

Encyclopedia of Catholic Thought Slated for Discussion by Council

By ERNEST SAKLER
Vatican City (UPI)—A 2,060-page Encyclopedia of Catholic thought on subjects ranging from chastity to television will come up for discussion

this fall in the second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Ecumenical press service has released facts and figures on the tremendous amount of work done by the

council's central preparatory commission in one year, from its first session June 12, 1961, until its final meeting last week. The commission, including

108 members and 27 advisers from 55 nations, held seven sessions. The amendments subcommittee is the only body which still has some items to clean up.

The subcommittee will hold its final session next month to put final touches on the draft proposals for the council, opening in St. Peter's Oct. 11.

70 Draft Proposals
The Ecumenical press service said the central commission discussed a total of 70 draft proposals submitted by the specialized commissions, contained in 119 booklets for a total of 2,060 pages.

The contents cover virtually all facets of Catholic church organization and doctrine, from "chastity and the family" to "the dress and tonsure of priests," problems of the press, cinema, radio and television and the great church-state issue of "religious liberty."

Several of the draft "Constitutions" refer directly or indirectly to the great goal of the pontificate of Pope John XXIII—eventual reunification of all Christians in the church of Rome.

Four Draft Decrees
They include four draft decrees on "Catholic Ecumenism," "The Need to Pray for Union," "The Word of God as a Means of Union" and "Religious Liberty." All of these were submitted by the secretariat for the union of Christians under German-born Augustin Cardinal Bea.

Indirectly important for the unification movement were drafts on the problems of Catholics of the Eastern rite, who could conceivably serve as a bridge towards the Eastern Orthodox churches.

The Ecumenical news service, in reporting on last week's final meeting, said the Catholic church has never stopped its work towards unity and "not only intends to help with prayers the good will of those who seek union, but also encourages all work on the theological and pastoral level to make the center of unity shine more clearly."

All of the 70 draft proposals were worked out by the specialized commissions and reviewed by the central commission which in turn submitted them to the Pope. Final decision on whether each proposal should be placed before the council rests entirely with the pontiff, although Vatican sources said the opinion of the central commission would obviously carry great weight with him.

Deposit of Faith
The drafts examined by the central commission include:—Submitted by the theological commission under Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani: sources of revelation, moral order, the deposit of faith, chastity and family, the church, Mary mother of God and of men.

—Submitted by the commission for bishops and the government of dioceses under Paolo Cardinal Marella: the care for souls, borders of dioceses, Episcopal conferences, relationship between bishops and parish priests, relationship between bishops and the Roman Curia, auxiliary bishops and coadjutors.

—Submitted by a joint subcommittee of the commission for bishops and of the commission for the religious: relationship between bishops and religious orders.

—Submitted by the commission for the discipline of the clergy and of the Chris-

tain people, under Pietro Cardinal Ciriaci: distribution and saintliness of the clergy, dress and tonsure, duties of parish priests, Ecclesiastical offices and benefices, the church's historical and artistic property, care for the souls, precepts of the church, catechism, associations of the

Submitted by the commission for the religious under Valerio Cardinal Valtieri: One draft constitution on the states of perfection (religious orders).

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Straw Hat Bandit Forgets Bank Loot

Irvington, N.J. (UPI)—Authorities were wondering today if the straw hat bank bandit was careless or conscience-stricken.

The bandit, replete with summer straw, strolled into the Supreme Savings & Loan association Monday and asked teller Edward Lapp to change a \$10 bill.

When Lapp, who was alone in the bank, produced the change the bandit pulled a gun and ordered him to fill a plastic brief case with money. Lapp stuffed \$1,015 into the brief case and the bandit left, but the teller got a description of his car.

About an hour later police found the car, reported stolen earlier, abandoned in a nearby parking lot. On its seat was all the stolen cash and the bandit's \$10 in change.

RECENTLY APPOINTED

Lt. Robert S. Ruffin, Medical Service Corps, USN, recently was appointed technical information officer and aide to the commanding officer, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Lieutenant Ruffin, who has been stationed at the Medical Center since February, 1960, enlisted in the Navy in November, 1947, and received boot training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. He later served in Korea as a Navy hospital corpsman attached to the Marine Corps.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Ruffin, 1002 Winchester ave., Medford. He and his family are now residing in Rockville, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

The Medical Roundup

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Do Heart Attacks Leave Heart Badly Damaged?

People write to ask if a "heart attack" always leaves the heart badly damaged, and my answer is "No." There are thousands of men and women who have little heart attacks in which there is but slight damage done to the heart muscle. Perhaps only a small bit of it dies, or the coronary artery never plugged up; it only went into spasm, and hence none of the heart muscle was damaged. In such cases, there is no change in the electrocardiograms, which shows that there was not enough destruction of muscle to change the course of the heart-beat.

Remarkable is the fact that, not infrequently, at the autopsy on a man who died with a sudden heart attack, no plug of coagulated blood is found in the usual place in a coronary artery at the top of the heart. Perhaps the man died before a plug could form. The coronary arteries run around the upper end of the heart and supply most of the heart muscle with blood. The word "coronary" comes from a word-root meaning a crown. The ancient physician thought of these two arteries as forming a crown on the top of the heart.

Even when a small amount of heart muscle is damaged in an attack, this amount may be so small that it does not handicap the heart in its work as a pump; and hence it does not bother the man. He is able to go on walking down the street as fast as he ever did, and without any minimal pain. Often, he goes ahead and lives comfortably for many years.

No More Coddling
Today, we doctors are learning not to coddle our patients too much after a coronary attack. Some able heart specialists maintain that their heart attack patients do much better sitting up in a chair than lying in a bed. Some doctors let their patient walk around his room, and I like the idea, it seems logical.

There is another possibility about quite a few of the spells that are supposed to be heart attacks, and this is that if a little artery really plugged up, it happened up in the brain and not in the heart. I am sure of this when, after the spell, the patient has no difficulty with his heart; his distress is in his head, with perhaps some loss in ability and in memory, together with some change in character.

Often, when a tactful physician thinks that the patient had a little stroke, he calls it a "heart attack," because he knows that the family will not mind having a relative with a heart attack when they would resent having one with a stroke. Even in this day of college educations, many people are influenced in their thinking by the very ancient, but utterly groundless idea that in the case of a stroke, an angry God had struck him in some skull-duggery which had been well concealed from friends and townfolk!

A New Term
The mild strokes which leave only some defect in character or ability to get the day's work done are due usually to a plugging-up of a little artery in the brain; the big devastating strokes which, in a moment, throw a man to the floor with a paralyzed right side and an inability to say anything, are due usually to a rupture of an artery. Many physicians, in trying to avoid the hated idea that God struck the man for some good cause, now call a stroke a cerebro-vascular accident, or a

Circulation of Newspapers at Peak

Chicago (UPI)—Circulation of daily and Sunday newspapers in the United States and Canada has climbed to a record high, according to a study just released by the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

The record, 114,644,118 combined aggregate total, was reached in the six-month period ending March 31.

The record was achieved despite losses due to large circulation newspapers in five states going out of publication since a comparable study was made in 1961, the study said.

The study included circulation figures from 1,822 daily newspapers and 564 Sunday papers.

Construction Pay Highest in State

Salem (UPI)—Highest paid production workers in Oregon in April were construction workers, according to the June labor market bulletin of the state employment department. Their wage was \$129.80 a week, on the average.

The average weekly wage for all production workers in April was \$104.40—up from April, 1961, when the average was \$101.63.

Lowest weekly wage in April was that of workers in apparel, \$63.15. This, however, was \$3.04 a week up from the April, 1961 average.



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