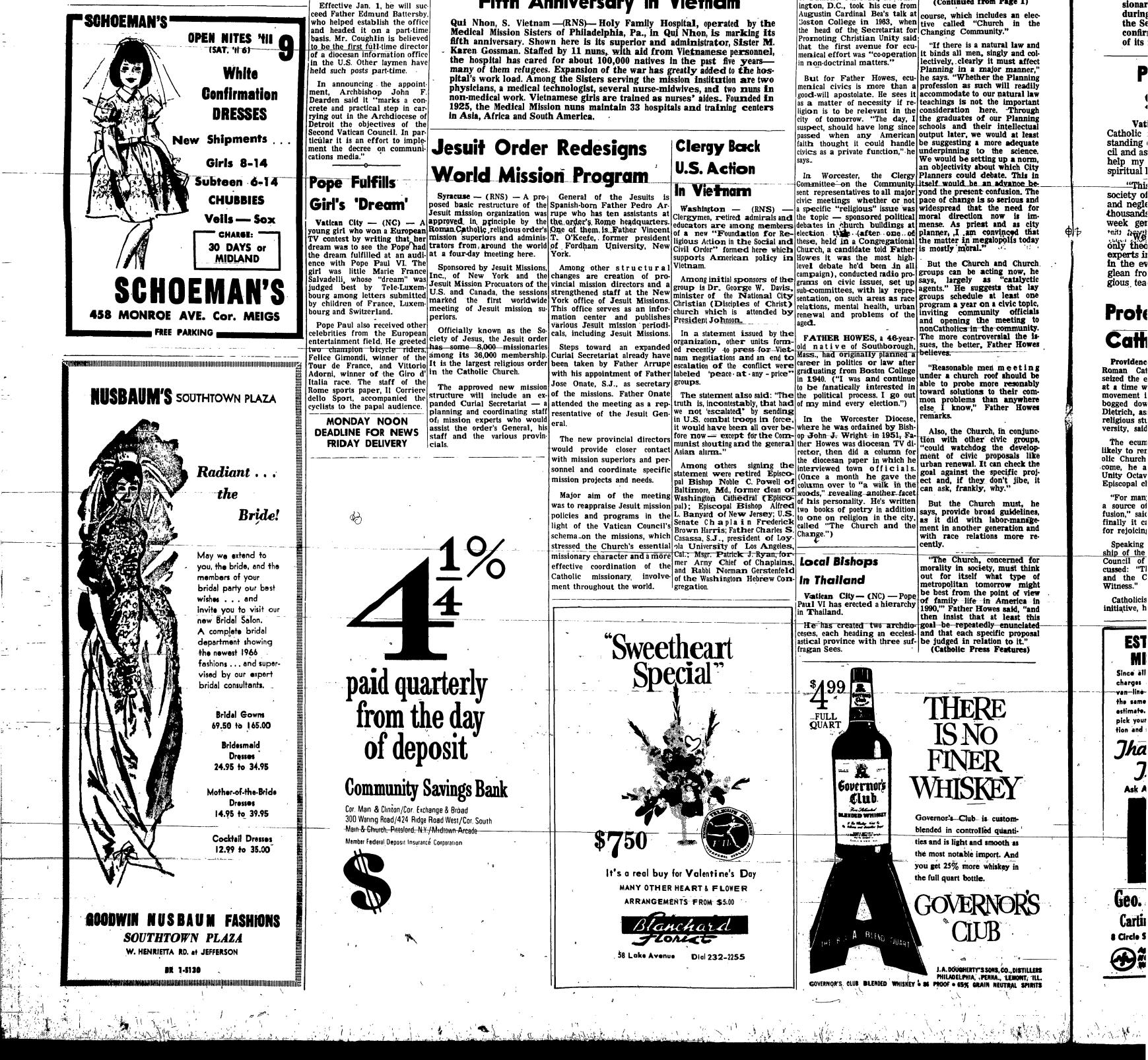
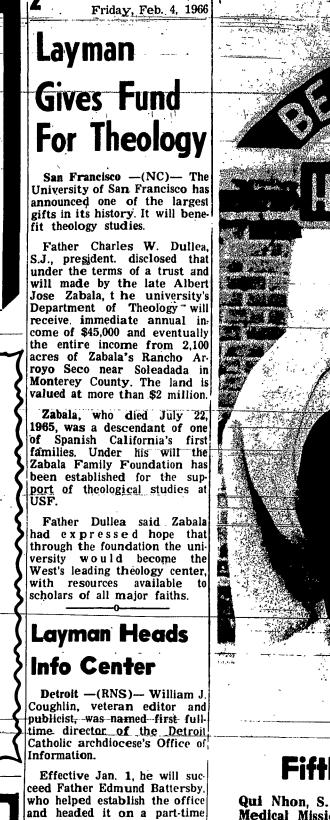
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the wartime port of Bos-1 What got Father Howes deep ton in early 1943, Corporal Rob- ly interested in city planning ert Howes helped process the was a visit to a town manager, servicemen who were about to who told him he was the first board the -"S.S. Dorchester," clergyman to come into his ofbound for Greenland. Among fice in 15 years and express an hose he processed were four interest in his problems. haplains: two Protestants, a

"I wanted to get a degree in atholic and a Jew. city planning so that I could

Two months later, Howes him- go to a lot of these profesself was en route to Greenland sionals and be able to talk with when he learned that on board some wisdom, to be able to go were four more chaplains; re-placements for the ones who their language and know their had given up their life preserv- gods." He picked the Massaers and gone down with the tor- chusetts Institute of Technolpedoed "Dorchester" in one of ogy and for his thesis did a the famous heroic incidents of study of urban renewal-in-S.W.the Second World War. Washington, D.C., which, under

Corporal Howes, who could was distributed in 1959 by the play the piano, was recruited to National Conference of Catholic play the organ during the voy- Charities as a "Church-eye view age not only for his own Cath- of urban renewal." olic services but for the non-

Tracing his own vocation to Catholic ones as well. Ever since, a strong ecumenical motif the priesthood to his brief conhas marked his life. tact with the heroic World War II chaplains, he draws a poetic

In the Diocese of Worcester, and historic line to the present: Mass., he founded and headed

for three years (1960-63) an in-"I am constantly struck by terfaith Clergy Committee on the possibility that, as they gave the Community. Now, as the away their life preservers in country's only priestcity plan- that icy dawn and linked arms ner, he proposes "ecumenical in common prayer, so men of civics" as a key solution to the religion in America today ought roblems facing religion in to be linking arms in common efforts which can be important negalopolis.

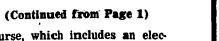
n our perplexed generation." Father Howes coined the (Catholic Press Features)

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'ecumenical civics" phrase to describe the process in which, e believes, all churches\_and synagogues in a community must associate on a continuing rather than sporadic basis to assess civic proposals and to act on them if they involve moral and spiritual matters.

The priest, who is chairman of the City Planning Committee Catholic University in Washington, D.C., took his cue from

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