

Latin American Plan Drafted

Protestants and leading laymen of the United States and Latin America held two days of intensive discussions here to draft specific proposals for a Latin American cooperation program's first annual conference.

The private meetings were devoted to surveying the needs of the conference and examining specific programs for action to be taken in spreading understanding of Latin America and its needs and establishing new cooperation between U.S. and Latin American.

The U.S. group was headed by Rev. Albert J. Weis, M.D., former president of the Catholic Press Association, and Father Vincent Lovett, editor of the Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, Mo. The Latin American group was headed by Rev. Father Luis G. Clain, M.D., former president of the National Council of the Americas, New York City.

The group also discussed the need for a survey of the Latin American situation and the U.S. press, radio and television for what he termed their "down-the-drain syndrome"—a tendency to think of Latin America only in terms of collapse, chaos and fear of Communist take-over.

He said a survey he had recently conducted had revealed that only one in every nine U.S. adults could identify the native language of Brazil. He called on the mass communications media to strengthen their staffs of correspondents in Latin America, provide greater depth in its interpretation and to remove public misunderstanding and ignorance of Latin America.

Father Weis criticized U.S. schools for their failure to include study of Latin American history and geography in their curricula.

He noted: "There exists an unwritten law: Don't invest in construction, unless it is indispensable, because it is the worst investment existing; the most efficient way to invest, is to invest in formation and education of leaders."

Bishop Sales gave the example. He said, when immediately after his consecration he stopped construction of the new cathedral in Natal, the cathedral, along with the model parish church of the Natal Movement at Sao Paulo de Potengi remain unfinished to this day.

"The Movement of Natal," Bishop Clain said, "is demonstrating to the people of the northeast, living in sub-human conditions, that they may expect from the Church not only a better life hereafter, but also here on earth."

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War Against 'Social Cancers'

Chicago — (AP) — Delegates to the first meeting of the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program here were told the "war" against "social cancers" is the "war" against "social cancer" in Brazil's northeastern section.

The program was described by Miguel A. Clain, C.S.B., of the National Council of the Americas, New York City, as a "war" against "social cancer" in Brazil's northeastern section.

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Latin America, Layman's Target

Chicago — (AP) — Plans for recruiting 200 U.S. Catholic laymen for urgent projects in Latin America will be made at the first national council of the PAVLA (P.A.V.L.A.), Jan. 28 and 29.

The PAVLA meeting will immediately follow the first annual conference of the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program (CICOP), which will be held in Chicago, Jan. 27-28.

The CICOP conference will be held from 1962 and like the PAVLA meeting, will take place in the Bagatelle Beach Hotel.

PAVLA VOLUNTEERS for Latin America will be recruited from the United States.

Workers Seek Bishops' Help

Chicago (AP) — (NC) — The Young Catholic Workers of Latin America have asked their bishops to issue a joint declaration against the exploitation of workers in the hemisphere.

They have also requested a program to train leaders for the Latin American trade union movement. They seek these goals at their first annual conference, which will be held in Chicago, Jan. 27-28.

Workers have a strong feeling of solidarity, but their economic unity is disrupted in political rivalries, salary jealousies and sabotage by union plants in key trade union positions by many employers. Trade union leaders are under continuous pressure from government and business.

Nation's, Not Local Standards To Be Test

Chicago — (AP) — The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled today that standards of the constitution at large must be followed in determining whether printed matter is obscene, and not the standard of "a particular individual, group or individuals, or locality."

In a 6-5 decision, with Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub not voting, the court reversed the conviction of Hudson County News Company and Hudson County News Dealers Supply Company, affiliated corporations, on charges of selling and possessing with intent to sell obscene magazines.

The convictions had been upheld by the Appellate Division of the State Superior Court and defendants entered an appeal in the Supreme Court claiming the magazines involved could not be found to be obscene Constitutionally.

Writing the court's opinion, Justice Hayden Proctor found that "obscenity" is a national standard, not a local one.

Detectors conducting the search, Justice Proctor wrote, were provided with no guide to the exercise of informed discretion but were left to their individual judgments as to which magazines were obscene in the short time they were in the premises they obviously had no opportunity to reflect on the matter. The magazines were seized on the basis of on-the-spot ad hoc decisions. As a result of the seizures 400 magazines not found to be obscene were suppressed and withheld from the market for approximately three years.

"We believe that the procedure here employed imposed an unconstitutional prior restraint on defendants' rights under the First and 14th Amendments, and since this vi-

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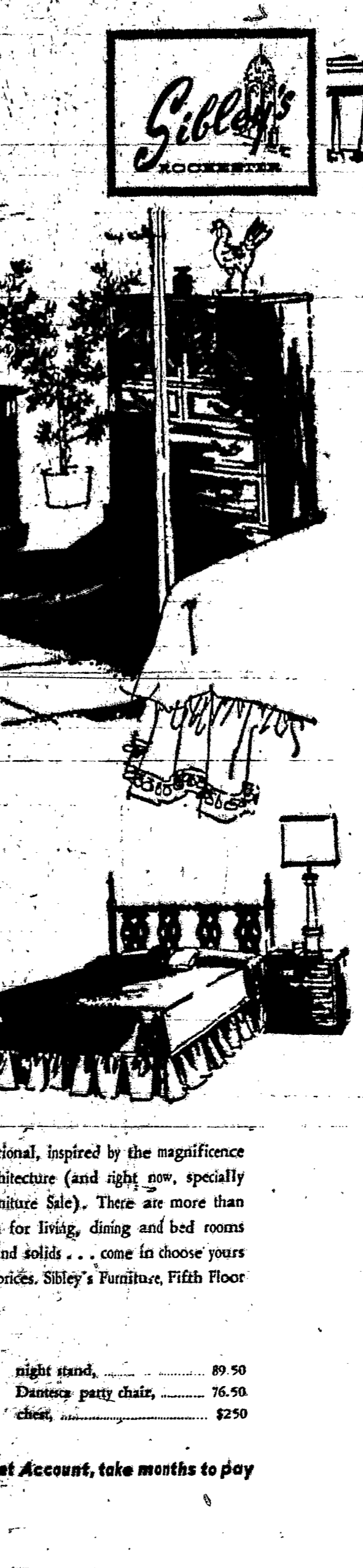


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