

## An Antidote To School Monopoly

Chapel Hill, N.C. — (NC) — The role of American Catholic schools as an antidote to standardization of education was stressed here by the director of the first national study of these schools.

William H. Conley, who is heading up the \$350,000 research project sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation, New York, spoke at a Newman Club lecture at the University of North Carolina.

"A unitary, monolithic school system," he said, "is out of place in America."

"A monopoly of education," he added, "whether in the hands of the state, as in Russia, or by an established church as in the early 19th century in the United States, is contrary to our American ideals."

Conley, who has taken leave of absence from a post at Marquette University, Milwaukee, to direct the study which has headquarters at Notre Dame University, said that the right of parents to choose freely and without financial penalty the schools they want for their children is as sacred a right as any in the Constitution.

Speaking of the Carnegie study, Conley said that it will provide a profile of elementary and secondary education in terms of objectives, scope, organization, administration and supervision.

Final compilations, he said, may provide answers as to average class loads, teacher-pupil ratio and broad answers to the contribution Catholic schools make to the community.

## Priest Named Space Aide

Washington — (NC) — Father Francis J. Heyden, S.J., director of the Georgetown University Observatory, has been named as a consultant to the National Aviation and Space Agency.

The Jesuit priest will lecture to NASA engineers on celestial mechanics, the course he teaches at the university.



## Thanksgiving - Every Day

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Every day is Thanksgiving Day for these refugee youngsters in Hong Kong. Having fled from Red China with their parents, they are dependent upon charity to exist. Typical scene here shows a Maryknoll priest presenting rice to children at the Bishop Ford Center. Father Howard D. Trube of New York is one of many Maryknollers who distribute each day to Hong Kong's refugees the following foodstuff: 2,000 pounds of noodles, 3,000 pounds of bread, powdered milk for 3,000 children and large amounts of rice and corn meal. The food is provided through the U. S. government's surplus distribution program.



Robert McPherson of St. Helen's school brings items for diocesan wide clothing collection during Thanksgiving week, Nov. 18 to 24.

## Anti-Clergy View Rare in America

Oklahoma City — (NC) — A priest-sociologist in a speech here discounted any significant anti-clericalism in the U.S. Church today but contended that so-called

"conservatives" tend to oppose clergy leadership more often than "liberals."

These conclusions were reported by Father Joseph Fichter, S.J., of Loyola University, New Orleans, and were based on a nationwide survey of Catholic laymen and priests.

Father Fichter, speaking to the Forum, a group which engages in discussion of contemporary issues, said his survey covered 2,200 lay people and a comparable number of diocesan priests, about one in every seven in the country.

HE SAID "liberal" Catholics "such as the editors of the Commonweal magazine" seem to be the ones most concerned about anti-clericalism. "But the liberals are the best friends the priests ever had," he added.

On the other hand, "conservatives" or "traditionalists" tend to be more anti-clergy, he reported. He said this has been seen in the refusal of many lay Catholics to accept the social teachings of the Church. He pointed specifically to the failure of some "conservatives" to follow the teachings of Pope John XXIII's 1961 social encyclical Mater et Magistra.

Father Fichter noted that the labels "liberal" and "conservative" are often misleading, but he said they must be used as terms for discussion. He also cautioned that extreme liberals and conservatives account for only a minority among laymen.

## Council To Be Radio Topic

The current ecumenical Council at the Vatican will be the topic for the program "What's Your Answer?" to be broadcast by radio station WROC this Sunday, Nov. 18, 6:05 to 6:30 p.m.

Rev. David Cull, program moderator, will interview Rev. Lee Beynon of the First Baptist Church of Brighton and Rev. Henry Atwell, editor of the Courier Journal, for Protestant and Catholic viewpoints of the historic meeting of the world's Catholic bishops.

Most people fall in a great middle group, he stressed.

In a later interview, he explained that the liberal and conservative labels are attached to both political and religious ideas. He cited an example:

"People in favor of foreign aid, the rights of minority religious and racial groups, and labor unions also favor more active lay participation in the Church, the use of more vernacular, and such ideas as 'the dialogue' and 'ecumenism.'"

Father Fichter said he discounts anti-clericalism in the U.S. as a problem mainly because the surveys show that Catholic people hold their priests in higher regard now than ever before. He said the same trend was evident in Protestant and other Non-Catholic studies. "There is a rise in the status of the clergy in the U.S.," he said, and religious vocations are in "higher esteem."

## Four More Reds In Rome

Warsaw — (RNS) — Soviet authorities have sent four additional reporters to Rome to cover the Second Vatican Council, the Warsaw Radio reported. The station is the only one behind the Iron Curtain which broadcasts regular reports from Rome on Council activities.

Heretofore, the only Soviet correspondent covering the Vatican Council represented Tass, the official news agency in Moscow.

Warsaw Radio said the added correspondents will represent Novosti, a semi-official agency set up for the Russian trade unions and various public organizations about a year ago. Literaturnaya Gazeta, organ of the U.S.S.R. Union of Soviet Writers; and Nauka i Religiya (Science and Religion), official publication of the Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, which conducts extensive atheistic propaganda.

## DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

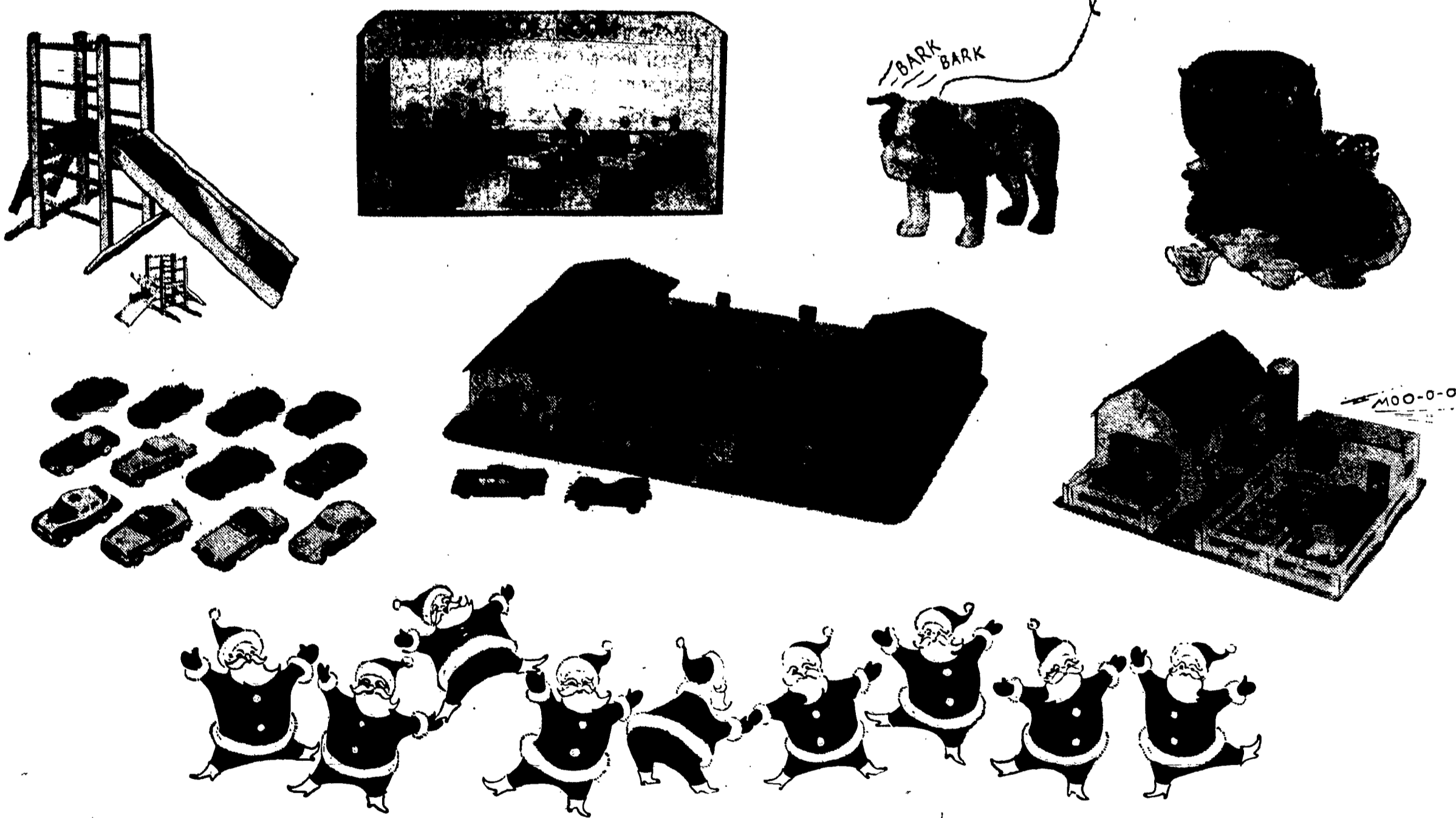


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## Women Elect San Franciscan

Detroit — (NC) — Mrs. Jo-Ann Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. She was a member of the San Francisco civic leader, was President Eisenhower's Com- elected president of the Na- mittee for Safety and was national Council of Catholic Women here at its 31st national convention to succeed Mrs. Arch- She has served as a vice president of the San Francisco Women's City Club and as president of the Northern California Catholic Library Association.



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