Anglicans to Pursue Talks on Unity with Catholics

By JOHN A. GREAVES (NC News Service)

London-Despite their differences with Pope Paul VI's encyclical on birth control. Anglicans intend to pursue their talks on unity with Cath-

This was stated by Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, Anglican Primate, at the end of the monthlong Lambeth Conference here attended by nearly 500 Anglican bishops

"The pressure of the world and its needs were more keenly felt during this 10th Lambeth Conference than ever before," Archbishop Ramsey, the conference chairman, told a concluding press conference.

"We began with the Pope's bombshell about birth control. That certainly affected the atmosphere in which we started. And we finished with the bombshell of Russia going into Czechoslovakia."

Throughout the conference of bishops representing the world's 40 million members of the Anglican communion the theme off unity had been uppermost. A resolution of the final plenary session expressed a warm welcome to proposals for developing re-lations with the Catholic

On Pope Paul's encyclical the conference reaffirmed the right of Christian parents to decide for themselves on family planning, but declined to cite contraception as a means of controlling the rise in the world's population.

In the final session, the Anglican bishops urged the setting up of a permanent joint commission representing the Anglican and the Catholic churches and said they welcomed the work of the joint commission on the theology of marriage and its application to mixed marriages." They urged speedy continuance."

In the report of the conference's unity section, a section in the original draft stating that the "majority of Anglicans would be prepared to accept the Pope as having a primacy of love" in a reunited Church was omitted.

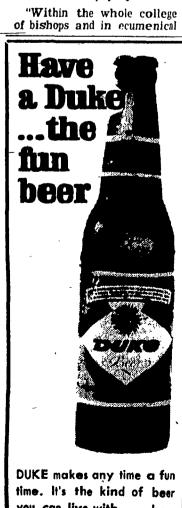
But Archbishop Ramsey at his press conference, denied that this was done because of the encyclical on birth control. He personally had approved of the original section having been altered and at the plenary session had described as "a mixture of prophecy and guess" a proposal that the president of a united Christendom "might most fittingly be the occupant of the historical See of

One section was retained that referred to "substantial divergencies" existing between the two Churches in such matters as teaching authority, infallibility and Mariological definitions, but

"We recognize the papacy as a historic reality whose developing role requires deep reflection and joint study by all concerned for the unity of the whole body of Christ."

Lambeth Palace, the archbishop's headquarters in London - Archbishop Ramsey said the encyclical darkened the sky "not just because what it said on birth control we thought unsound but also because it represented an ultramontane trend in the Church of Rome." It was probably this question of authority in the Catholic Church that worried delegates most, he said.

Dr. Lakdasa De Mel, Anglican Metropolitan of India. who introduced the unity report, had explained the proposition on the papacy.



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In its report on Renewal in Unity the conference dealt at length with the question of collegiality, and the mention of the papacy was placed in this context.

"As a result of the emphasis placed on collegiality at the Second Vatican Council the status of bishops in the Roman Catholic Church was in great measure enhanced." it said, "though the teaching a primacy of love implying of the First Vatican Council on the infallibility and im-

as would seem right on both diction of the Pope was unaf-

"We are unable to accept this teaching as it is commonly understood today. The relationships between the Pope and the episcopal college of which he is a member are however still being clarified and are subject to development.

Many references were made to the Vatican Councell during the conference. As one reporter said: "Many a dogeared copy of Walter Abbott's 'Documents_of Vatican Two' was carried around in an Episcopai briefcase."

The most important pro- need." They said all baptized posal of the Lambeth confer- Christians should be welcomence was the setting up of an ed to receive Anglican com-Anglican Consultative Coun-munion and all Anglicans cil. It has to be approved were allowed to receive comfurther by a two-thirds majority within the member churches by Oct. 30 next year. Its president will be the archbishop of Canterbury, but the council-which will comprise bishops, clergy and laity

The Anglican bishops also authorized inter - communion between Anglicans and members of other Churches in

munion in other Christian Churches believing in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds when they know they are welcome to do so.'

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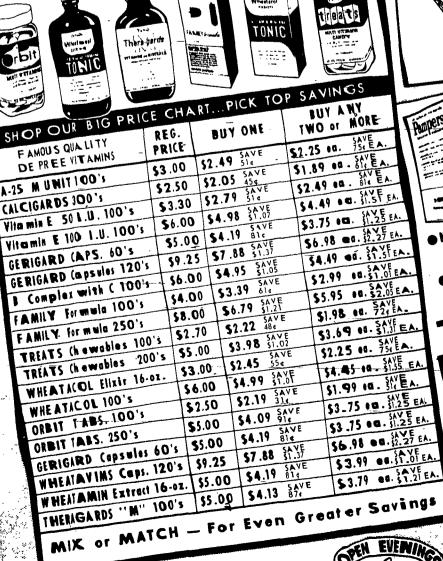
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