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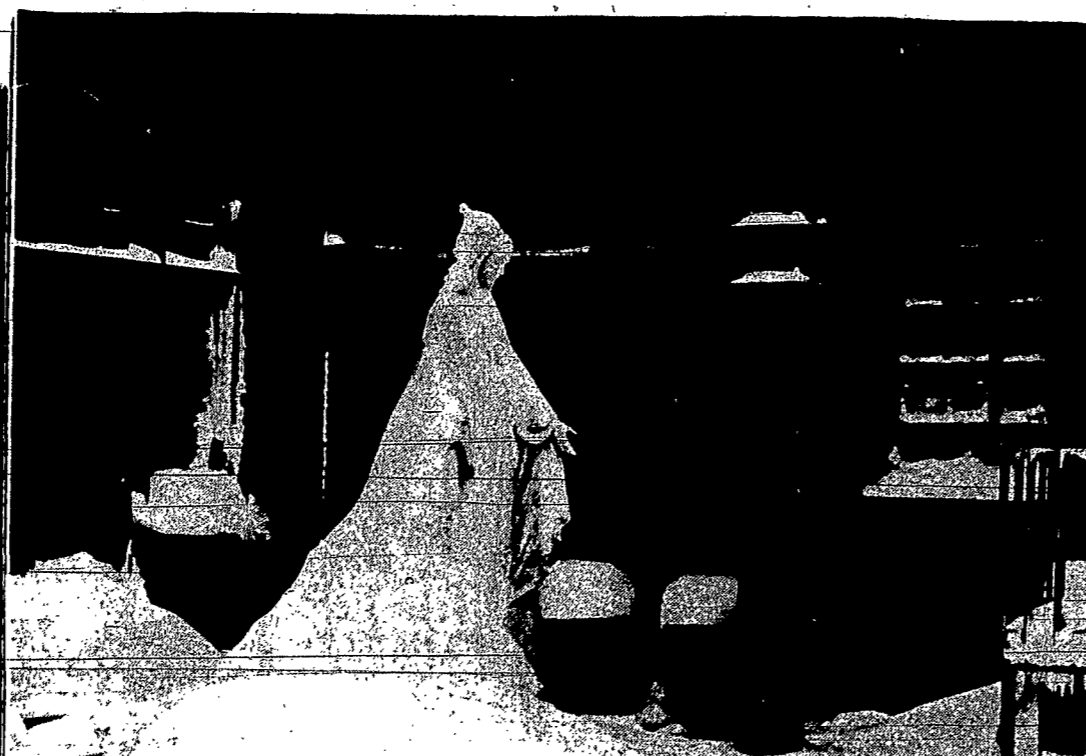
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Beauty in a Blizzard

The recent blizzard conditions which snarled traffic and halted business life had nonetheless its aspects of beauty.

Here are scenes from the Cenacle Convent garden—its entrance swept with a drift of snow, a tea-house iced and isolated, and Our Lady with a mantle like ermine and a crown whipped by the wind to a peak.

The Cenacle Convent is a retreat house at 693 East Avenue Rochester. Retreats for women are conducted weekends and days of recollection on weekdays.



Interfaith Study Center at Jerusalem

Notre Dame—(RNS)—Protestant, Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox theologians are members of an Academic Council for the establishment of an ecumenical institute in Jerusalem, Jordan, devoted to advanced theological studies for the promotion of Christian unity.

He said it was organized at a meeting in Bellagio, Italy, of more than 20 leading theologians who formed the nucleus of the Council, with more members to be added later.

Father Hesburgh said the Council was established in response to an invitation from the International Federation of Catholic Universities which was entrusted by Pope Paul VI with responsibility for initiating the study project.

The institute, Father Hesburgh said, is designed to conduct common theological research, "with special emphasis on the theme of the redemptive acts of God in history and their meaning for the men of our day."

Council members, he said, "considered the academic, administrative and financial problems involved in setting up the ecumenical institute, as well as questions of program and personnel. It was agreed that the program should be of a substantial-academic character."

Father Hesburgh explained that the institute "will be concerned first and foremost to provide established scholars and post-graduate theological students with the means for common research. It is expected that it will serve further as a center for the development of an ecumenical outlook among both the clergy and laity, through individual study, seminars and conferences."

Also, Prof. Oscar Cullmann (Lutheran), University of Basle and Paris; Dr. Eugene Fairweather (Anglican), Divinity Trinity College, University of Toronto; Father Georges Florovsky (Orthodox), Princeton, (N.J.) University; Prof. Arthur C. McGill (United Church of Christ), Princeton University, Dallas; Father Karekin Sarkisian (Orthodox), rector, Armenian Theological School, Antelias, Lebanon; and Dr. Joseph Sittler (Lutheran), University of Chicago Divinity School.

Members of the Council include Dr. Robert McAfee Brown (United Presbyterian), Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.; Father Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Woodstock (Md.) College; Principal J. Russell Chandran (Church of South India), United Theological College, Bangalore; Prof. Panayiotis Christou (Greek Orthodox), University of Thessalonika, Greece; and Father Yves Corrigan, O.P., of Strasbourg, France.

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It is also the intention of the Academic Council that the program of studies should be carried on in an atmosphere of prayer and worship.



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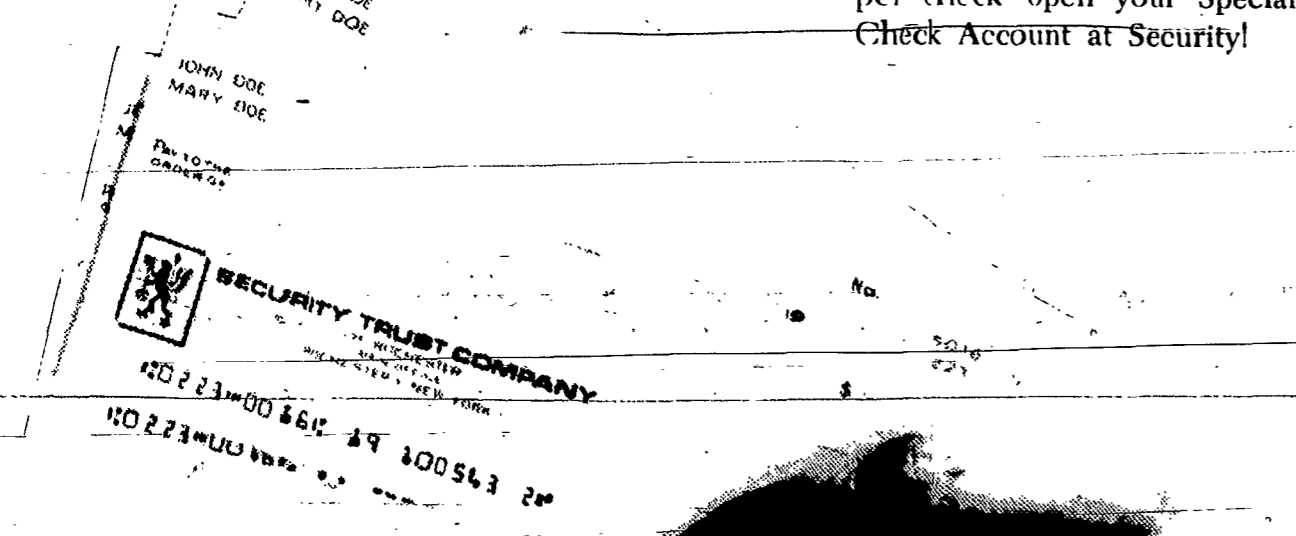
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Opposition to New Mass Gains Strength in France

Paris—(RNS)—Opposition to the Second Vatican Council's decree instituting changes in the liturgy is becoming increasingly active in France, according to reports here.

Observers said reports indicated that a trend was developing in the country similar to the Catholic Traditionalist Movement in the United States led by Father Gommard DePauw of Baltimore.

Una Voce, an organization spearheading the French opposition, claims a membership of 6,000. (France has 40 million Catholics.) Its president is Cerbeland Salagnac, who claims that a recent poll revealed that nearly three million French laymen were in sympathy with his views.

The organization sharply opposes the substitution of the vernacular for Latin in parts of the Mass.

It argues that when Latin was used in services throughout the world, the Church was "truly universal" and Catholics everywhere were at home and able to follow religious services.

The French hierarchy has already warned the traditionalist they are in conflict with the Vatican Council directives.

'Distrust' Root Of Nations Ills

Pittsburgh—(RNS)—Mutual distrust among people who must be neighbors and should be friends poses the greatest problem to inter-group relations today, Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh told the Institute on the Person and the Common Good here.

"It is not that we do not acknowledge the moral imperatives which should make us cooperative," the bishop explained. "It is simply that deep down we so often plain distrust one another."

Such reciprocal mistrust plagues relations not only between religious groups but also between political ones, he said. And, he added, it exists among groups within the same faith as well as between faiths.

Bishop Wright said this mistrust causes the bristling that perpetuates military and diplomatic tensions and undermines the very chance of international negotiations in behalf of objectives all parties not only profess to share, but probably do share.

The best antidote, he remarked, is person-to-person contact. "It is the way most likely to establish an atmosphere of mutual respect based on the knowledge which can serve as motivation to love, and thus can produce a climate of lively confidence and mutual trust."

Bishop Wright blamed the phenomenon of distrust on a growing lack of self-confidence within persons and groups themselves, rather than on inherited histories such as once kept peoples apart.

"The lack of mutual trust in our day is probably not so much the result of inherited fears born of traumatic experience of the malice, brutality or selfishness toward us and our groups or other groups," he said, "as it is the result of a growing and pathetic absence of confidence in ourselves."

"This, in turn, comes from a crisis in self-identity. Many of us no longer know who we are or what we are. Some of our religious and cultural groups appear to be suffering from a collective amnesia," he continued. "They have forgotten their purposes, their origins, their personalities. The crisis of Western man is a crisis in which he is insecure with regard to his own identity, his own entity, his own worth. As a result, he suffers bewilderment, insecurity, fear even to the point of paranoia. Call this by any name you choose; the results are the same."

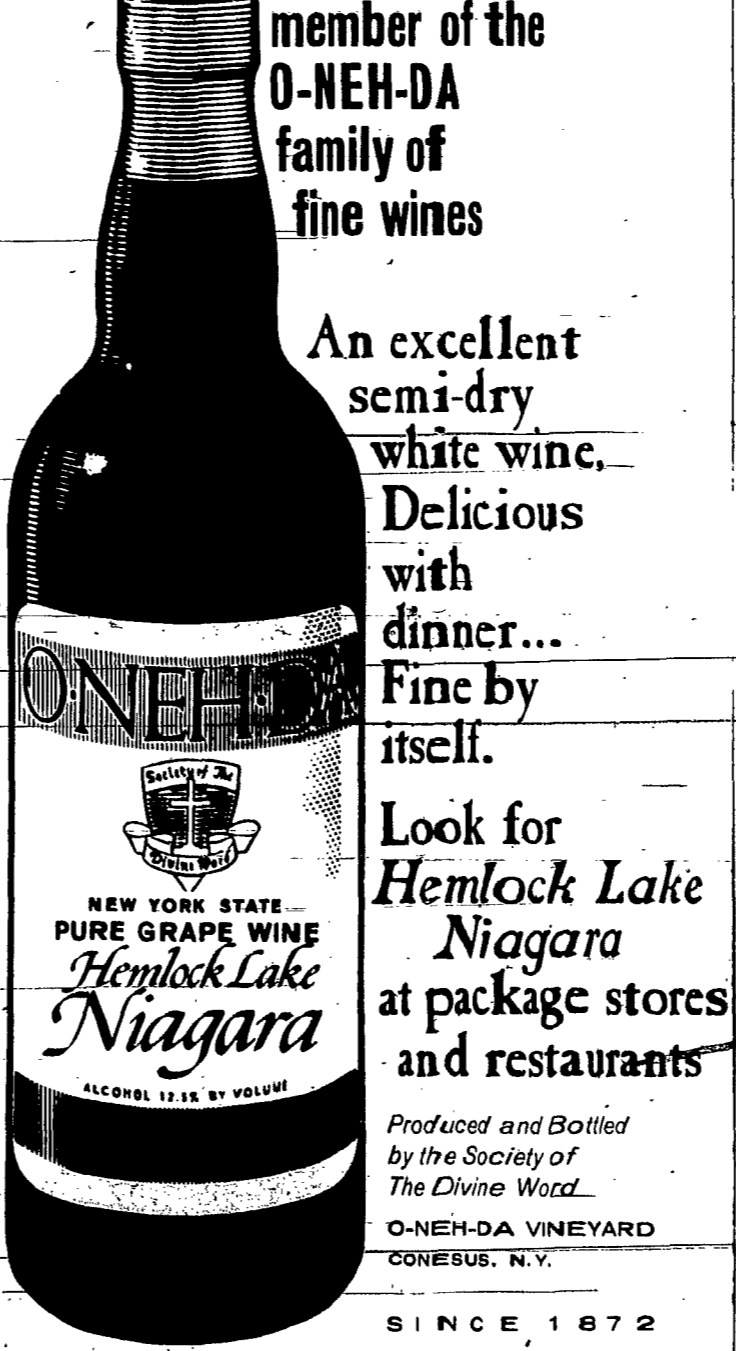
Vets Applaud Ban on Red

Washington—(NC)—The national commander of the Catholic War Veterans has commended the Defense Department for its decision to deny burial in Arlington National Cemetery to a communist, Robert G. Thompson.

CWV commander Martin G. Riley said protests by the Catholic War Veterans were a major factor in causing the Defense Department to refuse to bury Thompson in Arlington Cemetery.

Riley said the fact that Thompson was a veteran and had been decorated for bravery "did not by any means overshadow the fact that he was an avowed communist."

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Pilgrimage to Poland

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York will participate in a pilgrimage celebrating the millennium of Polish Christianity. Bishop Sheen will leave New York April 27. Pictured with him is Thomas J. Mulroy, Manager of Religious Travel for Scandinavian Airlines System. Information about the trip is available at local travel agencies.

ST. BONIFACE card party was Feb. 11.

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