

'Walk a Mile', Gospel of Self Interest

By THE MISSION SINGERS

"Walk a Mile in My Shoes," recorded by Joe South on the Capitol label, is a new hit by South, who has been successful writing and singing crusading songs. One of his first was "Games People Play," and another was "Redneck."

The most fascinating part of "Walk a Mile" is its morality. Joe South seems to figure that if people are going to be good, they've got to have a good reason. If they're going to do right by their neighbor, they want to be sure they're doing right by themselves, too.

There's nothing especially wrong with that. Christ himself wasn't the first man to use it, but he mentioned the golden rule: Do for others what you want them to do for you. That's from the gospel of Luke. "I'm your brother, and when you strike out and try to hurt me, it's a 'hurlin' you." That's from "Walk a Mile."

Joe South's gospel of self-interest is really like Christ's gospel: "The law of common says you reap just what you sow. So unless you've lived a life of total perfection, you'd better be careful of every stone you throw."

Christ once used the same argument to appeal to the justice of some people about to attack a sinner: "Whoever is without sin may cast the first stone."

Many folks could sing this song. "We spend the day throwing stones at one another, 'cause I don't think or wear my hair the same way you do." "Walk a Mile" is not a happy song. It's the song of a couple of kids who are called pigs. It's the song of a cop who is cursed at. It might be your song. It might be sung at you: "Before you abuse, criticize and accuse,

walk a mile in my shoes." If the shoes fit . . .

"Walk a Mile" is a song that can stand on its own any time, but some of its ideas have been used in other places. It's no slur on "Walk a Mile" to show where else these ideas have been found—besides the gospels, that is.

It's a sobering thought, and underlines the basic idea in the song: We're not all that different, really. With a little bit of effort, we could get along a lot better.

(Catholic Press Features)

'WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES'

If I could be you and you could be me for just one hour. If we could find a way to get inside each other's mind. If you could see me through my eyes instead of your ego. I believe you'd be surprised to see that you'd been blind.

Now your whole world you see around you is just a reflection. And the law of common says you reap just what you sow. So unless you've lived a life of total perfection, you'd better be careful of every stone you throw.

Walk a mile in my shoes, walk a mile in my shoes. And before you abuse, criticize and accuse, Walk a mile in my shoes.

And yet we spend the day throwing stones at one another. 'Cause I don't think or wear my hair the same way you do. Well, I may be common people, but I'm your brother, And when you strike out and try to hurt me it's a 'hurlin' you.

There are people on reservations and out in the ghettos. And, brother, there but for the grace of God go you or I. If I only had the wings of the little angel, Don't you know I'd fly to the top of the mountain, And then I'd cry.

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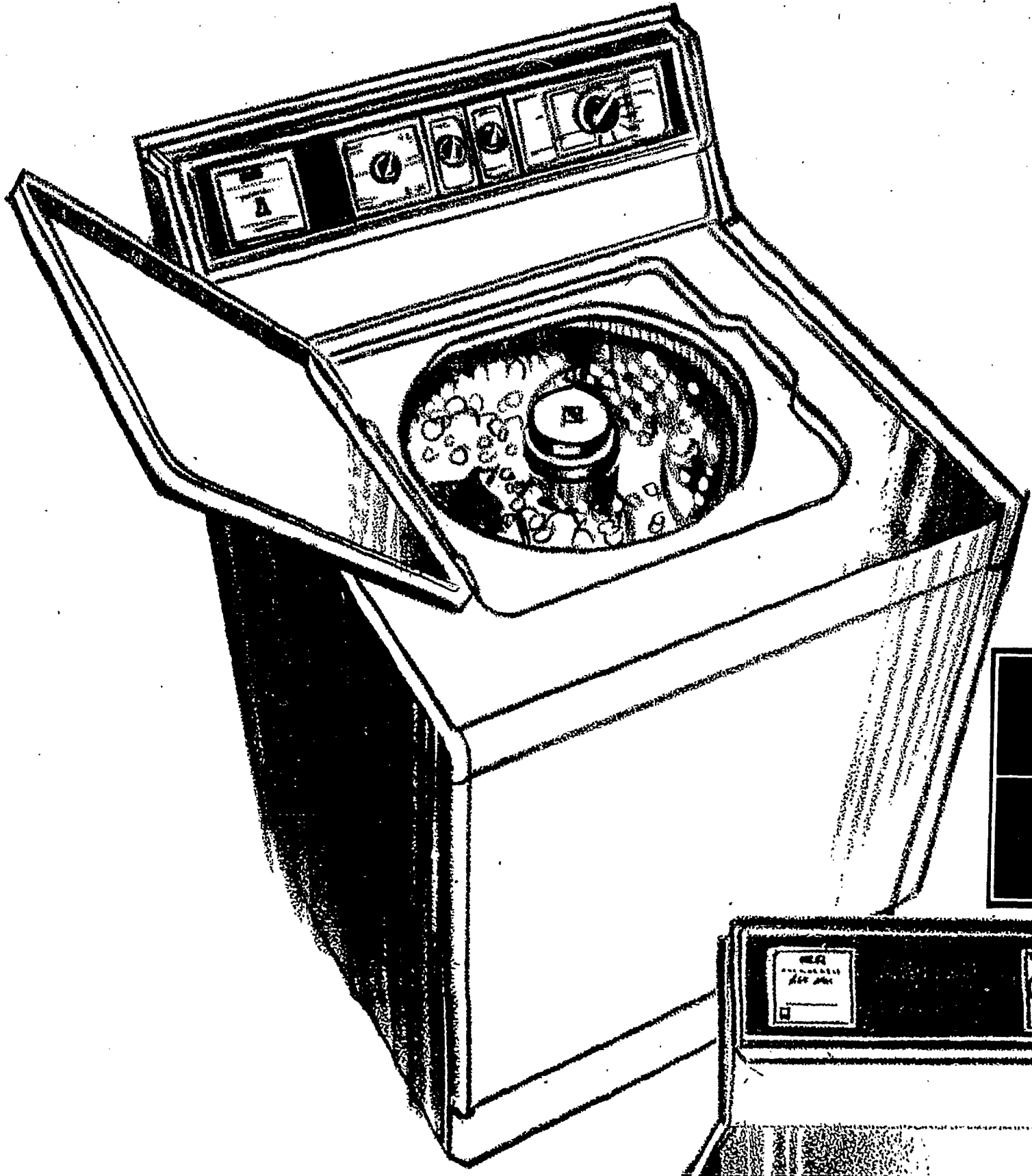
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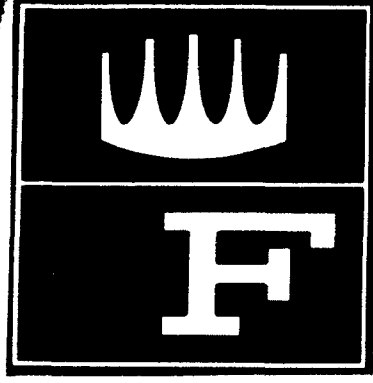


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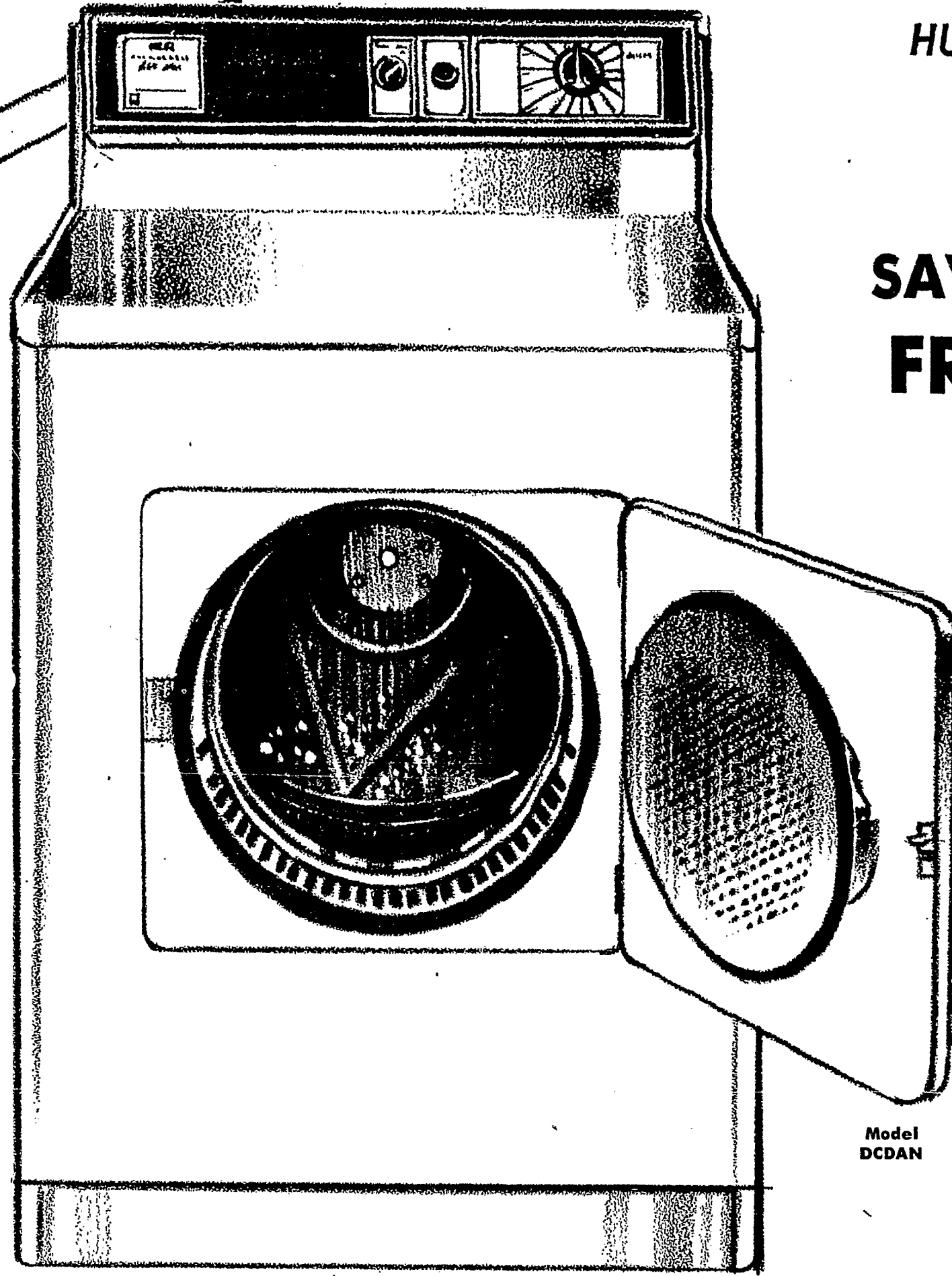
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The Bishop Week

"I know my own and know me." (John X, 1)

A bishop's favorite the Lord has to be Good Shepherd. The crozier, a shepherd's constant reminder to he must have concern flock and that his voice readily recognized by mited to his care.

Last Monday evening I completed my third tour of duty within a period of three months. I want to thank the voice of the people which I consider tant, and through the echo it to all my people.

In fact, the last mission I completed was a Communication — an danger that the voice of the Shepherd of Rochester soon lose its power. into every home of the

More precisely, the centered on the future diocesan paper, the Journal. It had been my attention that the years had witnessed a decrease in its circulation. Such a situation has to be of grave concern to me, for as shepherd I am heavily on our paper for our voice.

Accordingly, I took time to my priests and promise of a greatly improved paper by the first week of a large circulation. The new format (tabloid) will give the editor-in-chief a new look. The new format (tabloid) will give the editor-in-chief a new look. The new format (tabloid) will give the editor-in-chief a new look.

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