be very destructive to the normal people involved, as you are discovering with your 12-year old now.

Although the term "psychopath" has sometimes been used as a broad, catch-all category, including patients exhibiting a variety of disorders, when a competent psychiatrist diagnoses someone as a psychopathic personality, he means that the patient is egocentric, impulsive, and, to some more or less marked degree, seemingly lacking in what we usually call "conscience."

This is to say, he is governed completely by his own desires and feels no remorse for any of his deviant actions.

Most psychiatrists dislike dealing with such patients, since the only motive to which they can appeal is selfishness. If the patient can be shown that a contemplated action may hurt himself, he may avoid it. Judging from the case records, there is little likelihood that they will change, so that your doctor's statement reflects the general consensus.

SINCE THE case involves a personality disorder, the Church can only rely on the opinion of competent psychiatrists. If they maintain he can't be cured, we may safely assume that he can't, given the present state of knowl-



edge. However, the disorder may vary in degree and intensity, so that one must not rule out all personal responsibility in such cases unless the contrary is clearly revealed. Perhaps the science of psychiatry advances, doctors will be able to tell us a good deal more about the nature, causes, and cure of this presently puzzling disorder.

Since marriage involves a serious commitment to one's partner and to the possible children with which God may bless the union, it should be obvious that psychopaths are not fit candidates for this holy vocation. Unfortunately, psychopathic tendencies may not always be discovered easily before marriage. Psychopaths can behave very well when they want something for themselves, so their real character is not revealed until they are married.

WHAT SHOULD you do? It seems to me, Madge, that you have no choice. Marriage is a vocation in which husband and wife seek mutual happiness and perfection precisely by providing the fitting conditions within which children can be procreated and raised to Christian maturity. No matter how we may diagnose his disorder, it is quite clear that your husband has seriously failed to live up to his marital commitments, and after this length of time, there seems no reasonable hope that he will do so in the future.

Moreover, the present situation is defeating the very purpose of marriage, that is, your mutual development in the service of new life. If your 12-year old is suffering a nervous breakdown because of current conditions in the family, you have no choice but to modify these conditions at once. Under the circumstances, this means separation, since you are not free to tolerate further destruction of your children.

I am quite aware that separation involves serious problems — financial, social, psychological and spiritual. Nevertheless, it should be obvious that the present situation has endured far too long. Any further delay would be culpable.

You have not stated the number of children in your family nor your financial situation. However, there are private and public agencies that can assist you if outside help is required. Your pastor should be able to give you advice in this matter, and you

can always seek help at your local Catholic Charities office, that's one of the purposes for which this organization has been established.

What about your husband? Well, Madge, the law can give you legal protection, and you must not hesitate to use it if necessary. As for his salvation, you'll just have to leave him up to God. You're not helping him now, and you have your own mental balance and that of your children to preserve.

Continue to pray for him, but be assured, you will not really help him by going on as you have done.



Focus On Latin America

Philadelphia — (RNS) — The Institute of Latin American Studies of St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia ended its first term with a ceremony honoring J. Peter Grace (right), head of Grace Lines and the W. R. Grace Co., of New York, and Milton J. Shapp (center), president of Jerrold Electronics, Inc., an originator of the Peace Corps project. They are shown with Father J. J. Bluet, S.J., president of the college. The institute had an initial enrollment of 47 college freshmen. Students in the program serve internships in Latin America after their junior year. Mr. Grace is the author of a book entitled "It Is Not Too Late in Latin America."

Witch Hunts Not Answer

Cincinnati — (NC) — An authority on communist subversion stressed the "absolute necessity" of coping with communism "within our own democratic structure of law."

Fern C. Stukenbroeker, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned: "The answer is not hysteria, witch hunts, or violation of civil liberties. The answer is education and faith in our democratic and religious heritage."

Stukenbroeker, who holds a Ph.D. in East European and Russian history, referred to communism as "a way of life," and a twentieth-century Mephistopheles.

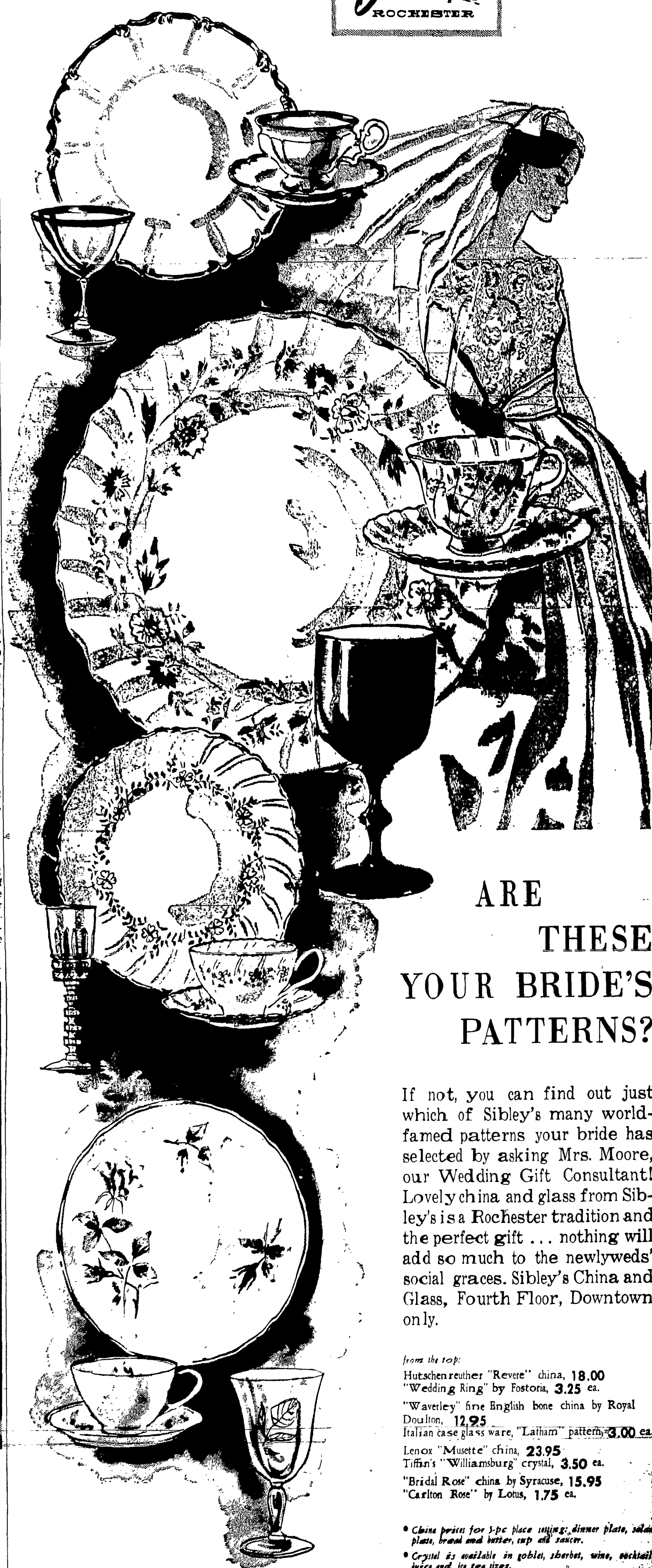
In an interview at Cincinnati FBI headquarters he made it clear that the Communist party is today "the largest single subversive organization in the U.S." and that it remains "dedicated to the overthrow of everything we hold dear." To deal with the threat, it is

necessary for Americans to "take the time to study communist claims, techniques, and goals, to learn the true strategy and tactics of the Communist party."

He also called on Americans to "know more about our history — the principles of free government, that this is a government of laws and not of men, that in America we respect the dignity and sanctity of the human personality."

No Comment

Viseu, Portugal — (NC) — Officials of the Viseu diocese have declined to comment on reports of an "apparition" in a pinewood near the village of Vinhal on May 21. Four children claimed to have had the vision while guarding cattle. Rumors concerning the alleged appearance — variously identifying it as "Our Lady" and as "St. Philomena" — have attracted thousands of local people to the scene.



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