By JOHN A. GREAVES (NC, News Service)

ordination of Father John Jay Church.

Hughes, a former Episcopalian

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diocese said that Father Hughes of faith. received the orders of deacon Quoting from Father Hughes in isolation.

validly ordained in the American Episcopal Church, the bish conditionally," the statement open mind on the issue; and i amounts to a recognition of we would be perfectly willing Anglican orders, which would to have a commission composed be contrary to the 1896 Apos of historians not necessarily has granted the "ministry of

In recent years bishops of the Old Catholic succession—whose orders are recognized as valid by the Church—are reported the investigation should contribute the line of the community of the line of the community of the line Hughes himself was originally ordained by the late Bishop Benjamin M. Washburn of New ark, N.J., who was of the Old Catholic succession.

Catholic newspapers here splashed the news of Father Hughes' ordination on their pages as being of extreme significance in this country, where Anglicanism is the national state religion.

The Tablet, a Catholic week-ly here, in a lengthy commen-tary on the case, said: "It seems to us that the judgment of the Holy See will not now depend exclusively on a fresh examination of historical evidence. De-

can orders, the paper goes on:

ter of reunion between the Ang- to, rather than conflicts with ical pigeons. licans and the Catholic Church, the deliberations of the (Vatiand news of the conditional can Secretariat for Promoting

and priest from bishops who himself the Tablet said that two can trace their succession to years ago John Cardinal Heenan the conditional ordination of old Catholic bishops, whose orders go back in turn ultimately to bishops of the Catholic Church.

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"Since it is possible but not certain that Father Hughes was validly ordained in the American Secretariat for (Promoting) Christian Unity was apparently not consulted and must find the situation embarrassing. There

of Muenster ordained him to The cardinal replied: "Speakthe diaconate and priesthood ing for myself I have a very Laymen Given said. "It is thus quite untrue it would give any comfort or that the conditional ordination c on solation of any kind

The Tablet pointed out that are not deacons, however.

bate along these lines, could the great English convert from is further a contrast between for the validity of Anglican or continue indefinitely. It will de Anglicanism, John Cardinal the bishop's reasons for taking ders transmitted through the pend on the developing doctrine Newman, was disposed at his this step and the convictions ex-London — The conditional of the priesthood both within ordination in 1847 (according pressed by Father Hughes about satisfied with this approach, to Louis Bouyer) to look on his his Anglican orders.

earlier Anglican orders as valid "The bishop ordained him be-Bishop Joseph Hoeffner of ground of Father Hughes at Muenster, Germany, appears to length and his intense studies An anonymous writer com-orders into the Anglican com-An anonymous writer com- orders into the Anglican com- selves. have shaken ecumenists in Bri- of the whole question of Angli menting in the Universe, a na- munions through Old Catholic tional Catholic newspaper, said: bishops. Father Hughes accepts "The action of the Bishop of this but also wants to say that "In our view the Bishop of Muenster will certainly set a his previous ordination would have never made any secret of

ordination ceremony at Muen- Christian Unity) and must also ders is on the agenda of the of-the acceptance of the bull of ster has encouraged uncertain- effect future decisions of the ficial Catholic-Anglican talks. Leo XIII. Father Hughes' posities about the traditional Cath. Doctrinal Congregation). Ultiolic objections to the validity mately the matter in its widest a return to the 16th century but bull, which he has elsewhere application reverts to the Holy in an examination of the declared to be a dead letter the doubts of others." He also of Anglican orders. See. The validity or otherwise of veloping theology of the minis and "obsolete." To say the least, stated; "I could, of course, never A statement of the Muenster Anglican orders is not a matter try on both sides. It is not a this is a premature judgment on in conscience have accepted an question that can be discussed a matter under official discussion discussion that can be discussed a matter under official discussion discussio

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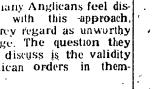
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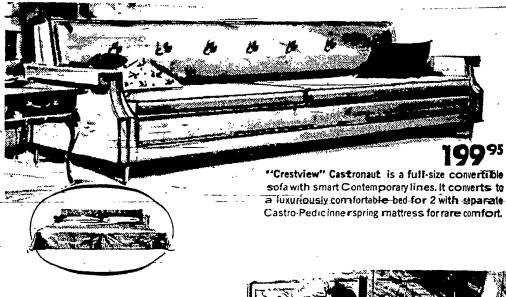


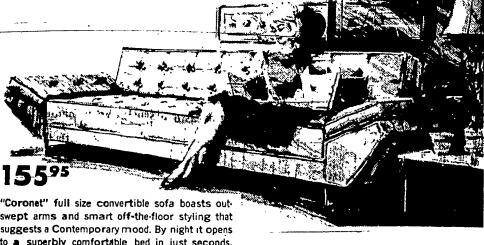
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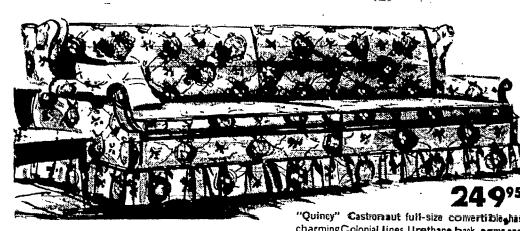
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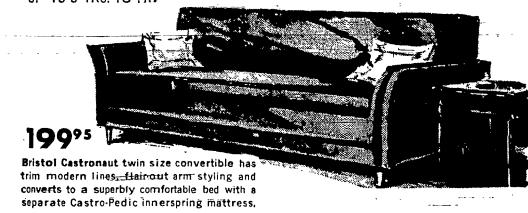


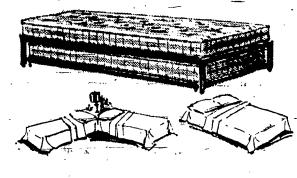




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the status of the Qumran religion At a tree-planting ceremony

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Spanish Bishop Raps Xerex, Spain -(NC)- Au

Lachiondo of Seville, in a lette Sunday Masses here, strongly cr working conditions endured by Andalusia. "Society is obligated to re

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ed at Pentecost. For us, however, Bar ample of the man who would learned that Jesus of Naz cried out to him. The crov hush him. But he cried out plies he screamed out franti would not take no. Jesus wa point: He was not standing : this way again. It was nov

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screeched out convulsively. As always, Jesus' resp ligious leaders merely talke philosopher, who had been then of Buddha, and finally was the difference between

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Bartimeus symbolizes a at times to the meaning of Might we too not pray, "Si

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