



Archbishop John R. Roach is shown in television tape reproduction being hit by pie. (RNS Photo)

Archbishop Hit by Pie

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS) — A 25-year-old Roman Catholic layman says it was his idea to have a pie thrown at Archbishop John R. Roach to protest the Church's stand against the "gay rights" bill before the Minnesota Legislature.

participate," he said. "I declined to be involved. I have not been involved. I felt a great sense of relief that the archbishop had suffered no physical injury."

the the priest refused to discuss it — "he was quite rude about it," Miller said.

The dinner at which the pie was thrown at the archbishop ended abruptly. A television station gave the archbishop time to deliver the speech two days later.

Miller said he told Father Casey of the possibility that a pie might be thrown and

Dennis Miller told the Minneapolis Star that he paid \$20 to Patrick Schwartz, 22, also a Catholic homosexual, for throwing the pie at the archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis at a regional Brotherhood dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He said he was admitting his culpability because a story in a local paper implicated a Jesuit priest — a former chaplain to Catholic homosexuals — as the person who originated the idea and offered to pay \$25 if it were carried out.

Father George P. Casey, the priest, said he "was more than a little upset" at the report which pointed to him as planner and underwriter of the incident.

"I was asked if I wished to

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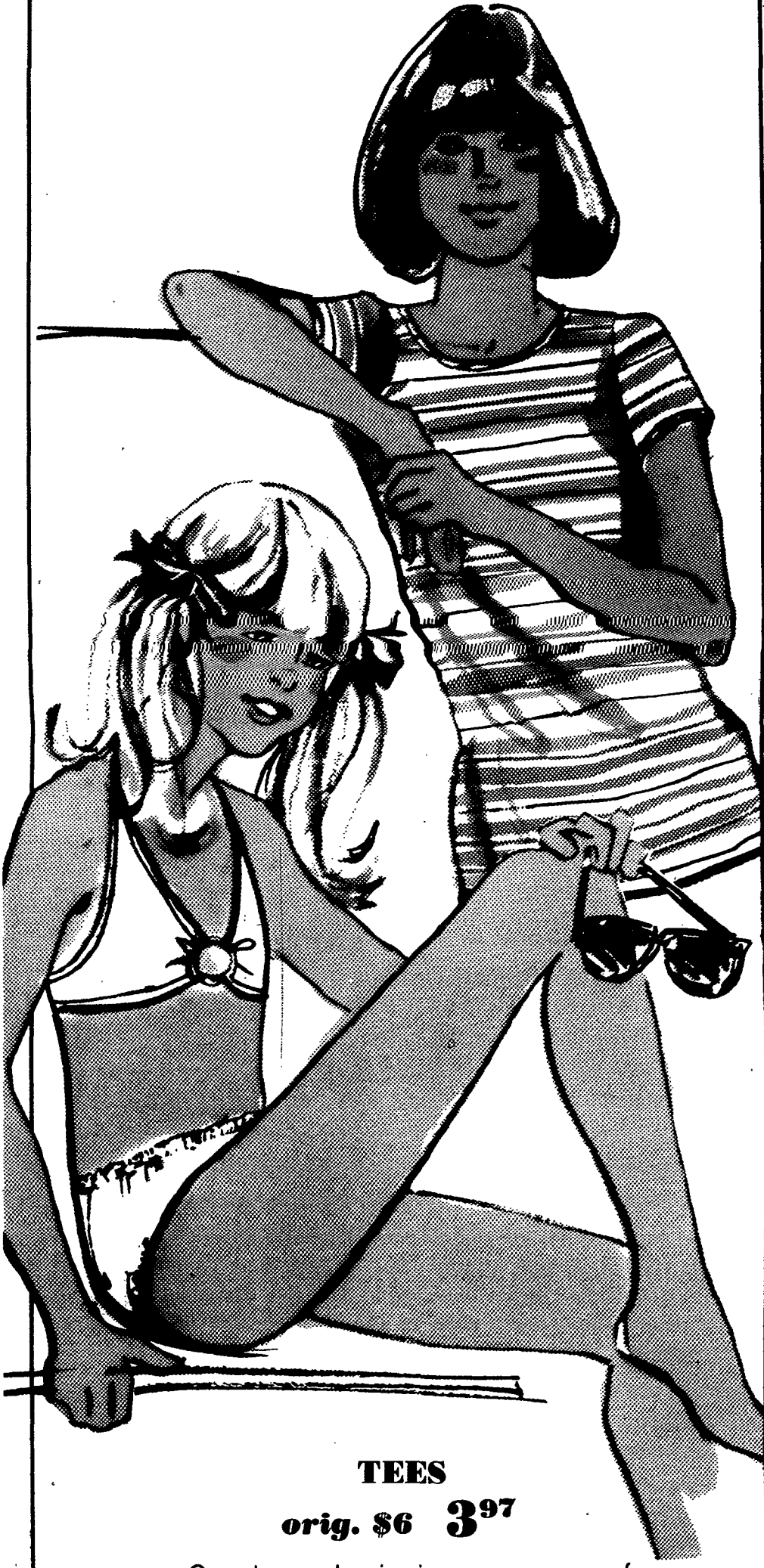
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