

Jews Mark Holy Days

Jews gather at the "Wailing Wall" to mark the holiest and most solemn days in the Jewish religion. Yom Kippur is the last of the Ten Days of Penitence which opened this new year on Sept. 13. The "Wailing Wall" is the only remnant of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem and through the centuries it has been a place of "wailing" and of religious pilgrimage. (Religious News Service photo).

## Fr. Haering Finds Authority 'Hang-Up'

Irvington, N.J. — (NC) — American Catholics have an authority hang-up.

That is the opinion of Father Bernard Haering, CSSR, noted German theologian who has been in this country giving retreats for nuns, priests and Protestants, lecturing and participating in ecumenical programs.

He said he found that the principal question in the minds of American Catholics is the place of authority in the Church. But he said he finds a certain ambivalence in the approach of young people to the question.

"Surveys have shown," he said,

## Lawyers Urged To Discuss War

San Francisco — (NC) — The dean of Boston College Law School, addressing a gathering of lawyers here, charged that Catholics in the legal profession have failed to lend their special competence to the problems of fashioning "an entirely new attitude toward war."

Stating that Catholics should condemn the savagery of the Vietnam war, Father Robert Drinan, S.J., said: "America should withdraw and then guarantee asylum to all Vietnamese who want to leave their nation because they fear reprisals."

He urged lawyers to re-think the Christian view of modern war and to reassess what he termed the major non-military solutions to international disorder — assistance to underdeveloped countries, arms control, and "world federalism."

Father Drinan said that although Vatican Council II neither ratified nor rejected the Church's traditional teaching on "a just war," the concept of such a war is being set aside by Catholic theologians because it is not applicable to modern warfare. He said one of the basic requirements of a just war is "proportionality" — that the good to be achieved outweighed the evil to be done.

"How in any modern war, be it nuclear or guerrilla, can the good achieved outweigh the countless innocent civilians killed, the devastation brought to crops and homes and the almost total annihilation brought to the land and to the culture on whose soil the war is waged?" he asked.

"Every modern war is almost inevitably genocidal," Father Drinan stated.

Noting that Pope Paul has said one way to world peace is through development of the poorer nations, Father Drinan quoted a Vietnamese bishop as telling him the United States could do infinitely more to stop communism by spending the \$30 billion it now spends on the war each year to bring food, medicine and education to the people of the land.

## Bishops Named For 2 U.S. Sees

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Pope Paul has accepted the retirement of two veteran American prelates and appointed new bishops to the Dioceses of Kansas City in Kansas and Nashville.

Retiring are Bishop William Lawrence Adrian, 83, of Nashville and Bishop Edward Joseph Hunkeler, 75 of Kansas City.

Pope Paul has named Bishop Joseph A. Durick, 54, coadjutor and apostolic administrator, to the Nashville see. Bishop Durick had been appointed coadjutor with right of succession in 1964.

Bishop Ignatius J. Strecker, 51, of the Diocese of Springfield-Cap Girardeau in Missouri was named by the Pope to succeed to Bishop Hunkeler's post in Kansas City.

## NAL Claims New Outlook

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — The National Association of Laymen (NAL), is altering the outlook of the Church in five ways, according to Donald Nicodemus of Washington, D.C., lay theologian and NAL's executive vice president.

Nicodemus said in an interview that NAL is active in five areas of involvement:

- Democratization of the Church, working toward the formation of parish, diocesan, national, and international policy-making councils to involve the laity.

- Reordering of Church priorities, seeking to orient the Church toward the secular concerns of racism, poverty, and war in particular.

- Equal rights for women in the Church, including ordination to the priesthood. He said the Church would not be truly democratic until a woman could be elected Pope.

- Revamping of religious education, helping parishes phase out parochial schools, elementary and secondary, which are not making a significant contribution to the elimination of discrimination in their communities.

- Bringing financial accountability into the Church, whereby parishioners would have a full disclosure of all monies expended by their parish and diocese.

"that in family matters they would be stricter than their parents. But this is not yet true in the fields of Church and civil authority. They are trying to discover the right concept of authority."

Father Haering also finds that celibacy is a more pressing topic in America, as it is in the Netherlands.

In his talks to the priests, Father Haering said the Church may be spending too much time listening to theologians. "Perhaps we should return to the veneration of the saints," he said, because the saints "are more credible than theologians."

"Kneeling before the tabernacle and making visits mean more (to the people) than all the discussions on transubstantiation and transignification," he said.

Discussing the troubles facing the Church, he said that he could almost imagine the Devil gathering his cohorts about him at the time of the Vatican Council and exhorting them to one goal — to make the Church into an instrument of pessimism.

"At times, as I go around," Father Haering said, "I feel he may have succeeded. I hear so often the complaints of how much is wrong in the Church today."

## Seton Hall to Students: Shape Up or Ship Out

South Orange, N.J. — (NC) — The acting president of Seton Hall University told the school's more than 10,000 students they should either fish at Seton Hall or cut bait elsewhere.

"Those who would refashion our society, the Church, and specifically, Seton Hall, into something of their own image . . . must be confronted with the fact that there are real principles which we cannot and will not compromise 'till hell freezes over,'" Msgr. Edward J. Fleming declared.

Msgr. Fleming spoke at a Mass marking the formal opening of the school's 114th academic year. His speech came at a time when school authorities throughout the nation are concerned about a possible increase in student demonstrations and revolt during the coming year.

The university head said that although faculty and students share responsibilities of the educative process, they are not equal partners because "students by definition, are here to study and to learn under the directions of the faculty. I believe firmly in community government insofar as

this means everyone's voice should be effectively heard in accordance with his competency," he stated.

## Niagara Outlaws 'Gangster Tactics'

Niagara Falls — (NC) — The president of Niagara University has said he welcomes and encourages lawful student dissent on the university campus.

But Father Kenneth F. Slattery, C.M., warned that "gangster tactics" would be neither condoned nor tolerated.

Speaking to the faculty and student body Sept. 8, Father Slattery said lawful demonstrations "may certainly be an effective way to achieve a better university."

"We must clearly distinguish between legitimate protest and violence which prevents the university from obtaining its objectives and thwarts individuals in the exercise of their rights," he said.

## Synod Urged to Invite Orthodox, Protestants

New York — (RNS) — A Jesuit-edited journal has urged that Protestant and Orthodox observers be invited to the second international Synod of Bishops which opens at Vatican City Oct. 11.

In its lead editorial of its Sept. 6 issue, America expressed its concern over the "lack of signs that provision will be made for observers from other Christian communions to assist at the Synod."

"Given the central importance for many, particularly Anglicans and Orthodox, of the fundamental topic set for consideration in the Synod," the editorial noted, "it would seem appropriate, if not essential, to have delegated representatives of these religious families on hand to offer their impressions and reactions to the debate."

"The bishops present at Vatican II surely had ample reason to be grateful for the significant contribution made to the fashioning of key conciliar documents — by those separated brethren."

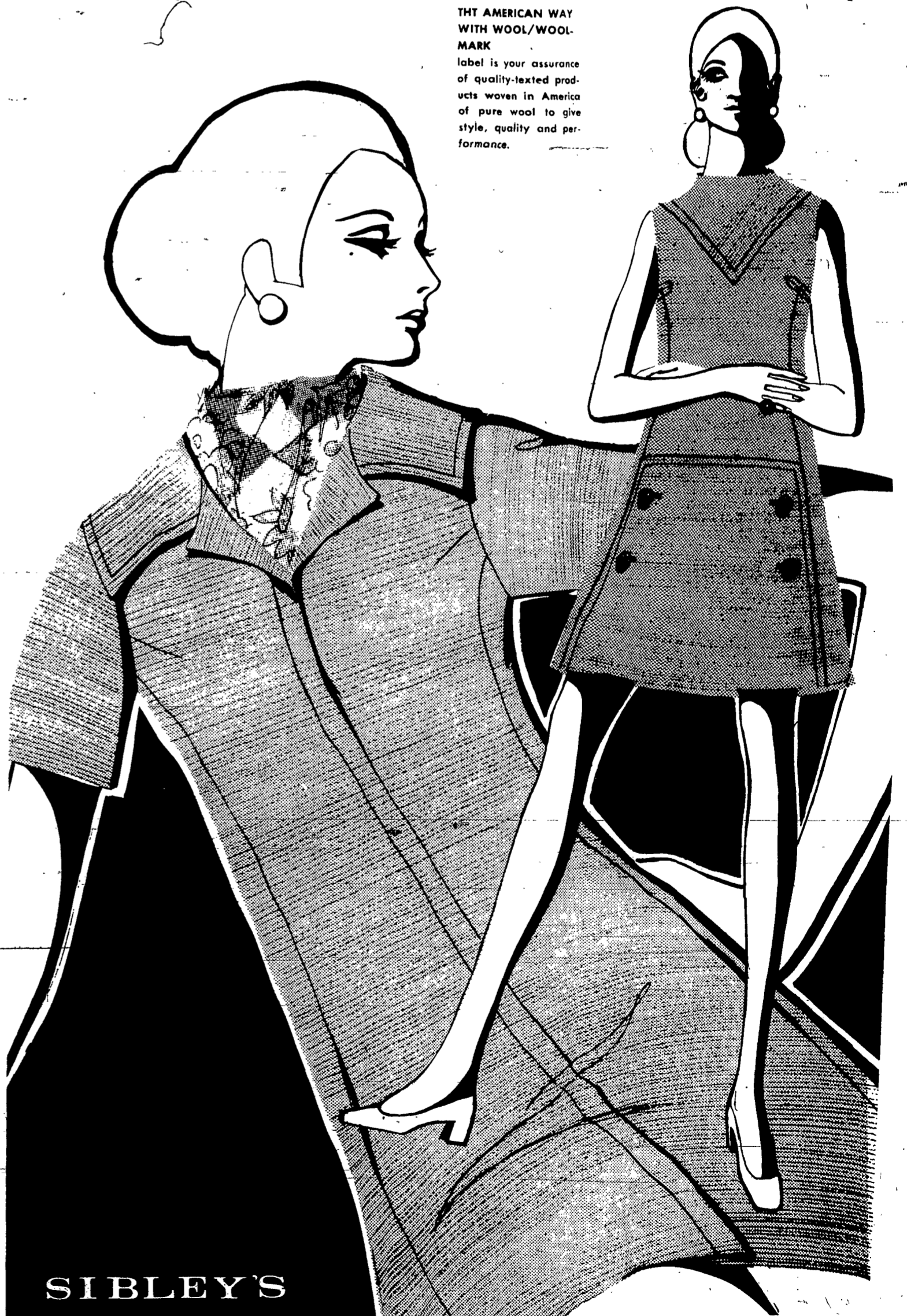
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