

## City May Hire Draft Objectors

By JOHN DASH

The City of Rochester may well find itself on a very select list: the list of approved agencies from which a young man who refuses to engage in combat duties may select a civilian job for a time commensurate with military service.

Mayor Stephen May, attending the opening ceremony for an interagency draft counseling service, told this reporter "City government would be happy to consider any sincere conscientious objector for employment, as alternate service."

At the formal opening of an office for counseling men facing the draft, May told the group: "You're filling a void. There are few problems more vexing than the Selective Service System. We're going to have to live with it for some time; but I favor the establishment of a universal national service," citing a project of Congressman Frank Horton.

In a prepared statement, the mayor of Rochester said:

"These are complex and troubled times. I salute the people who are making this counseling service possible and know that they will provide help to young men eager to erase anxiety and to establish their status within the framework of the law."

The counseling service, DICRA, was established in the

## Right - to - Life Unit Details Abortion Stand

In a paid advertisement today (see Page 5A), the Rochester Right to Life Committee detailed its stand against the New York State Abortion Law. Interested readers, irrespective of their religious or political affiliations, were invited to join them in "working to elect public officials who are pledged to change the law."

The co-chairmen of the committee are Thomas R. Sweeney, M.D., an obstetrician and gynecologist, and Robert J. Edelman, a Rochester attorney. Rev. L. John Hedges is diocesan coordinator. In a joint statement they discussed the current situation in New York State:

"The average citizen is now waking up to the real meaning of 'abortion on demand.' The number of abortions in Monroe County, New York City and elsewhere in the state has been shocking. Furthermore, many abortions are unwittingly subsidized by the tax and health insurance dollars of those who are opposed to 'abortion on demand.'"

"We call on all who respect human life to join us. If we do not elect legislators now who will change the abortion law, then the next election may find our society as calloused to abortion statistics as it presently is to the toll taken by the automobile."

Doctor Sweeney and Mr. Edelman quoted the words of the noted author, Pearl Buck: "I fear the power of choice over life or death at human hands. I see no human being whom I could ever trust with such power—not myself nor any other."

"Since the fetus is a creature already alive and in the process of development, to kill it is to choose death over life."

### CATHOLIC U. JOB

Washington — (NC) — The Catholic University of America's new director of public relations is Ralph A. Klisefelter, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The past 17 years he has been a public relations consultant to business and industry, political organizations, labor unions, colleges and hospitals.

Central Presbyterian Church by an association of 14 religious and secular organizations to "provide objective information and counseling about the draft to all young men who seek help and to improve draft information programs in the high school, churches and colleges and trade schools."

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that he had invited Pope Paul, on behalf of South Vietnamese Catholics, to visit Saigon during his visit to Australia and the Philippines in November.



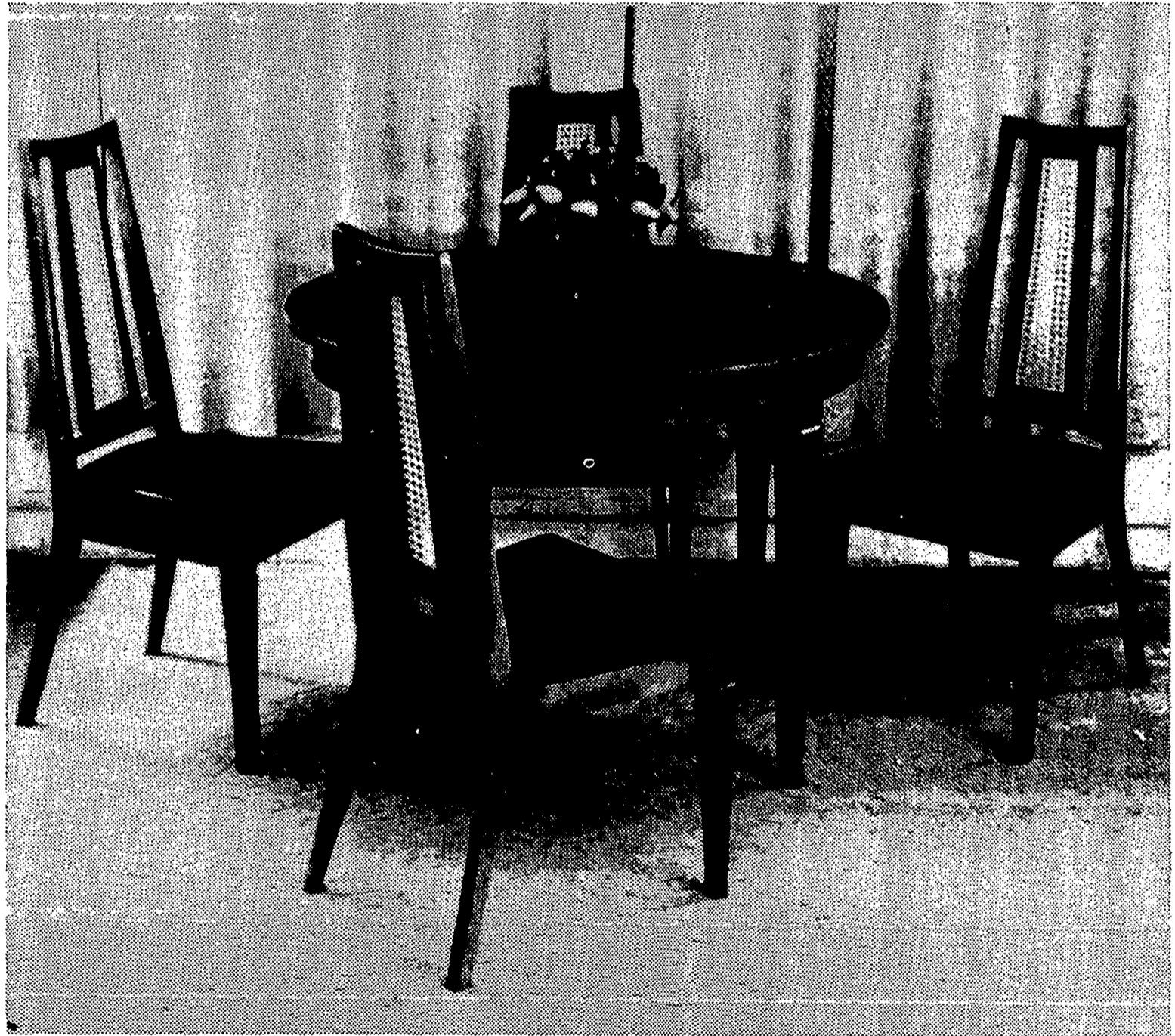
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