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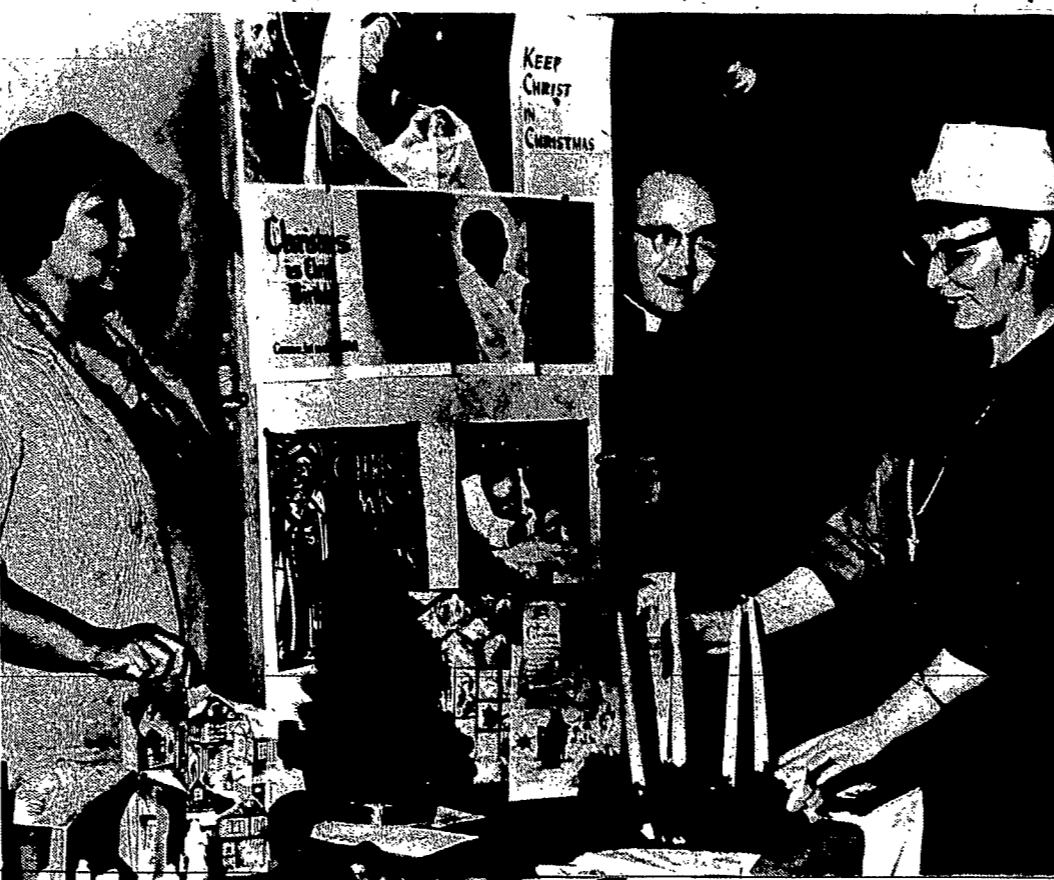
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'Keep Christ in Christmas'

DISPLAY MATERIALS to promote the religious significance of Christmas were featured at the first fall meeting of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery Council meeting of the D.C.C.W. in Elmira. Women of Our Lady of Lourdes parish were hostesses. In photo are Mrs. Raymond G. Granston, deanery president; Father William F. McCall, moderator; and Mrs. Charles A. Smith, organization and development chairman.

Cults Complicate African Religion

Lagos, Nigeria — (RNS) — Africa is filled with many secret cults and societies which make high demands on the loyalty of members. Christians, both young and old, are today faced with the problem of deciding whether it is right to belong to them. Some people say they are good, others say they are evil.
The churches say a decision on secret cults and societies need not be a problem, because the Bible gives "clear advice" on the matter.
There are many secret cults and societies in Africa but their practices are very similar. Some forbid marriage and the eating of meats. Others are more ambitious.
Their symbols and ways are very "magical," and they practice

some form of necromancy and divination. Before a person becomes a member, he must sign a bond by oath to be loyal, and to obey all the rules of restriction, such as preserving the secrecy of the society. At death, a member's corpse belongs, as it were, to the society. In other words, the relatives of a member, regardless of the closeness of their relationship, cannot bury their dead without substantial intrusion by the society.
Membership in these cults comprises mostly wealthy and influential people and men in the "top" class.
Many students are victims because the societies claim the ability to develop man's inner, hidden powers which alone are the key to success. They practice astrology, observe times, and believe strongly in the predictions of stars, also a form of divination. They stress absolute dependence on man's wisdom and knowledge as the sole factors of a successful life. Their general attitude toward science, wisdom, knowledge and life is similar to the ancient agnostic orders.

words, the security simply means the acquisition of wealth or at least sufficient funds to carry a person throughout his lifetime. It means protection from a life of penury, poverty and want.
Perhaps the main reason why people enroll in these societies

and cults is to get protection from enemies, jujus, witches, wizards, and all forms of imaginary evil. Very often people quote, "Heaven helps those who help themselves," as a reason why they need charms or organizations to protect them from "evil spirits."

Miss O'Hern Requiem Held, Bishop's Kin

A funeral Mass for Gertrude O'Hern, for years head of public school nurses in Rochester and former member of Corpus Christi parish, was offered in Buffalo, Oct. 1.
A registered nurse for half a century, Miss O'Hern, 88, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1966 in St. Francis Home, Williamsville, N.Y.
Miss O'Hern's brother was Bishop John Francis O'Hern, third bishop of Rochester.
She was also preceded in death by three other priests, Monsignor Thomas J. O'Hern, pastor of St. Bartholomew Church, Buffalo; Father Dennis O'Hern of Erie, Pa.; Father Louis J. O'Hern, C.S.P., former editor of the Paulist magazine; Col. Edward J. O'Hern, U.S. Army; Mrs. Kathryn Webster; Mrs. Nora Parker; Mrs. Jennie Baish and Miss Nellie O'Hern.
Burial was in St. Bonaventure Cemetery, Olean.

Holy Apostles Safety Award

The Perfect Safety Award of the Green Pennant Safety Program was given to the students of Holy Apostles School in recognition of their having attained a perfect safety record for the 1965-66 school year. The plaque was presented at the climax of the School Safety Assembly, on Sept. 26. The presentation was made to Sister Marie Jeanette, the principal of Holy Apostles School, by School Safety Officer Albert Piacelli.
This award is sponsored by the Rochester Division of General Motors and the Gannett Newspapers, and is presented by a representative of the Rochester Police Department to schools with a perfect safety record for an entire school year.

Young Adults Ask More Changes

Atlanta — (RNS) — New forms of confession, changes in the law of abstinence, increased interreligious activities and more dialogue among recommendations made by the Young Adult Congress of the Atlanta Catholic archdiocese at a two-day meeting here.
The various proposals for Church renewal from the young people, along with suggestions from the Lay Congress and the Sisters' Congress, will go to the Synod of Priests meeting in November. Final reports will later be submitted to Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta who called the congresses.
THE YOUNG adults also recommended:
1. An archdiocesan congress of priests, nuns and laymen within two years.
2. An examination of the pastoral school system.
3. Reconsideration of the Church's law on mandatory celibacy for priests.
4. Experimental Masses, use of modern liturgical music in the Mass, regular evening Masses, sermons directed toward youths, and use of the vernacular for the Mass Canon.
5. Reexamination of the

Irish Vandals Deface Church

Clonfert — (NC) — Vandals who desecrated the Church of Ireland cathedral of St. Brendan here claimed to be taking it over in the name of the Catholic Church.
They defaced with paint memorials on the cathedral walls, carried outside an altar table on which they wrote: "This is yours; the rest is ours" and placed portraits of Pope Paul VI and of William Cardinal Conway of Armagh on the bishop's throne.
A papal flag was hoisted to the top of the 12th-century cathedral.

Ring Ceremony For Seniors

Members of the Nazareth College senior class will receive their college rings during a special ceremony Sunday, Oct. 9, beginning at 1 p.m.
Following the ceremony the seniors will be hostesses at a tea for Sister Helen Daniel, president; Sister Josephine Louise, dean of students and senior class advisor; Sister St. Catherine, dean; Sister Eva Marie, director of guidance and placement; and other faculty members.

A Tube Blows In Tanzania

Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, Rochester dentist, is currently preparing for shipment several crates of x-ray equipment for medical mission outposts in Africa. He plans to return there for a six-month tour about mid-January.
He received a letter this month from Sister Eucharist O'Mahony in the heart of Tanzania who described use of equipment sent there in previous years by Dr. Lalonde. She also appealed for a tube to replace one that had blown, putting one machine out of operation.
Prior to his departure, he is available for illustrated talks on the mission-work and medical and dental services being done in Africa.

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Abortion Law Revision Termed 'Scandalous'
Los Angeles — (NC) — Support of the California State Bar Convention for relaxation of present abortion laws was called "scandalous and deplorable" by Cardinal James Francis McIntyre.
The archbishop of Los Angeles attacked the bar convention action in a statement in which he expressed shock that lawyers would endorse action "tantamount to murder."
The state bar convention asked its board of governors to sponsor legislation permitting abortions in cases of rape, incest, grave danger to the mother's health, or likelihood that the child would be born defective. A similar bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Anthony C. Bellenson, failed to pass in the last session of the state legislature.
"The bill, as well as the action of the state bar convention in approving it, is shocking, scandalous and further evidence of increasing disrespect and irreverence for basic law and divine moral principles," Cardinal McIntyre said.
"The Bellenson measure," he continued, "provides a liberalization of practice that infringes on the law of nature the natural law. It would permit, without legal culpability, action by doctors and others that would be tantamount to the classification of murder in the general acceptance of that term."

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