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It Could Happen Here.

Some Catholics are always seeking for difficulties or apparent contradictions in their religion, always seeking chances for criticism of the Church and its clergy, - usually as an alibi for their own weak faith. They recall the story which we read somewhere of the heckler who tackled a Catholic Evidence street-preacher.

The Catholic Evidence speaker was in a serious discussion with the crowd on Heaven.

"Look here," wisecracked the heckler, "I think that's just propoganda. What worries me is how I'm going to get my boiled shirt on over my wings."

"Don't let that worry you, my friend, your particular trouble will be getting trousers on over your tail."

Not Surprising.

"Yesterday, some Red Cross workers were on the job while raiding planes were still overhead. One of them said: "I got to the scene plenty fast but was surprised to find several American Catholic priests calmly administering last rites to victims and aiding in first aid work in utter disregard of danger to themselves." (News item from Manila -- N. Y. Times)

Non-Catholic Merger.

During the Church Unity Octave for the union of all Christendom, we read of a prospective merger between Protestant denominations. The newspaper articles indicate it will effect 25,000,000 Protestants.

You wonder whether the Protestants can unite with their theory of private interpretation of the Bible by which any sect or group can pick and choose what they wish from Christ's teaching. You wonder on what doctrines they can unite, any group even in one church being free to disagree and embrace a contrary point, there being no final authority or teaching that can infallibly say: "This is the truth."

Reading further one discovers the merger is not to be a union on doctrines but merely on functional agencies such as home and foreign missions, religious education and allied problems common to all. There is a very special agreement in the merger plans that "Denominational autonomy is to be preserved and encouraged as a means of achieving Protestant catholicity."

Catholicity means universality. In matters of religion it should mean universal unity in doctrine and morals, the essence of religion. In all charity, we admire the attempt of Protestants toward unity, but there can never be real unity until there is unity on doctrine and morals, the essence of religion; and there can never be unity in those unless there is a center of unity, a teacher, and guide who can teach with the authority of God as did Christ, as does the Roman Catholic Church, Christ's voice.

Dean Pound of Harvard.

Tomorrow evening at 8:00 in the Law Auditorium, Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law School will speak on "The Revival of Natural Law". In view of the importance of the recognition of natural law as a protection against totalitarianism, the lecture and discussion following should be of interest to all students. You will see the importance of determining whether our fundamental rights are derived from our very God-given nature as man - natural law - or whether they are derived from the state - totalitarianism. That question does, and in future years even more so will touch every one of your lives. The subject concerns not merely lawyers or majors in politics or philosophy.

PRAYERS: (deceased) sister of Bro. Anastatias; Judge Mileski. Five special intentions.