

## Psychology To Stem Drop-outs

New York — (RNS)—Speakers at a special Catholic seminar here on "Religious Assessment" cited the rise in drop-outs from seminaries and convents and the decrease in applicants for religious vocations and called for a new approach in admission and guidance of candidates.

The role of psychological assessment and testing of candidates was emphasized at the seminar by Dr. Walter J. Coville, clinical psychologist at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center here; and Father Paul F. D'Arcy, M.M., education director for the Maryknoll Fathers.

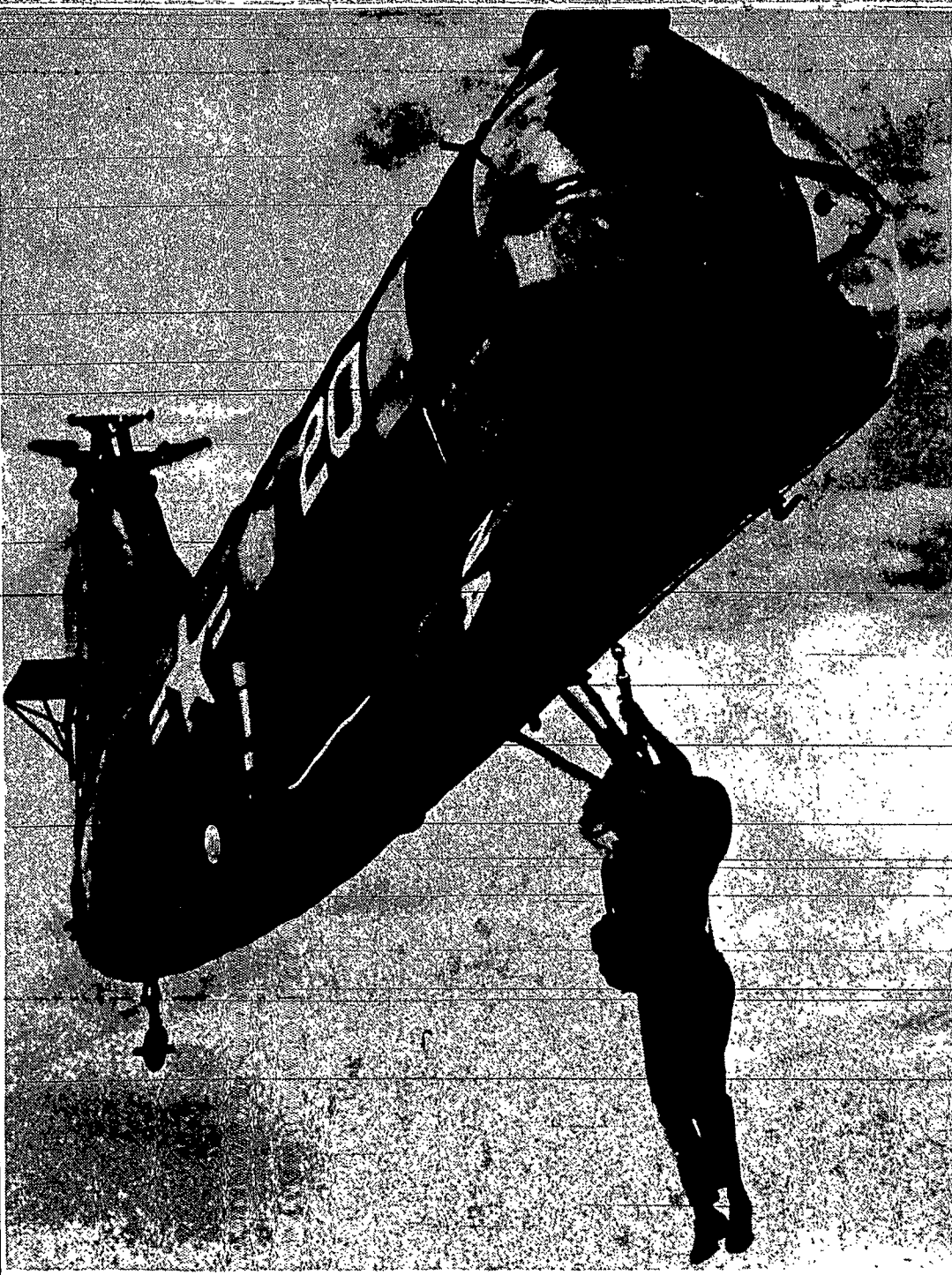
The seminar took place at the 20th annual meeting of the American Catholic Psychological Association.

Dr. Coville observed that reforms and other changes in the Church, as well as in society, call for greater care in selecting and guiding applicants for a religious vocation.

"While research has not yet yielded universally applicable scales or predictions as to who is best fitted for religious vocations, modern psychological tests do offer some guidelines which may aid in selection," he said.

"Psychological assessment of candidates for the priestly and religious life has evolved to the point where we are now confident of its validity and effectiveness."

"More and more requests are coming in for professional psychological services in screening candidates," he noted. "The demands for such services today are beginning to exceed the number of psychologists available for this work."



## High-flying Chaplain

Vietnam — (RNS) — Chaplains in the Vietnam combat area have become "circuit riders" — using helicopters instead of horses to visit fighting men on both land and sea. Here, a 'copter lowers a chaplain to a Navy vessel not equipped with a landing pad.

## Prelate Raps Traditionalist

Paris — (RNS)—Father Georges de Nantes of Troyes, one of France's most outspoken Catholic traditionalists, has been suspended from his priestly faculties by his bishop for carrying his spiritual pamphlet writing too far.

Father de Nantes, the object of several ecclesiastical sanctions, had over recent years been writing "A Letter To My Friends" which was distributed to influential Catholics in all social circles.

But in the eyes of Bishop Julien Le Couedic of Troyes, Father de Nantes exceeded all bounds of reason when he published an "Appeal to Rome," a kind of open letter to Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (formerly the Holy Office) of which extracts were published in the newspaper Paris-Press.

Father de Nantes began by saying that "our misfortune began the day when the Pope programmed an Ecumenical Council to remodel the face of the Church by modernizing it." Thus it happened, he said, that the Church's "defenders" became its "accusers."

This resulted, he affirmed, in "A new religion where social commitment is more important than faith, and obedience to men more important than the worship of God."

Father de Nantes charged that seminarians who signed a Vietnam peace appeal were "suspected of disobedience to the Pope and the Council" while those who militated for marriage in the priesthood were considered as being "profoundly engaged in the apostolic reform of the Church."

Addressing himself directly to Cardinal Ottaviani, Father de Nantes said: "When you declare religious liberty, allow

neither a bishop, neither a priest, and less than the least member of the Church faithful."

The "new spirit" in the Church, said Father de Nantes, had led to "the abandoning of the clerical dress by priests" and even by nuns. One no longer saw priests praying to nor visiting the Holy Sacrament. Evening services and vespers had "practically disappeared from the 40,000 parish churches in France. Only the Sunday worship remains."

Formerly the parish priest of the Villemaur congregation

in the Aube department of France, Father de Nantes had begun by writing "Spiritual Letters" to some fifty persons who had accepted him as their spiritual director. Soon afterwards, he was writing "Letters of Theology" for an enlarged readership.

In the early sixties appeared his "Letters of Political-Morals," which principally denounced the support of certain Catholic circles for the independence of Algeria. These letters made their largest impact in the first years of the Vatican Council, when their publication figure reached 12,000.

## A 'Council' for the Needy

# Open Nation to World Poor

San Diego — (RNS)—Sound- ing a warning about "outmoded" economic arrangements," in the U.S., Father Erwin A. Juraschek of San Antonio told delegates attending the 18th annual convention of the American G.I. Forum that unless this country can find productive work for all its people and use its material blessings to underwrite the development of the underproductive nations, "then these nations will destroy us before this century is done."

The American G.I. Forum is an organization of Mexican-American war veterans. During the convention Father Juraschek was unanimously re-elected national chaplain of the Forum.

"I appeal to you today to begin in America—in the political and economic spheres—the kind of agglomerations which the Catholic Church has begun in the religious sphere," the priest said. "Just as the Church has opened its windows to let in the light of truth, regardless of its source, so also must America open its windows to the hopes of all mankind, regardless of their national affiliation."

Father Juraschek pointed out that Americans constitute only six per cent of the earth population—"yet, we consume 40 per cent of its annual production."

Noting that in the last 20 years there has been a "great awakening among the starving people of this world," the San Antonio priest said bluntly, "... to those in want, America appear as a greedy giant sucking up the goods of the earth and robbing them."

"We must learn to see ourselves," he said, "as we are seen by those 94 people of 100 who are not Americans. Until we come to appreciate their feelings and understand their point of view, we will not be motivated to mobilize our great productivity to serve our own best long-run interest."

He continued: "At the same time we restrict our production to maintain our time-honored economic arrangements, we are confronted with almost two billion people whose problems is underproduction."

"If they cannot change their institutions enough to increase their productivity, and we cannot change enough to share ours, then this planet is in for quite a shaking up within the next 30 years."

## 'Black Power' Cry of Despair

Washington — (RNS)—The "Black Power" slogan not only is an "extremist expression of the deep-seated emotional resentment in the heart of black Americans," but it also is a "cry of despair," a Roman Catholic bishop said here.

At a special Mass preceding a wreath-laying ceremony at the statue of the late James Cardinal Gibbons, Coadjutor Bishop Peter L. Gerety of Portland, Maine, said the resentment is caused by many decades of "injustice, hatred and violent repression." Negroes have undergone because of the white power structure.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., who officiated at the Mass and ceremony attended by some 1,300 persons. Cardinal Gibbons, in the spirit of Labor Day, was praised by many other speakers as a foremost defender of the rights of the working man.

Bishop Gerety told the audience: "We white people tremble when we hear the extremist cry, 'black power.'"

"And yet, the Negro in this country is faced constantly and on every side with what he sees as the white power which has lashed him, held him down, humiliated him for all these many, many years."

"He knows that discrimination against him and disdain, even hatred, for him because of his color is an all-pervading fact of our white-dominated society. In the great mass of Negro people this fact keeps constantly alive a deep and enduring mistrust of the whites."

"The call for 'black power' is



## Gifts for Vietnamese Children

Da Nang, So. Vietnam — (RNS) — Father Loi, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic school near Da Nang, South Vietnam, distributes books and games to pupils. Assisting the priest is Marine Comdr. E. Thompson White of Perry, Iowa. The welcome gifts came from the women's group of the Liturgical Conference in Washington, D.C.

## Put Council Into Practice

Bamberg — (RNS) — Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, told laymen attending the 81st German Catholic Congress to work for the speedy and effective implementation of Church reforms decreed by the Second Vatican Council.

He particularly pointed to the Council's decrees giving the laity a more important role in the Church and fostering Christian unity.

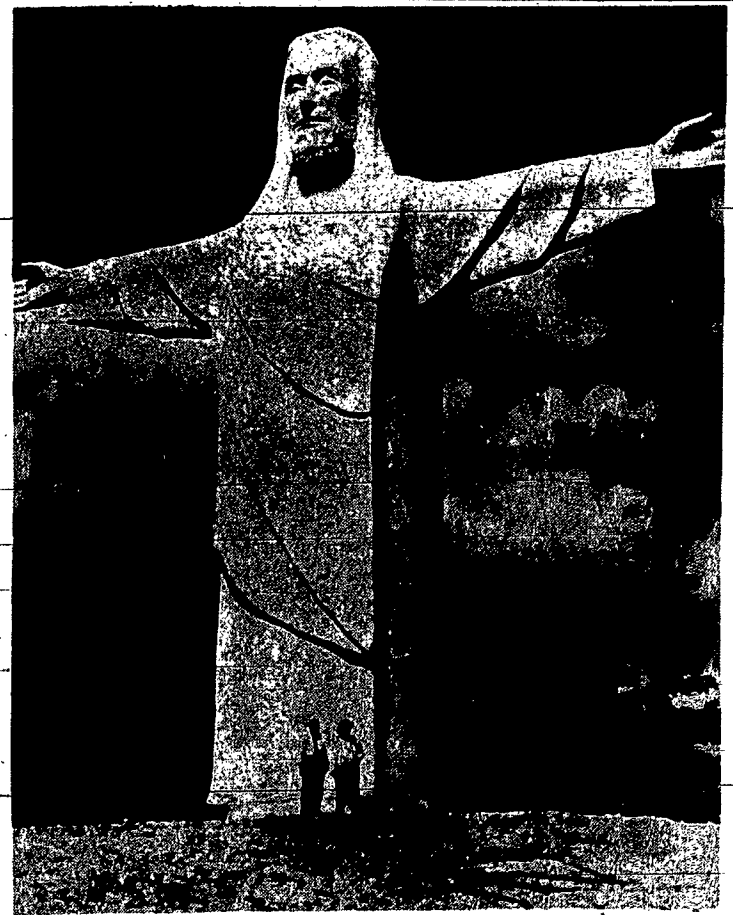
Speaking at a Mass, Cardinal Frings observed that Catholic laymen have important tasks to perform today for the Church. Laymen, he said, "must profess to the world the brilliance of a Christian's existence."

In promoting ecumenism, he said, laymen should work toward the elimination of "justified objections" Non-Catholics declare religious liberty, allow

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## Ozark Monument

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. — (RNS)—Emmet Sullivan and Gerald K. Smith stand at the foot of the seven-story "Christ of the Ozarks" statue created by Mr. Sullivan on Magnetic Mountain, Eureka Springs, Ark. The huge statue, built for the Elna M. Smith Foundation, was dedicated this Summer. The Smiths have said that the statue was built as a testimony to the Christian ideals that shaped America.