

**Torah Explained to Catholics**

Rabbi Edward Zerlin of Temple Sinai, Sharon, Mass., leads a discussion of the Torah for young people of the nearby Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. The young people were the guests of the Sharon Federation of Temple Youth. They were accompanied by Father John O'Donnell (right).

**Peace Day Sermon**

**'We're All in the War Business'**

By JOHN A. GREAVES  
(NC News Service)

London—Everyone who pays taxes directly or indirectly is "deeply and personally involved in the war business," the congregation in Westminster cathedral here was told in a Peace Sunday sermon.

"Have you got a pair of Bren guns or a box of grenades in your back room?" asked Msgr. Bruce Kent, chaplain to London University. "No reason why you shouldn't have, since every man, woman and child in this country spent about 35 pounds (\$84) each on armaments last year.

"Today our country spends two billion pounds (\$4.1 billion) each year on the swords of the 20th century; 900 million pounds (\$2,160 million) on beer and only 150 million pounds (\$390 million) is lent or given to the poor countries of the world, our brothers in Christ . . .

"Peace is so much more than the condemnation of certain modes of behavior. It is not the silent tension of the arms race. It is not the cowering of small nations into silence with economic pressure. It is not the passivity of us in the West who enjoy the good life and are happy with things as they are. Christian peace starts with love for the whole community."

The nine million Catholics in the British Isles are being asked in parish appeals to make an unprecedented drive in the next 12 months to reduce the poverty gap between the rich "Atlantic nations" and the relatively poor countries of the "Third World."

Appeals were made in some 2,500 parishes in England and Wales and in the 700 parishes in Scotland. The Irish bishops have already issued their own appeal — all at the request of Pope Paul.

Leading the work in the British branch of the Vatican Commission for World Justice and Peace are a group of internationally known experts on population, economics, world trade and sociology. They include Barbara Ward, the Catholic economist, and George Bull, editor of the influential business and financial magazine here, the Director.

They are asking Catholics to fast or go without luxuries and give the money instead to one of the recognized groups dedicated to overseas aid; mobilize public opinion, pressure politicians to help the poor countries; hold meetings to which foreigners should be invited to get to know world problems; work for harmony inside the home and the community and in this way spread national and international harmony.

Special prayers for the world's oppressed, hungry, homeless and illiterate are being said in the Catholic churches here throughout January and at other times during this coming year.

Every single person in this country, on average spends about \$123 a year on cigarettes and alcohol alone. The average person in India has less than that, \$72 a year, to spend on all his needs. Some 500 million people in the world are at present either dying of hunger or suffering from a serious shortage of food.

**Officials Urge Honor for Rev. King**

New York — (RNS) — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Mayor John Lindsay and Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton here signed petitions asking the Federal government to declare Jan. 15, the birth date of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, as a national holiday.

Petitions were signed immediately before a memorial service to the slain civil rights leader at the City Hall. Earlier, a group of 75 to 100 clergymen of all traditions marched up Broadway to the City Hall from Trinity (Episcopal) church.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which Dr. King headed, is sponsoring the drive to have his birth date made a holiday.

Meanwhile in Washington, D.C., Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) introduced bills in the House of Representatives to declare Jan. 15 a holiday and to have 50-cent King memorial coins minted.

The Negro lawmaker had introduced similar bills in the last session of Congress. He said he had 56 co-sponsors in the previous effort and would again seek supporters to introduce a companion bill in the Senate.

**Unity Stressed In Patriarch's Note to Pope**

Vatican City — (NC) — Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople has written Pope Paul VI that the bonds of friendship and accord between their two Churches are stronger than ever, but that there is a need to make these bonds stronger in 1969.

The Patriarch's expression of brotherhood came in a Christmas message to the Pope which has just been published in the Vatican City daily, L'Osservatore Romano.

The Patriarch informed the Pope that he was giving thanks to God on the feast of Christmas "for reuniting to an already notable extent that which has divided — and for re-establishing charity between us . . .

"We are now on the threshold of the New Year and realize that the time is now becoming ever more short in consideration of the very rapid evolution of the world around us . . .

Patriarch Athenagoras promised the Pope that in 1969 he would be "ready to be at your side," so that they could "open together new ways which can lead to the complete fulfillment of the Lord's will."

**PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

In a White House innovation, the Nixon family plans occasional religious services in the East Room. The first such interdenominational service will be Sunday, Jan. 26, and evangelist Billy Graham will be included among the speakers . . . Bishop C. Edward Crowther, (Episcopal) who was ousted from the Union of South Africa for opposing apartheid, is one of five Americans on a mission of investigation to Biafra, sponsored by the Committee to Keep Biafra alive.

Key West, Fla. — (NC) — When Tennessee Williams entered the Catholic Church, he followed the example of his brother, Edward Dakin Williams, who became a Catholic in India during World War II.

After he was received into the Church by Father Joseph LeRoy, S.J., curate at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church here, the Pulitzer Prize winning playwright summed up his feelings by saying: "I've been a Catholic all my life."

Edward Williams visited the church rectory (Jan. 5) and requested that a priest visit his brother.

Father LeRoy said: "He had been very ill with Hong Kong flu in a New York hospital and came down here to recuperate." The priest visited the playwright over the next five days for instructions. Williams was received into the Church on Jan. 10.

Williams and his brother had been Episcopalians. Their grandfather was an Episcopalian clergyman.

At his request the 54-year-old playwright was baptized with full ceremonies which included recitation of



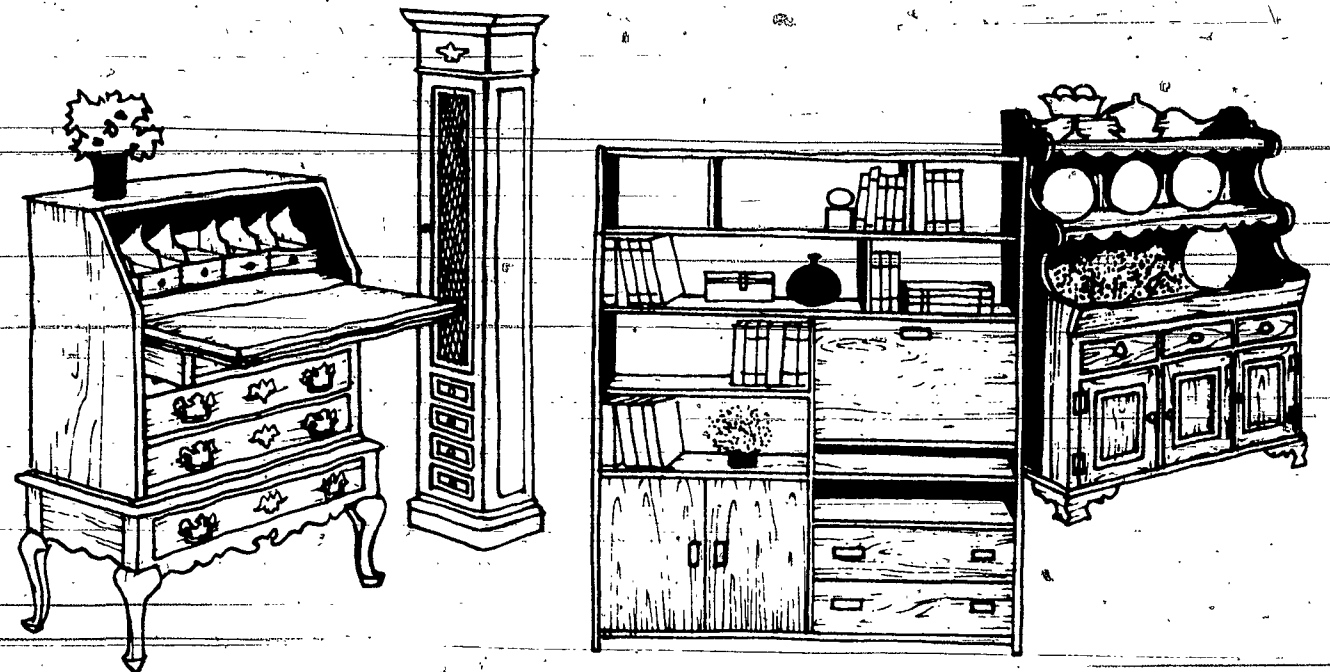
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the profession of faith, after which he received First Communion under both species. His brother was his godfather.

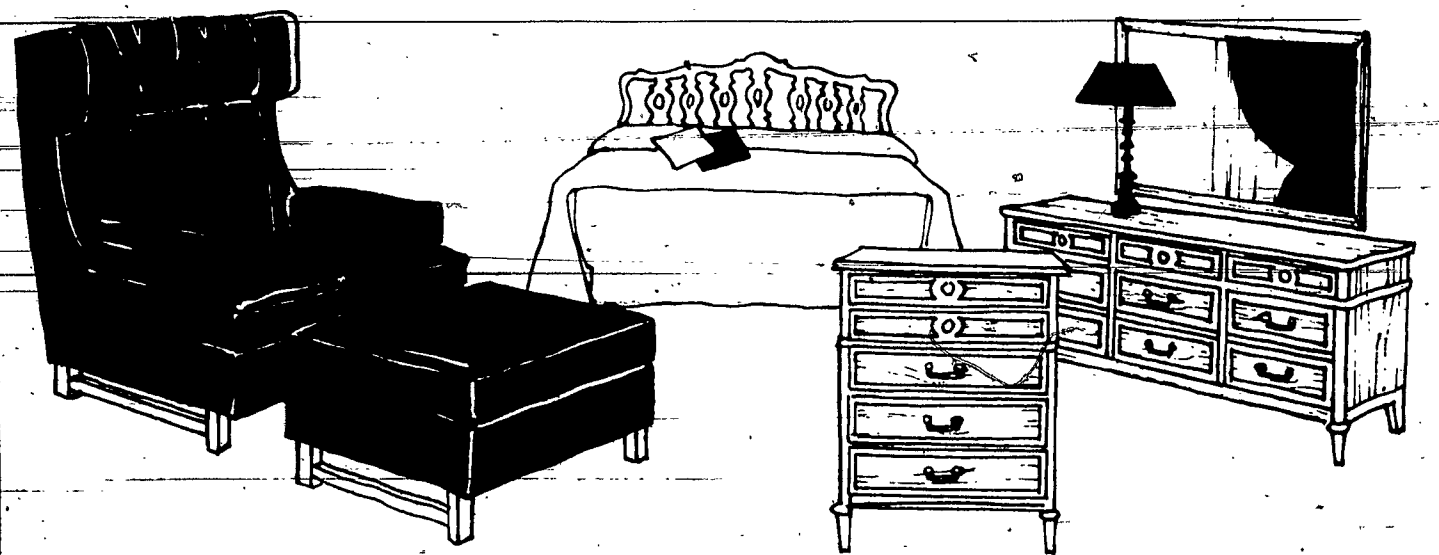
A statue of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was placed in the nave of the National Cathedral (Episcopal) in Washington, D.C. At a special observance on Rev. King's birthday (Jan. 15), Dean Francis Sayre Jr. of the cathedral said the statue would stand along with those of Martin Luther, John Calvin and other Christian leaders . . . Meanwhile, Rev. King's widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King will receive the Nehru Award for International Understanding voted posthumously to her husband by India.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I don't say to be blind is beautiful but I accept it. It's like being bald. I can do almost anything if I set my mind to it. I won't be a Mickey Mantle but I don't think you will be either" (to an unathletic reporter) — Robert J. Acosta, 29, upon being chosen one of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce's outstanding young Americans.

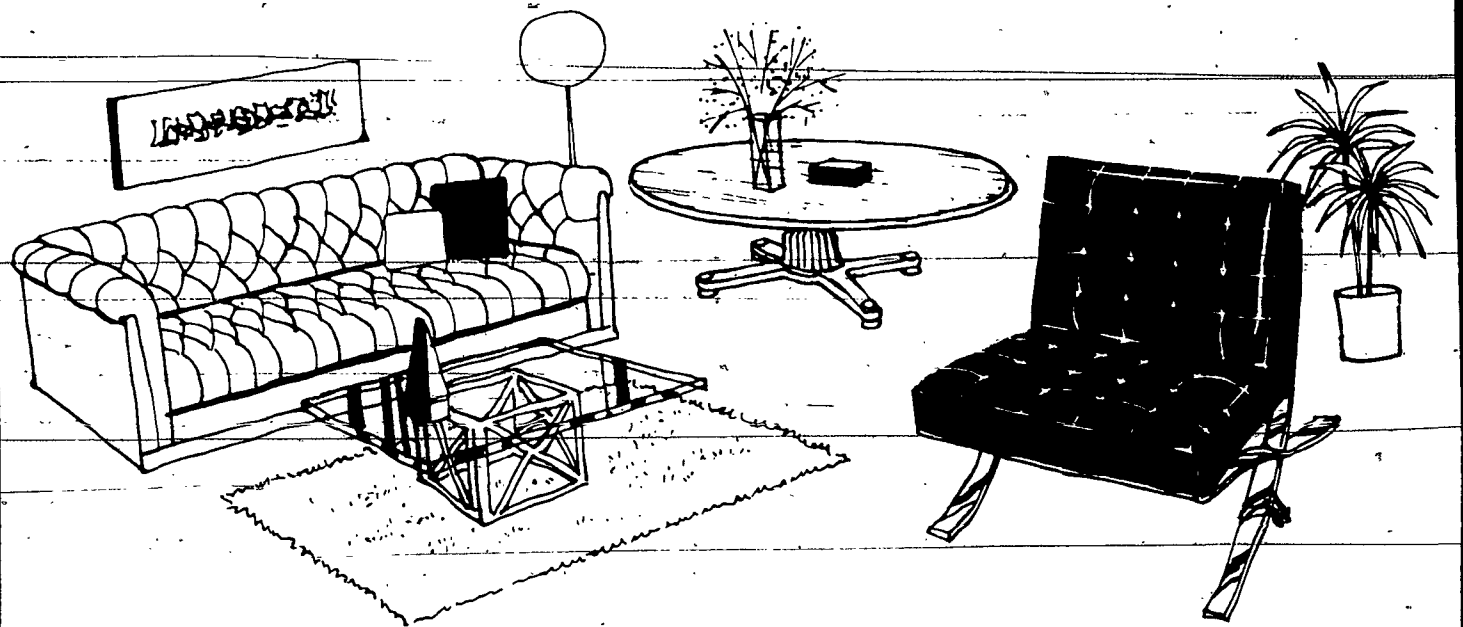
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