

# U.S. Catholic Official Recommends Amnesty

Washington — The general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference has suggested that the time is right for the nation to "give serious consideration to broad, unconditional amnesty" for those young men whose consciences kept them from military service during the Vietnamese conflict.

Bishop James S. Rausch was commenting on the recent statement of Pope Paul officially proclaiming the Holy Year. In that document the Holy Father connected the subject of amnesty with the main theme of the Holy Year: Reconciliation.

"It is appropriate," Bishop Rausch said, "that we, as Americans, examine our own need for reconciliation at this time."

Following is the text of Bishop Rausch's statement:

"In his recent official proclamation of the Holy Year Pope Paul chose to include the subject of amnesty. The dominant theme of his remarks — as, historically, of the Holy Year itself — is reconciliation.

"It is appropriate that we, as Americans, examine our own need for reconciliation at this time. Evidence of this need is most apparent in the lives of Americans who were directly

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## New Constitution Approved by ARE

By a unanimous vote, a new constitution was accepted by the Association of Religious Educators (ARE) at their May 17 meeting. In its statement of purpose ARE pledged to "promote and consider the best interests of religious education ministry in the diocese."

The executive committee is planning its next year's program around the theme of "The Professional Religious Educator." The 1974-75 ARE schedule includes a Retreat Day, September 20, and a three-day workshop, Jan. 27-29. Other general meetings will be held Nov. 15, March 14 and May 16.

affected by the war in Vietnam, especially those young men whose consciences led them to resist military service and who now find themselves ostracized and alienated from our society.

"In 1971 and again in 1972 the National Conference of Catholic Bishops urged "that the civil authorities grant generous pardon of convictions incurred under the Selective Service Act, with the understanding that sincere conscientious objectors should remain open in principle to some

form of service to the community." In view of the time which has elapsed since the bishops made their plea — a time during which many suffered under a cloud of doubt as to their status — I believe it is consistent with the policy they enunciated to suggest that the nation now give serious consideration to broad, unconditional amnesty.

"In his recent remarks Pope Paul asked that "proper authorities should consider the possibility of wisely granting an

amnesty" to various persons, among them those "who may have been caught up in political and social upheavals too immense for them to be held fully responsible." The Pope's rationale for calling for an amnesty is the sublime value of the action itself "as a witness to clemency and equity." Wisely, he does not suggest that the question of whether an individual or a nation was right or wrong must be resolved by those who are genuinely in pursuit of reconciliation.

"Surely the Vietnam war created such an immense social and political upheaval in our nation. Our government's grant of amnesty, then, becomes its own way of repairing the damage resulting to the nation and its people caught up in that upheaval. To grant amnesty is to take a necessary and appropriate step to bring healing and reconciliation to the nation. Such a display of generosity would represent the best both of our Judeo-Christian tradition and of our American heritage.

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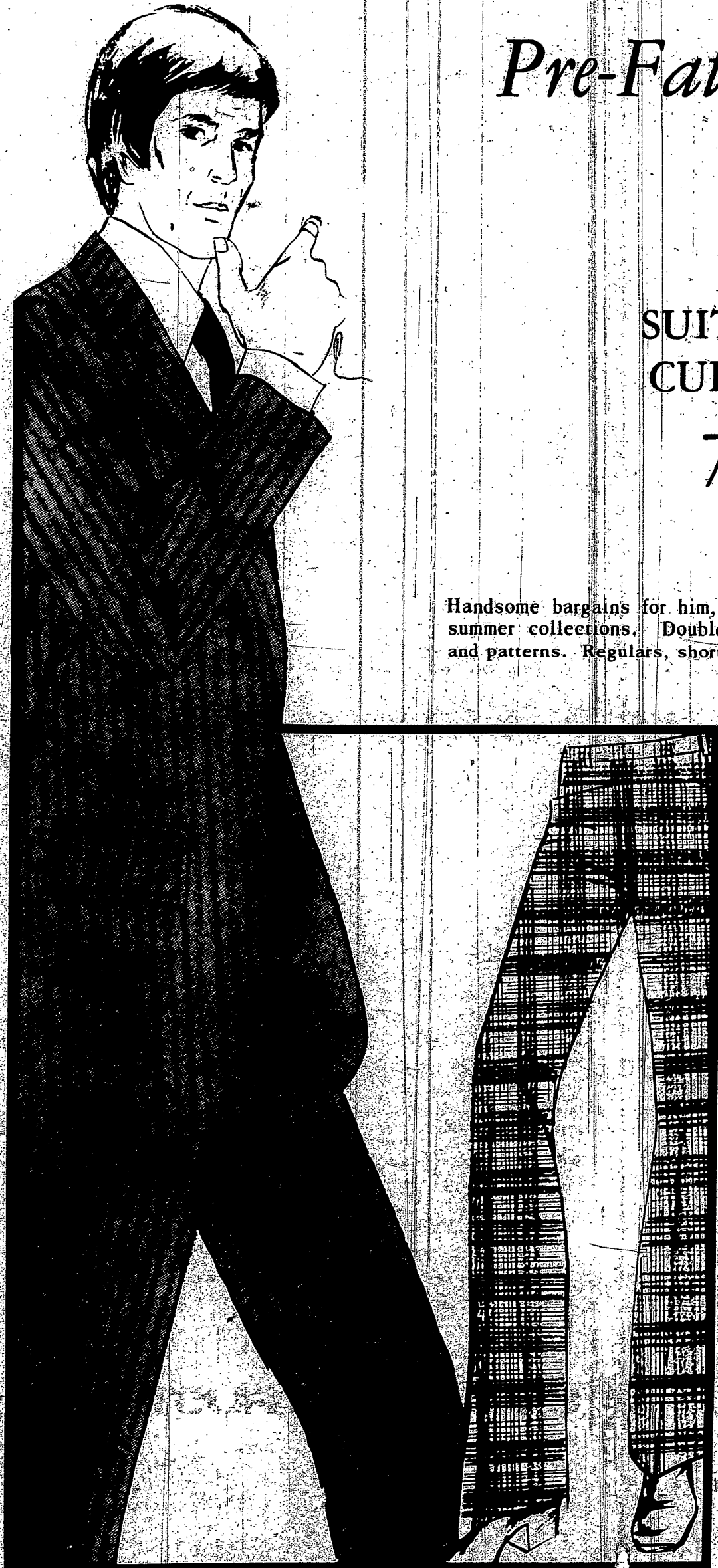
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