

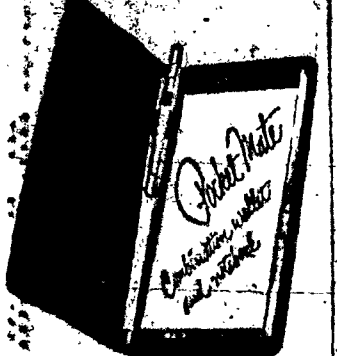
Franco Cartoon Draws Fine

Madrid — (AP)—Domingo's Roman Catholic weekly here was fined the equivalent of \$40 by the Spanish government for publishing a caricature of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Said to have been the first cartoon of the Chief of State published in Spain since the end of the Civil War in 1939, the drawing showed him receiving an addition to his many decorations.

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DAW'S DRUG STORES



Pope John presided at Vatican rites which proclaimed U.S. born nun, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, a 'blessed' in heaven.



He called himself a 'youngster' when he greeted a group all of whom were over 90 years of age.

New Life to Church

Of all the actions and announcements of Pope John XXIII which affected both the Catholic and Non-Catholic worlds none has been ranked as more portentous and revolutionary than the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council.

Three and a half years in preparation, the Council was formally convoked by Pope John on Christmas Day, 1961.

In an Apostolic Constitution he said it would be a demonstration of the Church always living and always young, which feels the rhythm of the times and which, in every century, battles itself with new splendors of the faith, achieving new conquests while remaining identical in itself, faithful to the Divine Image impressed on its countenance by its spouse, Jesus Christ.

Ten special commissions named by the Pope to prepare the schema or drafts of proposals had completed their work when the Council was formally opened by Pope John on Oct. 21, 1962 and scenes of unparalleled pomp and splendor. A total of 2,540 prelates and 201 officially appointed ecclesiastical experts were present.

Also attending were 36 delegate-observers from Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies, including three from the Russian Orthodox Church. The first Non-Catholic observers ever invited to a General Council of the Catholic Church, they were personally greeted by Pope John after the opening session.

The observers, several of them from the United States, also were given a reception by Augustin Cardinal Bea, German-born head of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, who hailed them as "brothers in Christ" and assured them that the secretariat would "always be most willingly at your disposal." The facilities and courtesies accorded the delegates and observers were among the most commented-upon features of the Council, and invoked an extraordinary chorus of appreciation from them.

During a discussion on the liturgy project—a draft that was expected to have far-reaching effects, especially in mission lands—Pope John decreed the first change in the Canon of the Mass since the 7th century. He ordered the name of St. Joseph, patron of the Council, to be inserted in the Communi-

cantes, following the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Later the Pope intervened to break a deadlock over a draft on the sources of revelation by terminating the discussion and setting up a new commission to prepare a revised schema.

The discussion had seen the Fathers of the Council divided into what newspapers described as "progressive" and "conservative" groups—implying that one side was pushing for reforms or adaptations inside the Church which the other side opposed as unwise or unwarranted. The freedom of discussion deeply impressed the delegate-observers who agreed, in general, that the Council had "clearly established that the Catholic Church was by no means the monolithic

structure many people had imagined.

When the Council terminated its first session Dec. 8, Pope John named a Coordinating Commission to supervise the work of the Council pending the opening of the second session on Sept. 8, 1963. The Pope voiced his pleasure with the Council, saying that it had enabled him "to hear the voice of the whole Catholic world."

Commenting on the disagreements that had arisen between the "conservative" and "progressive" groups, he said: "We are not friars singing in a choir." The Pope was present at only one of the Council's general congregations, but closed circuit television enabled him to follow the debates.

Race Bias Like Nazi Barbarism

St. Louis — (NC) — Cardinal Joseph Ritter charged here that "the weapons of segregation, discrimination and economic oppression can be every bit as cruel as gas chambers and concentration camps."

Dismissing the doctrine of racial superiority as "insane," the Archbishop of St. Louis urged citizens to unite in a "holy discontent" at instances of race prejudice.

"WE CAN NEVER rest content so long as injustice remains," Cardinal Ritter told the St. Louis Conference on Religion and Race, held here in May.

The Cardinal said racism is being practiced in St. Louis as in other parts of the country. He particularly singled out housing discrimination for condemnation and said it is estimated that 70 per cent of all Negro homes in St. Louis are in "blighted" areas.

"Surely it is a grave injustice and discrimination when one segment of our population in this area is forced because of economic conditions to live in substandard dwellings, or even more so when that segment is denied freedom of housing because of public sentiment and by the manipulation of unscrupulous and greedy realtors," he said.

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GOD LOVE YOU! By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

LETTER TO PRIESTS The Catholic native population of Africa has doubled within 10 years, but the number of priests has become proportionately less. For example, in West Africa, the increase of Catholics within ten years was 141 per cent, but priests increased by only 83 per cent. In Central Africa, the number of Catholics was up 100 per cent, while the increase of priests for the same period was only 73 per cent. There is only one priest for every 2,400 Catholics in Rwanda and Burundi, one for every 2,200 in Nigeria and one for every 2,100 in Ghana. If space permitted, even more startling statistics could be given for the shortage of priests in Latin America.

Now, what can we do about it? We know we are ordained for the Church and only for canonical and juridical reasons are assigned to a diocese or parish. "My parish is the world." Do we, as we ascend the altar, ever think of the faithful of Brazil or the faithless of China clinging to our charities? When we lift the Host, do we lift up Christ in His Mystical Body, heavy with the gravitational drag of souls who know not His mystery of love?

You may not be able to go on the Missions, but you can, nevertheless, make a small sacrifice every month to help educate a seminarian. One bishop from Africa informed us he could take only 15 out of 300 applicants for the seminary because he lacked the means. There is hardly a priest in any diocese in the United States who could not sacrifice \$250 a year to prolong his priesthood in another land.

Our priesthood is eternal once we receive it, as the soul is immortal once breathed into a body. But mothers, after having gone through the labor of birth, continue their motherhood in their daughters. To us priests, also, it is given to immortalize our priesthood on earth by making acts of self-denial, until we see a spiritual son standing before the altar with a host and chalice in his hands.

We have just returned from Rome, where there was a initiative drive for new seminarians and priests. What a beautiful opportunity to make up for our imperfections by responding to this appeal. Most of us have cars or tele-visions. In the Name of Christ Our Holy Priest, let us also have a priest whom we are supporting in the Missions. Send whatever sacrifices you can to The Society of St. Peter the Apostle for Native Clergy through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU to A Mother for \$5 "In thanksgiving for a new sister for her three older brothers." ... to M.E.R. and Friends for \$5 "in behalf of myself and several Non-Catholic workers in our office. Use it to aid all of God's plan." ... to R.V. for \$50 "I will be ordained this month, and I want to offer this sacrifice to beg God's blessings on my priesthood and to help educate seminarians in the Missions." ... to E.K. for \$50 "I have received so many favors from God. Now I want to start returning them by helping The Society for the Propagation of the Faith."

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The ship, symbol of the Church he ruled, and St. John the Baptist, the saint he sought to imitate, are on the stole Pope John wore.



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