



## Complacency Can Be Betrayal of Faith

Dayton, Ohio — (NC) — A bishop warned against the "confusion, conflicts and disregard for authority" in the Church today, and added that to be "comfortably complacent" about the difficulties of some Catholics also "is a betrayal of the Faith."

Auxiliary Bishop Edward A. McCarthy of Cincinnati, preaching at a Mass commemorating the Year of Faith in Immaculate Conception church here, said "lack of charity, the acrid nature of criticism, the rashness of judgment, the negativism of the age, the disrespect for God's anointed" often are associated with pernicious attacks on the Faith.

"The Church must meet this cultural revolution of civilization, explain the unchanging message of the Gospel in the language of the day, manifest the relevancy of the Faith to the needs, the suffering, the problems, the outlook, the methodology and way of thinking of this age, cope with the contemporary, not with the past. Reformation, mentality," the bishop said.

"To be unaware of the needs of our times — to be comfortably complacent, out of touch with the difficulties which some of our brothers are experiencing, while the light of the Gospel grows dim in the smoke of change, to be only negative and critical of efforts to show the relevancy of the Faith to men of our times — this, too, is a betrayal of the Faith. We must recognize that such efforts also

grow from a deep love of the Faith," he said.

Bishop McCarthy said some confusion arises when people mistake change in Church regulations with changes in the Faith.

"Friday abstinence was made voluntary so we would do our penance more spontaneously, more earnestly, more from love than from law," he noted. "This is not a matter of Faith."

Liturgical changes, ecumenical activities and new expressions of doctrine also represent no change in the Faith, he said.

"Our teaching, like the Paschal candle, must be dated by the year in which it shines," he added.

"The history of the Church reports great creative struggles between good men, sometimes saints, as they wrestled with questions not yet authoritatively defined by the Church. God works through human agents, with their own imperfections and anxieties," he said.

Bishop McCarthy described the Year of Faith as "a year of growth, but also a year of caution and a year of warning."

"But surely it is not a cry of panic," he continued. "We are serenely confident that the Holy Spirit is with His Church. The pains we suffer are growing pains. This post-conciliar way we walk is the perilous path to greatness, as the Church moves into the new age that is upon us."

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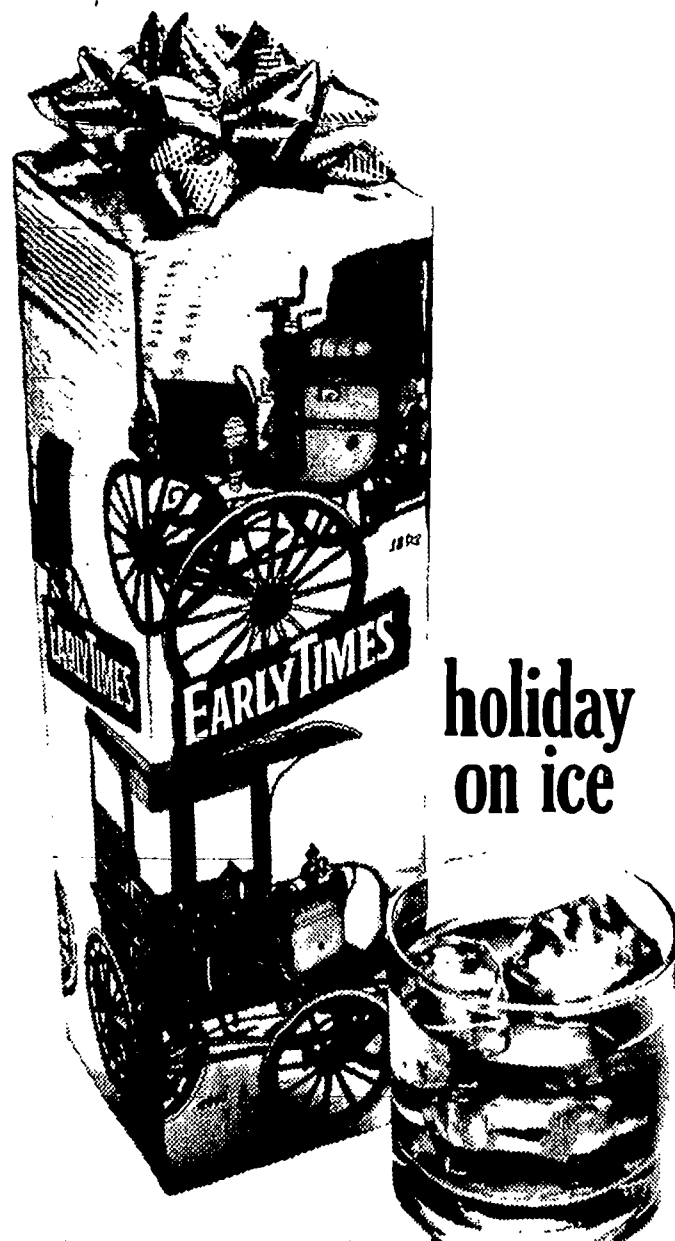


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St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — "Christian cards" with a social justice message, instead of traditional Christmas greetings, are being distributed by the Catholic Interracial Council of the Twin Cities in St. Paul, Minn. A slum scene and a needy Negro child are depicted in two of the six designs and photos for this year's "Christian cards." Proceeds from the sale of the cards go to assist needy minority groups.

## Pope Sends Funds To Flood Victims

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, Patriarch of Lisbon, authorized the sending of a sum of money to help victims of floods in the Province of Lisbon, Portugal. The executive committee of Caritas International, Catholic welfare agency, which was meeting in Rome, immediately dispatched \$10,000 for Portuguese flood victims.



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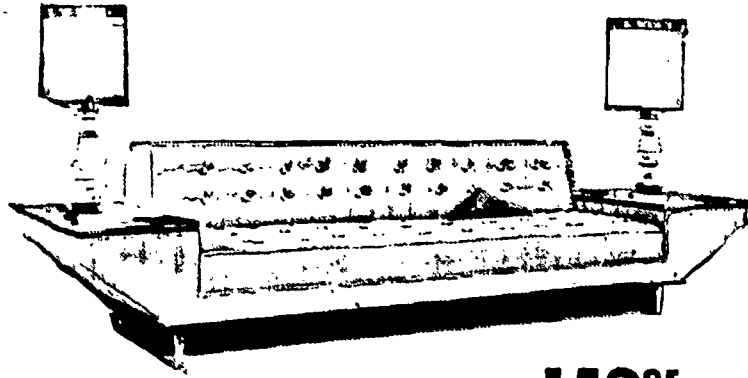
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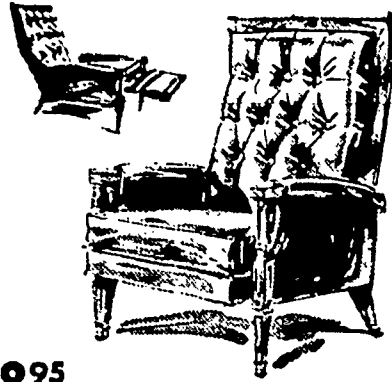
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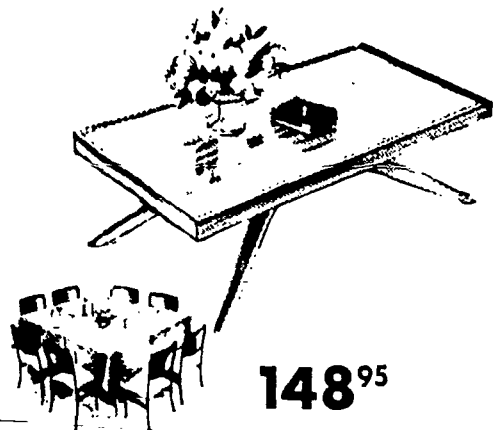
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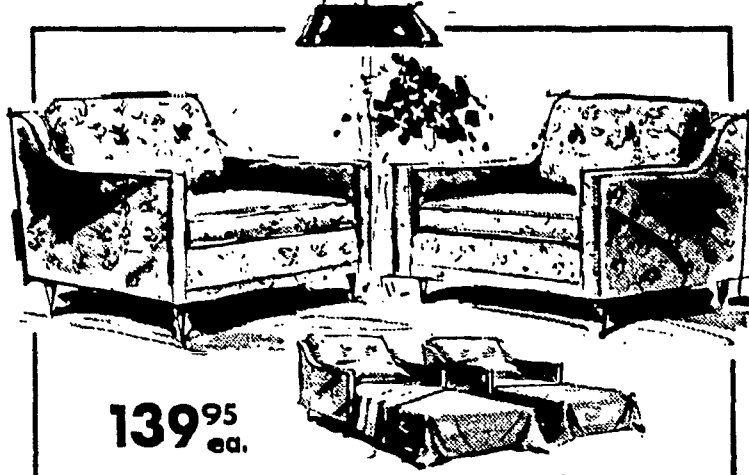
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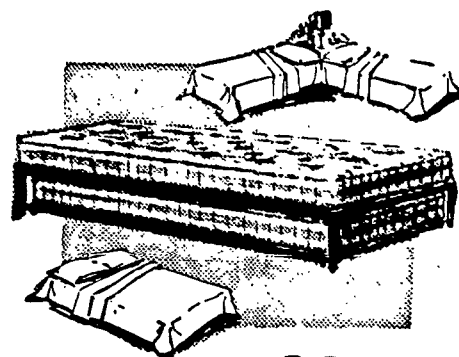
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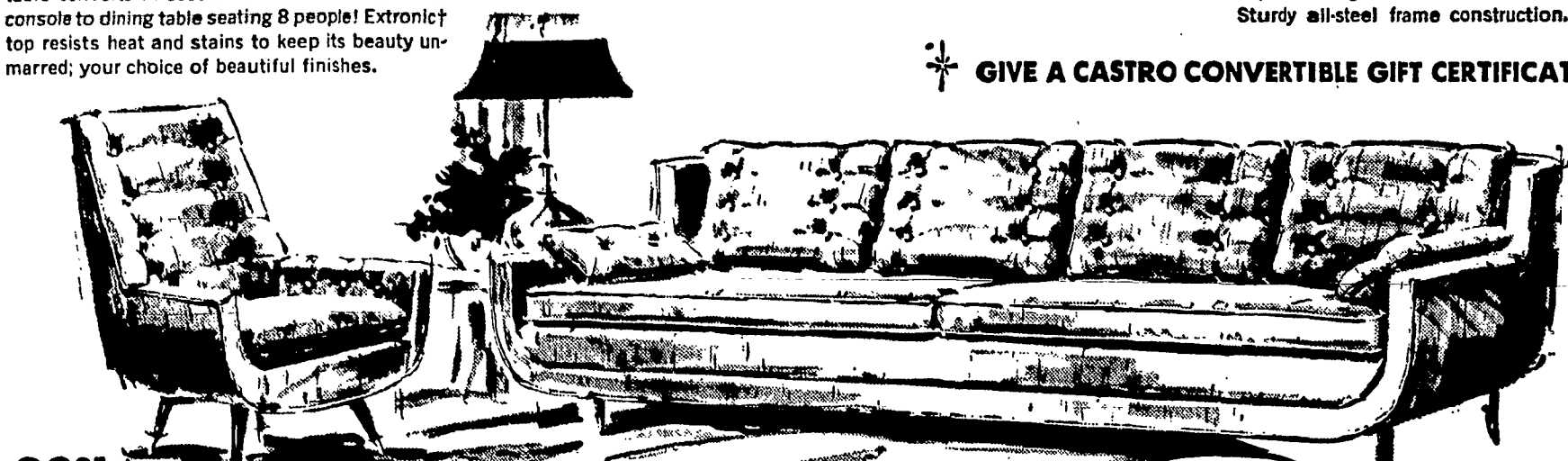
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