

... (NC) — The Francis J. Brackins, former president of the American Psychiatric Association and psychiatrician-in-chief at the Institute of Living, Hartford, Conn. His remarks were made at the opening of the eleventh annual Institute for Mental Health workshops on pastoral care and psychotherapy, sponsored by the Hamm Foundation.

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Front Row, sitting: James Schwartz (Waterfront Director), Dennis Mancuso (Ballfield Director), Daniel Holland (Head Counsellor), Rev. Eugene McFarland (Camp Director), Phillip Billotte (Assistant Head Counsellor), Mark Bonalguere (Craft Director), Walter Wainwright; Middle row, standing: James Bringley, Michael Dewhirst, Thomas Nellis, David Kunt, David Gramke, Bruce Hoffman, Roger Troit, Timothy Wood, Donald Schwab, Jay Travers; Back Row, standing: James Kelleher, Paul Maier, Daniel Callan, Martin Stoffel, Raymond Horan, Terrance Fisher, Richard Shafel, James Hastings, John Erb, William Homan.

Unity Prayers At Monastery

Talca, France—(NC)—Some 300 participants in the Catholic Social Week at Lyons joined Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox clergy in a religious service held here by Protestant friars of the Talca monastery the day after the conclusion of their recent meeting.

London Prelate Says

Pope John 'Myth' Distorts Facts

London—(NC)—Archbishop John Heenan of Westminster charges a "cloud of mythology" obscures the real personality of the late Pope John XXIII.

Pope John is talked of as "a resourceful, ruthless visionary" and "the liberator of the Church held in bondage for centuries by his small-minded predecessors," the archbishop wrote in his diocesan journal, the Westminster Cathedral Chronicle.

"The mythical John is being built up into a man with phenomenal perception... determined to make the Church free for scholars of every degree of immaturity. No longer would distinctions of any kind be put in the way of freedom of thought. Away with censorship! Down with the

Sunday Mass in Episcopal Church

Wells, Vt.—(NC)—Catholic Mass is being offered weekly in an Episcopal church here in an unusual display of inter-religious friendship.

Mass is being celebrated at 9:30 each Sunday in St. Paul's Episcopal church for Catholic residents of the area and Catholic tourists. The weekly Mass will continue until Labor Day.

Wells, a resort town on Lake St. Catherine, has no Catholic church, but during the summer the tourist influx raises the Catholic population high enough to demand a Sunday Mass.

God's World

History Makers

By REV. LEO J. TRESE

We are familiar with the fact that many of the stars which we see in the sky on a clear night, no longer exist. It has taken the light from those stars so long to reach our earth that the stars themselves have burned out long before their light becomes visible to us. The stars are gone, but their light will travel on and on through the universe until the end of time.

This is true even of the light from a humble match. If you strike a match, it burns with a brief and feeble flare. Yet the light waves from that match have begun their journey through the limitless reaches of space. It is a compelling thought, that so small an act of ours should have such timeless consequences.

It is an even more sobering thought to contemplate the never-ending effect of our deeds upon the course of human history. What we do today will set off a chain of events, some great, some small, which will continue down through the centuries as long as time shall last.

This is easy to see in our major human relationships, as in the relationship of parent to child or of pastor to flock. Good parents rear good children, who in turn rear good children of their own, who again rear another generation of good children, until finally there may be thousands of individuals whose present virtue can be traced to a far-back set of ancestors. Admittedly other influences will come into play in the course of successive generations to dilute the original influence, but that first impetus never will wholly die out.

A similar chain reaction will follow from the example and teaching of a good priest. A saint may be canonized a hundred years from now because of something Father Smith said or did today.

Unhappily, evil has the same self-perpetuating power as does virtue. History is not provided with any kind of safety switch by which only good influences are allowed to flow onward, with harmful influences cut off at their source. Fortunately God's grace can and often does counteract the damaging force of the past, but God has committed Himself to respect human freedom. There is a limit to what God can be expected to do.

We readily concede the enduring influence of parent, priest or other type of leader. However, we may not be so alert to the fact that each of us in the simplest of our daily contacts with other persons, is setting in motion a chain of cause and effect whose ending no man can foresee.

OUR CONTRIBUTION may be the tiny flame of a match rather than the incandescence of a star. It may be a friendly word spoken, a quick smile given, a thoughtful courtesy extended. It may be a minor act of moral courage or of charity, a personal stand made for truth or justice or decency. It may be a cross borne for a victory won over self. Or it may be, tragically, the opposite of any one of these. Nothing that we do is insignificant.

Roman Curia. Set free the people of God!" Pope John has been dead only a year, and already those of us who thought we knew him are hard put to it to recognize his gentle loveable personality behind a cloud of mythology," the archbishop added.

"The chief difference between 'Pope John the man' and 'Pope John the myth' is that the real John was no genius. 'The Pope I knew was not in the least like this mythical John. My Pope John was more like a benevolent parish priest. I doubt if he had read many of the books of contemporary theologians. He made scholars smile when he told them the name of his favorite bedside book—Father Faber's 'All For Jesus'."

"But the widest divergence between the two Johns is in relation to the Vatican Council. For the 'mythical' John, the Council was a brilliantly thought out campaign to open all windows in the Church for the emergence of an entirely new Catholic life. Tiresome domestic disputes among Catholic theologians would be forever silenced.

According to the myth, "the Church must be seen as essentially the same as all other Christian denominations. Theological differences were unimportant and modern theologians could hide them in the impenetrable mystery of the Church. Under the influence of the mythical John, a Protestant observer remarked: 'By the time the Romanus have the English liturgy and a married clergy and the Church of England has gone back to Latin it will be hard to tell the difference.'"

Archbishop Heenan said the real Pope John never seemed very sure of what he wanted for the Church. "He was rather bewildered by the Council. He told me that the idea of holding a Council had come to him quite suddenly. I was speaking to him long before the first session while I was attending meetings of the Secretariat for Christian Unity.

"The Pope thought that if the Council started in October it would be over by Christmas. This was like a pathetic echo from the England of 1914 and 1939 (at the outbreak of the two world wars). Simple people always think a war will be over by Christmas.

"This is not of course to suggest that the Vatican Council is like a war. I mean to say merely that Pope John, like those who plan wars, did not foresee the effects of his decisions. I doubt if he would have summoned the Council to meet so soon had he realized what preparation was necessary. The Council will bring renewed strength to the Church but five years of hard work are really required between sessions."

Catholic TV Center Set

Liverpool—(NC)—A campaign to raise \$240,000 in six months for a national Catholic radio and television center for Britain was launched here.

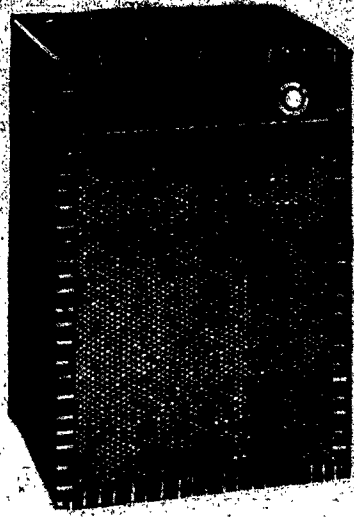
Archbishop George Beck A. A. of Liverpool told an audience of nearly 1,000 in the city's Philharmonic Hall that the plan was in conformity with a Vatican Council directive. This placed on Catholics a responsibility to use all modern means of communication to help the Church's work, he said.

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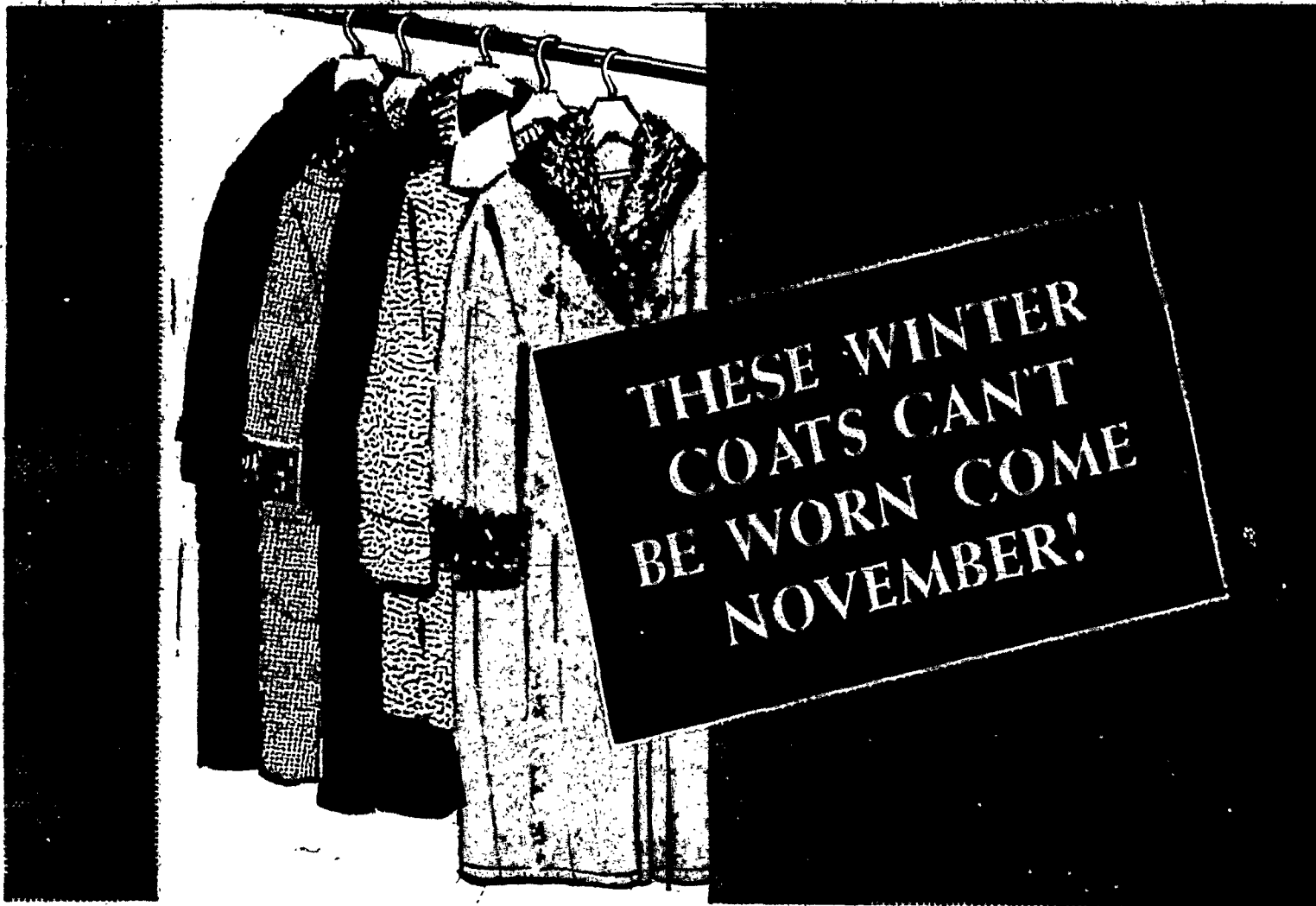
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