



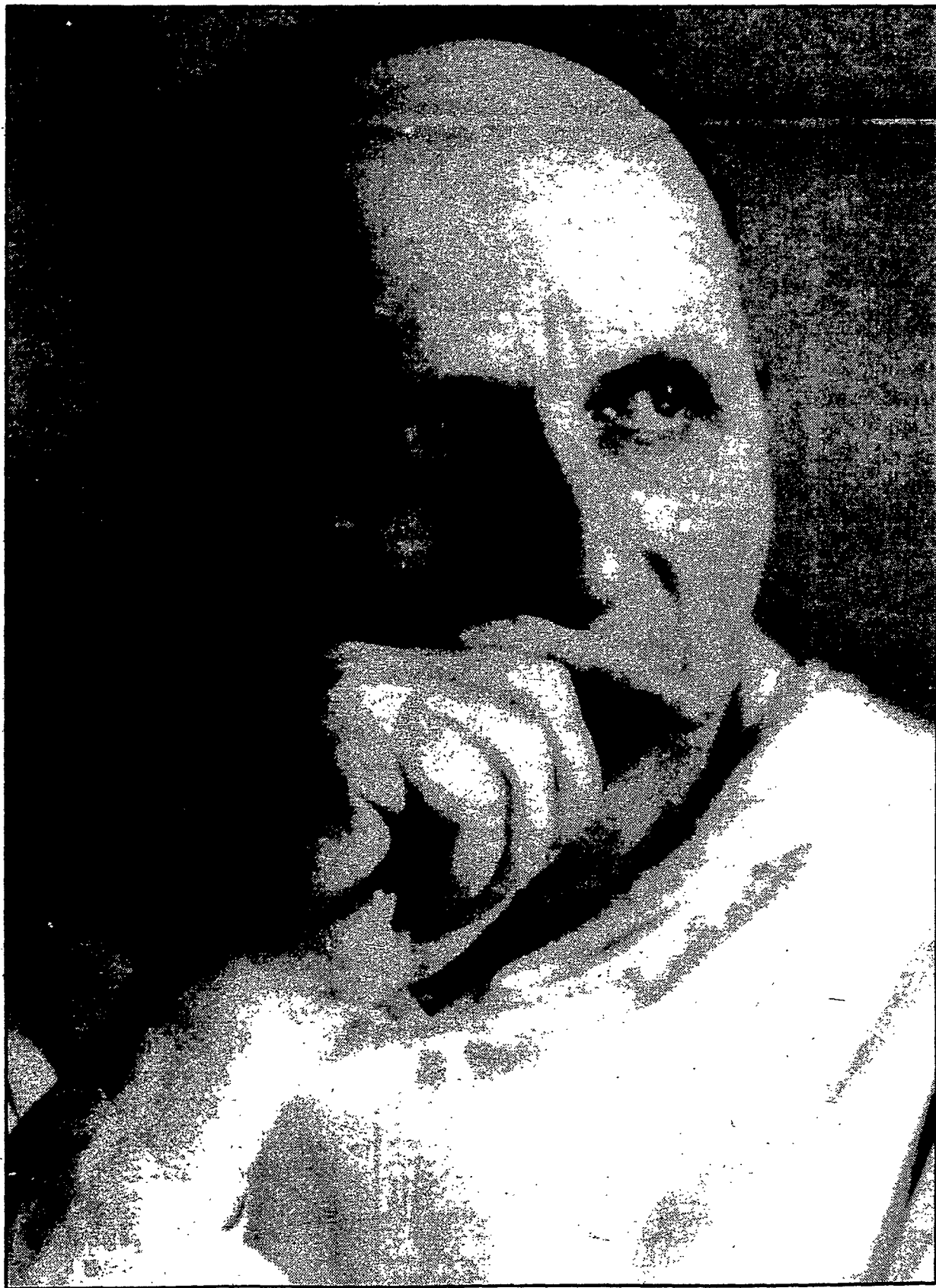
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Yves Congar

Late theologian persuaded Catholic Church to embrace arguments for ecumenism

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Many Catholics may not know who Cardinal Yves Congar was, but their lives in the church have been shaped by his thought in innumerable ways.
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"If there's any theologian at all that influenced Vatican II, it's (Cardinal) Congar," commented Father Joseph A. Hart, associate professor of systematic theology at St. Bernard's Institute in Rochester.

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A Frenchman, Cardinal Congar died on June 22 in Paris at age 91. He left a legacy of scholarship that left its mark on such Vatican II documents as "Dogmatic Constitution of the Church," and "Decree on Ecumenism," Father Hart said.

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Indeed, almost no aspect of the church's life was left untouched by the late cardinal's influence, according to a number of sources. The role of the laity, the purpose of the priesthood, the church's rela-

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