



Choir Boy and Friend

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI takes time out for four-year-old Romeo Narduzzi, a choir boy, during a recent audience at St. Peter's Basilica. Later the same day, the Pontiff received Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, in a private audience, not announced previously.

Council Report On ABC-TV

Vatican II: Council of Reconciliation, a two-part, Protestant perspective on the recently concluded ecumenical Council, will be presented on ABC News "Direction '66," on Sundays, Jan. 9 and 16 from 1 to 1:30 p.m. John MacVane, ABC News UN correspondent will be the host-narrator for both programs.

The program, stressing the enunciations of the late Pope John XXIII and of Pope Paul VI of peace among Christians as a road to peace in the world, recounts the accomplishment of the Council in opening up the Church to the Non-Catholic world.

The film reportage of the significant sessions of the Council which doctrines were debated and adopted affecting the Catholics and Non-Catholics culminates with the address of Pope Paul to the United Nations.

Council, a Bad Dream?

London — (RNS)—The Tablet, leading Roman Catholic review, said here that "progressives" of Vatican II are fearful that their Council "victories" may not be "consolidated" in the years ahead.

In an editorial it also pointed out a concern of some American prelates, one involving acceptance of agnoscimento.

"American progressives," it said, have been disquieted by reports from home of priests telling their congregations not to let the Council trouble them, not to read about it, even that it will pass like a bad dream and the Church go serenely on, unchanged and untroubled.

The Tablet foresaw a slackening in power of the Roman Curia in future, even as it admitted that it is necessary also to record that as the Council breaks up there is a good deal of nervousness among the progressives that their easy victories may not be consolidated and may be lost again.

It said, however, that one of the most certainly predictable results of the Council will be a strengthening of the personal authority of the Pope over the Curia.

Church Never The Same Again

San Antonio — (NC)—Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio said here that because of the Vatican Council "the Church of the future will never be the same again."

During the Council, Archbishop Lucey said at a press conference, "we learned of the dignity of the human person. Because the Council stressed human dignity we can't go on doing the things we have been doing and consider ourselves Christians."

"We can't be uncommitted, we can't be neutral," Archbishop Lucey added.

The continual competition to reach the Pope's ear to keep others from reaching it in order that the Pope may also have the right advice, has hitherto gone on through the Congregations and certain direct personal channels. . . . But the issues likely to arise between the pre-conciliar and the post-conciliar mentality will be such large ones that the Pope's position as final arbiter will be clear all the time.

In its editorial The Tablet held that the Synod of Bishops established by Pope Paul would create a counter to the Curia.

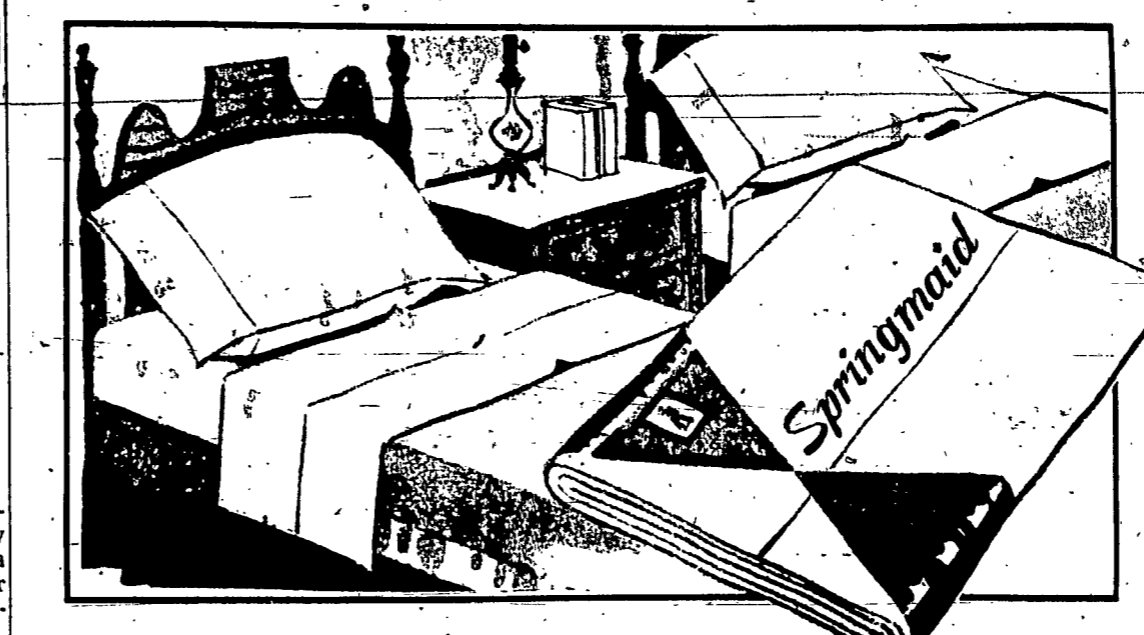
"The senate, or synod, of representative bishops, drawn from national hierarchies will create a new counterpoise to the Congregations through whom the Pope governs the Church," it said. "There will be alternative channels along which petitions and advice can make their unimpeded flow, just as the bishops themselves are to be more open to recommendations and suggestions."

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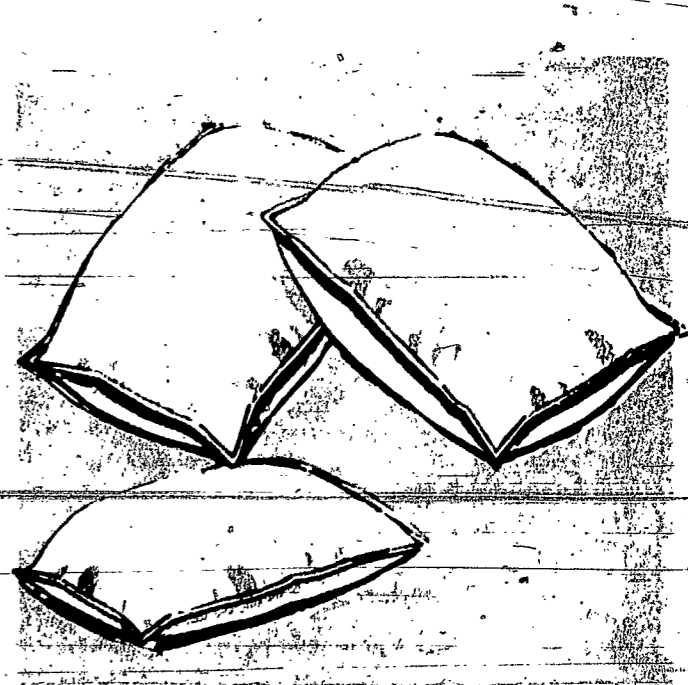
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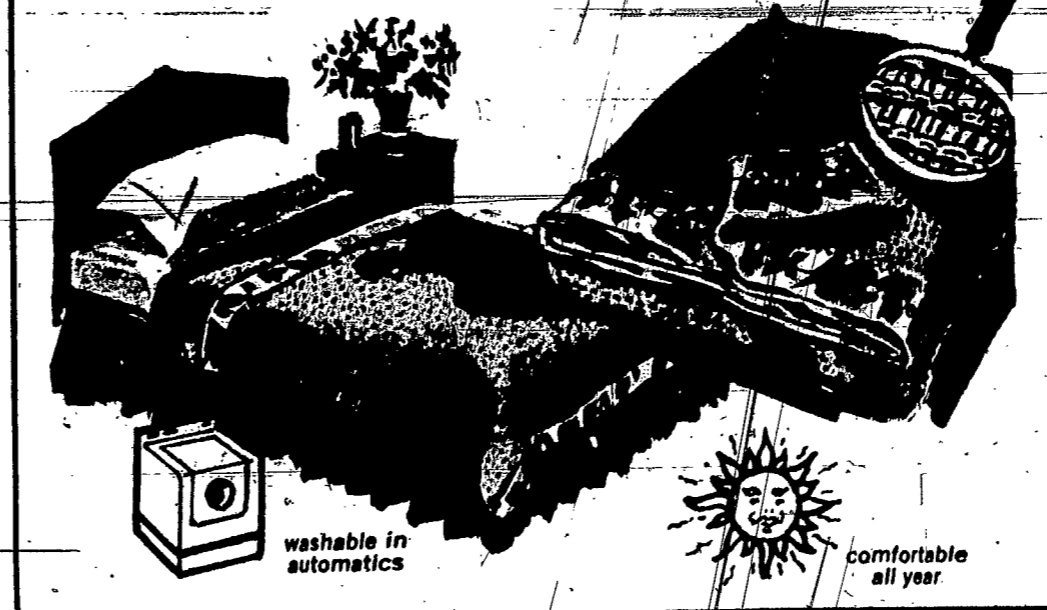
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'Unwarranted Attack' Says Postmaster

Following is the full text of a letter from Rochester's Postmaster John G. Bittner replying to a recent Courier notice that free copies of the Courier would no longer be sent U.S. military chaplains, hospitals, nuns' infirmaries, prisons, etc. due to revised postal regulations.

Courier subscribers are reminded that the paper is normally to be delivered every Friday. If there is delay in delivery, subscribers are advised to contact Mr. Bittner or their local postal officials or the Courier circulation office.

Mr. Bittner's letter is as follows:

It was with deep regret and concern that I noted your front page article, about free copies of the Courier, in the issue of December 17, 1965.

The article was unfair to the Post Office, and an unwarranted attack against the Postmaster; reflecting most unfavorably against the many years of unstinting cooperation and support given. There is regret that the paper failed to acknowledge the practices reported, regardless of the worthy groups mentioned, as being improper and contrary to the provisions of the second-class permit. Also, that the many offers to meet, and suggestions given to help resolve these problems, were not accepted, considered or given attention. Further, that the article to the readers failed to outline that many other copies, beyond those in the categories mentioned, were being given an improper advantage of free distribution of the Courier Journal contrary to the Law.

There is concern over the printed admission of the extensiveness of free distribution. The intent or the judiciousness of such a statement is seriously questioned and may yet prove to be a further problem. The laws governing second class mails are specific, and while the full text is available for study, there follows several excerpts in brief form for consideration and guidance.

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Only a Fraction Are Christian

Tokyo — (RNS)—Christians in Japan number 794,588, or just over eight-tenths of one per cent of the country's total population, according to the Japanese Christian Yearbook just released.

Protestants are in the majority with 561,321 members, while there are 333,265 Roman Catholics. The 194,826-member United Church of Christ (Kyodan) is the largest Protestant body. Next largest is the "Spirit of Jesus" group with 51,042 members.

According to the yearbook, Japan has 5,967 Protestant and 993 Catholic churches. The dominant religions in Japan are Buddhism and Shintoism.

Varied Career For Priest

Rome — (RNS)—A 62-year-old Chinese who had previously been a newsman and then a diplomat began a new career when he became a Roman Catholic priest.

Father Louis Wai Ching-singh was ordained by Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, in the cathedral of the suburban diocese of Porto and Santa Rufina, of which he is the bishop.

Father Wai served for six years as an attache at the Chinese embassy in Paris. During the Holy Year of 1953, he made a pilgrimage from Shanghai to Rome, covering the overland portions of the journey on foot.



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