

## Catholic Stand On Gambling Explained

Syracuse, N. Y., (NC)—From the Catholic viewpoint, gambling in itself is not intrinsically evil, but it can be sinful, and even very seriously so, the Rev. Raymond J. H. Kennedy, S.J., told a Le Moyne College lecture audience here.

Discussing "Graft and Gambling in America: Are They Sinful?" the chairman of the Le Moyne department of philosophy referred to misunderstandings of the Catholic position on gambling.

FATHER KENNEDY said "Graft throughout the world always is a sin, and, if serious enough, a mortal sin."

Gambling, although not intrinsically sinful, he said, can be sinful.

Drawing from the writings of the Rev. Francis Connell, C.S.S.R., professor of moral theology at the Catholic University of America, and statements of the American Catholic Bishops, Father Kennedy pointed out that dishonesty, graft, and defilement of character are as truly sins against God as public life as in private life.

"There is only one standard and that's God's standard," he asserted.

Considering gambling, Father Kennedy said the question is not whether it is a sin, but whether it is a mortal sin.

"If you say gambling is sinful, then you are saying that every man who gambles is a sinner, and you are saying that every man who gambles is a sinner, and you are saying that every man who gambles is a sinner," he said.

Father Kennedy stated motives for gambling, which he pointed out are not sinful in themselves, as the enjoyment of taking a risk, to get a relatively large amount of profit from a small investment, or to get a relatively large return with as little effort as possible.

FATHER KENNEDY pointed out that gambling can be sinful by reason of motive or circumstance.

Making clear that the Catholic teaching on gambling should not be interpreted as advocacy of gambling, Father Kennedy noted that in Great Britain, "not a Catholic country," the Royal Commission on Betting recently reported that legalized gambling had not led to crime but had actually cut down crime.

## Queen Honored



Small Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are among the guests at the 15th anniversary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, celebrated at the 15th German Catholic Convention in Berlin.

## 'God Lives' Theme For German Parley

Berlin—(NC)—Both spiritually and materially, preparations are progressing for the 75th German Catholic convention which will take place in this war-shattered city next August 19 to 25.

Catholics throughout Germany, both in the West and in the communist-ruled eastern part of the country, have been asked to offer a special prayer asking God's help for those preparing the meeting, whose general theme will be "God Lives!"

THE MEETING will witness a reunion of Catholics from all parts of the divided country. Railroad administrations both of Western and Eastern Germany have promised to run special trains at reduced fares. Some of the principal events of the "Katholikentag" will take place in the eastern sector of Berlin, which is under communist rule.

The official poster of the "Katholikentag," which will be distributed throughout Germany, shows the figure of Christ, with outstretched arms, against a background symbolizing Berlin as a city of ruins as well as of industry.

THE SPECIAL prayer for the preparation of the Katholikentag has been written by Bishop Paul Tscherning, Auxiliary of Berlin, chairman of the local preparatory committee. The prayer states in part:

"Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast given us, Thy children, the light of Faith and Thou hast called us to the salt of the earth. We are preparing to mark solemnly the 15th German Catholic Convention which is to proclaim to an unbelieving world that 'God Lives!'"

## Tokyo Catholic University Reports Record Enrollment

Tokyo—(NC)—A record number of 530 students applied for admission to the Catholic University of Tokyo, conducted by the Society of Jesus. The number of applicants represented an increase of 200 as compared with those of last year.

Four hundred of the applicants were accepted after taking the entrance examination. With the beginning of the new year, the university will have an enrollment of 1,200, the highest in its history. Not included in this figure are 100 students, mostly army and occupation personnel, who are enrolled for the evening courses in the university's international division.

Among the newly accepted students are 200 missionaries, of whom 20 are preparing for the priesthood. The others are members of various religious orders and congregations.

## WIN IN RADIO TEST



Mr. Gregory Ronald, conductor of the Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., Glee Club, and four members of the club are pictured with winning entries. Their club was judged first place in the "treble chorus" classification of the 1952 Fred Waring Sacred Heart Program competition, and also won second place among all groups. Chorus throughout the United States and Canada participated. (NC Photos).

## Mass Rite In British Factory Stirs Dispute

London—(RNS)—Celebration of Mass by a Roman Catholic priest in a Workington, England, iron and steel works, has resulted in a trade union dispute and a rift in a local political party organization.

The Mass was said at the request of Catholic workers who found it difficult to travel to church on Sundays. Thirty-three workers attended in the works conference room during the Sunday breakfast period. Plans are to hold the Mass in the works once a month.

MEMBERS of the Workington branch of the Electrical Trades Union sent a protest to the management against the permission given for the Mass. The unionists described it as "an infiltration of religion and religious practices into the works."

"It is felt that denominational religious should be kept in their proper place and an iron and steel works is not one of them," the protest added.

THE BRANCH secretary of the union, A. V. Cattrell, who forwarded the protest, is a Labor town councillor seeking reelection. Catholic members complained to the local Labor Party com-

mittee, who decided to investigate the protest.

Councillor Cattrell has now withdrawn his candidacy. He accused his party committee of being influenced by the possible loss of votes through the union protest.

## BISHOP BRADY URGES

## Understanding Among Catholics, Non-Catholics

Manchester, N. H.—(NC)—A better relationship between Catholics and non-Catholics, with a view of breaking down a wall of separation, was urged by Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester in an address before more than 500 men attending the annual Communion breakfast of St. Joseph Cathedral parish here. Bishop Brady also stated

## Five Ousted Bishops Reach Hong Kong

Hong Kong—(NC)—In what appears to be a plan to hasten the complete evacuation of foreign Bishops in China the Red regime has expelled five members of the hierarchy within ten days.

Two, Archbishop Secondino Lacchi, O.F.M., of Changsha, and Bishop Rene Boisguerin of Suifu, had been imprisoned for a year. Bishop Boisguerin's legs and arms bore scars where iron chains had dug into the flesh during his imprisonment.

THE OTHERS ousted were Archbishops Alexander Derouin, of Kunming, and Jean Larrart of Kweiyang, and Msgr. Matthew Buchholz, Prefect Apostolic of Shihshien.

Archbishop Lacchi was taken immediately to a hospital upon his arrival here. His health was gravely undermined by his sufferings in prison. Archbishop Larrart and Monsignor Buchholz had been under house arrest before their expulsion.

THE OUSTER of the five members of the hierarchy brings to 140 the known total of Bishops and other heads of Sees whom communist regimes have either murdered, imprisoned, expelled or otherwise impeded in the exercise of their office.

The original list of martyrs Bishops published some months ago by the N.C.W.C. News Service gave 142 names. Archbishop Larrart did not appear on the list. The other ousted members of the hierarchy did. The known total of heads of Sees who have suffered from the Chinese Communists now stands at 72.

## House OK's Preston Bid Barring Envoy To Vatican

Washington—(NC)—In slashing funds requested by the State Department, the House of Representatives has acted to prevent the establishment of a U. S. diplomatic mission to the State of Vatican City without the head of that mission first being approved by the Senate.

The House, by a standing vote of 159 to 82, kept in the State Department appropriations bill an amendment by Representative Prince H. Preston, Jr., of Georgia, which says that none of the State Department appropriations "shall be used to pay the salaries or other expenses of maintaining any foreign service post or mission, exclusive of consular posts, in any state or country prior to confirmation by the Senate of the appointment of the first chief of mission or other diplomatic representative to that state or country."

ALTHOUGH THE amendment is worded broadly enough to block establishment of a diplomatic mission to Communist China, Representative Preston has said that it was designed primarily to prevent the President from making a recess appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, or in setting up a mission to the Vatican without Congressional approval.

He maintained that the amendment was not directed against the Vatican itself, and said the President could still appoint a personal representative to the Pope and pay him out of executive funds, as Presidents Roosevelt and Truman did in the case of Myron C. Taylor.

LEADING THE fight for the State Department appropriations bill, Representative John J. Rooney of New York offered an amendment to strike out Representative Preston's amendment. It was Representative Rooney's amendment that was defeated by the standing vote. A roll call on the question was avoided.

Representative Rooney told the House that the United States

## President Not Ready On Envoy

Washington—(NC)—President Truman is not ready to discuss the question of whether he will name another United States Ambassador to the State of Vatican City.

In the course of his regular press conference last week, a reporter asked the President if he was going to name another ambassador to the Vatican, and if so, how soon. The President replied that he was not ready to answer that question at this time.

had "a great opportunity to strengthen" our foreign policy by striking down the Preston bar. At the same time, he warned, the effect of the Preston amendment would be "immense" throughout all of Europe. He noted that of all the major powers, "the United States and the Soviet Union are the only ones which do not maintain diplomatic relations with the Vatican today." "Am I presumptuous?" he inquired. "To ask how much longer we are going to continue to be bed-fellows with those atheists in the Kremlin?"

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN W. McCormack of Massachusetts, Majority Leader, told the House that he could not find the answer, "even in bygone decades when emotionalism was very strong," that a section similar to the Preston amendment was ever inserted in any appropriations bill.

Representative Alfred D. Steinbrink of New Jersey proposed an amendment which would have retained the Preston amendment in the appropriations bill, but would have excluded the State of Vatican City from its provisions. His motion lost by a 371-to-2 vote.

Representative Donald L. O'Toole of Brooklyn said "the issue of union of Church and State" does not belong in the picture of diplomatic representation at the Vatican. He pointed out that we already have diplomatic relations with England and Scandinavian countries where the King or sovereign is also the head of the state church.

REPRESENTATIVE Charles E. Bennett of Florida called the Preston amendment "a clear violation of the Constitution." The way in which this matter is being approached, he said, "something is attempted indirectly which cannot be done directly; that is, to assign to the House a jurisdiction in international affairs which under our Constitution belongs exclusively to the President and the Senate."

"This country was conceived on the principle of religious freedom," Representative Bennett continued. "I believe in that. I think that an affirmative vote for this particular action (The Preston amendment) of the H.R. and against striking it is a blow against religious freedom."

Representative Emanuel Celler called the Preston amendment an "unnecessary blow to the people of a great faith."

## American To Build Church In Ireland

Dublin—(RNS)—An anonymous Malden, Mass., resident has agreed to supply funds to erect a Catholic church in the rural district of Shrone near the Lakes of Killarney in Kerry County. The American donor first offered—through his bank manager—to construct a hospital at Shrone. But, local townspeople decided they would rather have a church, since some of them now must travel eight miles to attend Mass.

Their wishes were conveyed to the bank manager and word came back that the American would be glad to erect the church.

## New Malaria Drug Sent To Missions

New York—(NC)—Quantities of a newly-discovered remedy for malaria, the disease which some consider perhaps the greatest single scourge of the human race, are to be sent to missions in malarial districts by the Catholic Medical Mission board here.

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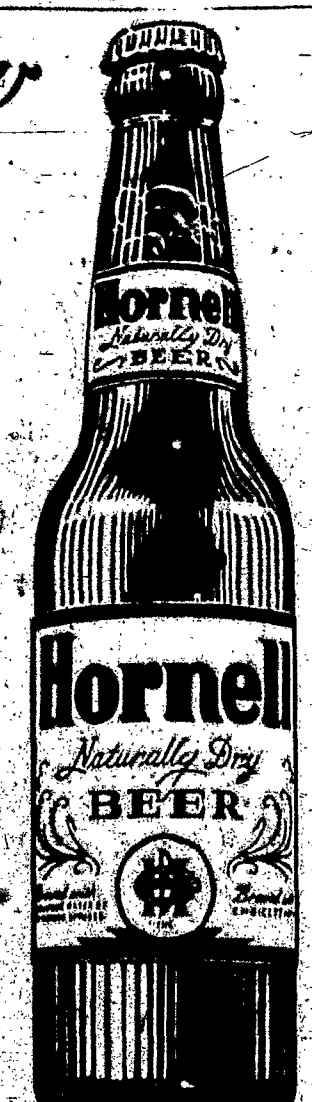
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