

Religious Factions Split Sharply Over Test Tube Babies

London—Roman Catholics and professional anti-Christs have split sharply over the Archbishop of Canterbury's declaration that it is a crime for a woman to have a test tube baby.

Government leaders declined comment on Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher's attack on artificial insemination, and spokesmen for Britain's doctors followed suit. Most prominent Britons also evaded the issue.

May Seek Debate

Laborite members of Parliament, however, backed up by second string Conserva-

tives, indicated that they may press for debate on Fisher's statement as a possible ground for revision of divorce laws.

Fisher did not take a stand on the possible classification of artificial insemination as adultery, but he did say that it "defrauds the child unbegotten and deceives both his putative kinsmen and society at large."

A British Medical Council spokesman said "it is up to the individual doctor to take responsibility for his own action" when asked to facilitate a test tube birth.

The National Marriage Guidance Council said that women unable to bear children naturally should adopt them.

Colin McCall, secretary of the National Secular anti-Christian Society, took the side of the test tube.

Humans Not Cattle
"The Christian idea of sin has caused a great deal of suffering in the world," McCall said. "Where artificial insemination has brought happiness it is a good thing."

A spokesman for Britain's Catholic Social Workers retorted sharply.

"Human beings are not cattle, to be bred by test tube," he said. "Only a pagan world would treat them as such. A child who never knows its father and never has its father's care faces hideous tragedy."

BELEATED CHRISTMAS

Lake Charles, La. — It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Air Force base here. Members of the 68th Bombardment Squadron, who were on temporary duty overseas during the holidays, are decorating a tree and buying gifts for their beleated celebrations Saturday night.

Incentive Awards Given FS Employees

Maurice Rocheleau and Arthur Mackley, engineers with the Rogue River National Forest, have received cash awards of \$10 each for a work improvement suggestion. Forest Supervisor Carroll E. Brown has announced.

The suggestion is for using rubber stamps to indicate the stationing and other features on plans and profile sheets for road design. Previously this information was placed on the sheets by hand and the use of the rubber stamps will save considerable time and effort.

Cash awards are made possible under a law enacted as an incentive to employees to make suggestions for increased efficiency or better working conditions, and is available for all federal employees.

Rocheleau is an engineer stationed at the Union Creek Ranger station north of Prospect, and Mackley, whose home is at Shady Cove, was working as an engineering aid at Union Creek when the suggestion was devised.

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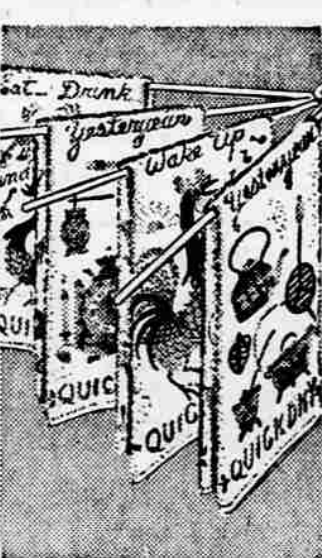


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