

# Boycott Of 'Sordid' Sunday Newspapers Urged On British

London—(NC)—His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, has urged people not to buy Sunday newspapers which publish items "in total disregard of public morality or public decency."

Cardinal Griffin exempted from his criticism Sunday newspapers which, he said, are preserving the highest standards of journalism and which "deserve the support of all right-thinking men."

"THERE ARE certain sections of the popular Sunday press, however," he declared, "which seem to have developed a total disregard of public morality or public decency. Many of the Sunday newspapers have now become the vehicle of feature articles and serials, and the treatment of news has become almost of secondary interest."

"A Sunday paper seldom devotes, at the most generous estimate, more than a quarter of its space to news items. The rest of the space is frequently devoted to items of such a sordid and unpleasant nature that no decent man or woman should wish to have this material in his home. "It is a monstrous thing that in the day of rest which is meant to be given over to the honor and worship of God, so much material of an unwholesome nature should be served up to the ordinary people for many of whom relaxation means sitting down to the Sunday newspaper."

Cardinal Griffin said he appealed to all Catholics and to all decent living men and women "to show their responsibility that they do not want this thing."

"It is the only argument to which the propagators will listen," he said, "that show them your wisdom in this matter by refraining from buying their newspapers."

THE CARDINAL said it was significant that many of the leading newspapers "which perpetuate weekly heresy in England, present a very different edition of their papers for sale in Ireland."

## Church-Goers In Britain Ten Per Cent

London—(NC)—Less than 5,000,000 people go to church in Britain on Sundays, Father Agnellus Andrew, O.F.M., told the annual meeting of the Catholic Evidence Guild here. The other 45,000,000 stay at home.

BUT ONLY a very small group actually hates God, said the Franciscan speaker, who is popularly known as Britain's "Radio Priest." The Evidence Guild seeks to convert Britain back to Catholicism principally by street-corner speaking. Its lay and clerical members are specially trained to meet controversy and to exercise popular appeal.

"The first Christian street preacher was Our Lord Himself," Fr. Andrew told Guild delegates gathered from 10 dioceses. "A scientist in suspect. Your main job is winning people to listen, setting an example in the home, the factory, the trade union, the club, sink into it. Get deep into it."

BISHOP O'NEIL, Coadjutor of Southwark, said the guild now has 251 regular lay and 21 priest speakers. He said he would like to see more clergy taking an active part in the work. "I am sorry in a way that some religious orders which were founded primarily to preach to the poor have turned to other work which, however fruitful, is not the work for which they were founded," the bishop said.

BISHOP LEADER (NC)—The world leader of the Shin sect of Buddhism, Lord Abbot Koshu Ohtani, of Kyoto, Japan, paid a courtesy call on Archbishop Paul Emilio Leger of Montreal, during a visit here.

## Day Of Recollection For Blind



A few of the 80 blind men, who with 60 members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society as guides attended the first Day of Recollection for Blind Men in the Archdiocese of New York. The services were held at the Mary Manning Walsh Home, New York City, under the direction of Rev. Clement J. Rieger, (right) and conducted by Rev. William F. Jenks, C.S.B., (second from right) director of the Visually Handicapped Institute, Catholic University of America. (NC Photos).

## Navy Youth, 19, Donates \$1,500 Church Window

Washington—(NC)—A story of a boy and a \$1,500 church window was recounted by Father Robert S. Toulman while here on a visit to the Catholic University of America. Father Toulman, now pastor of Our Lady of Loretto Church in Falconer, N. Y., near Jamestown, recalled that last spring his new church building was just about completed and equipped.

"THE NAVY windows, which depict various apparitions of the Blessed Mother, had been donated," Father Toulman said. "Just one thing was lacking—the large window for the facade of the church. This was planned with the four Evangelists at the bottom of the window, with a main scene of the Blessed Mother and St. John at the foot of the Cross."

"We had exhausted our funds, but we still needed that main window," Father Toulman continued. "So at Mass one Sunday, I told my people what we were up against and asked their prayers so that we could get a start toward donations for that window that day."

## No Candidate Endorsed By Card. Spellman

Boston—(NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has made it clear that he has "never endorsed any candidate for any political party." The Cardinal further stated that "the use of my name to imply that I have done so is entirely unwarranted."

Cardinal Spellman's statement was contained in a message to Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts who released it on election day eve. The Cardinal's telegram was in reply to one from Mr. McCormack informing him that the Cardinal's name had been used in a political advertisement.

This advertisement quoted Cardinal Spellman's remarks introducing Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at the recent eighth annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner in New York as a man "known and respected throughout the world, a general throughout our country and who has a place among the all-time great men in American history."

# Tito's Men Must Be Atheists, Red Manifesto Claims

Graz, Austria—(NC)—In Yugoslavia, where allegedly "freedom of religion" exists, communists must be atheists—and communists exercise undisputed power in the country.

This becomes clear from a statement issued on the eve of the National Congress of the Yugoslav Communist Party, which is to open this week in Zagreb. The statement says: "PARTY MEMBERSHIP is incompatible with the practice of religion and the performance of religious rites."

The significance of this declaration derives from the fact that the 75,000 members of the Communist Party constitute the ruling class in Yugoslavia. All top officials, from Marshal Tito down, belong to it. Party membership is practically essential to obtain any kind of position in the civil service. Those outside the party are considered "second class citizens" and become automatically suspect.

Party and government being practically one and the same thing in Yugoslavia, the requirement that a communist must be an atheist means, in effect, that atheism becomes the official policy of the regime—motivating its solemn declarations that the practice of religion is unwarped in the "People's Republic."

The regime seeks to camouflage its hostility toward religion by leaving it as much as possible to Communist party organizations to carry on the war through propaganda and open violence. When the regime feels it necessary to take "official" action it seeks to deceive public opinion abroad by declaring that it takes only measures against "enemies of the people" and "common criminals."

## Hand In Hand With This Open and Hidden Warfare Against

## Boston Seminary Camp Burned

Meredith, N. H.—(NC)—A large dormitory and barn at St. John's Seminary camp, a summer training school for seminarians of the Boston archdiocese, were destroyed by fire.

Losses were estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The dormitory was a three-story structure nearly 100 years old.

## Search Zagreb Bishop's Home

Trieste—(NC)—The archiepiscopal residence at Zagreb was searched by Yugoslav communist police for five hours on Oct. 31 and officials were warned that Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac could be rearrested at any time, according to reports reaching here.

Communist police, it is said, were looking for "secret documents" by a foreign power (meaning the Vatican) but could not find anything. The reports say that Auxiliary Bishop Francis Sals-Seewis, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, was questioned for several hours in an attempt to find out the "secret hiding place."

During this questioning the Bishop was warned that Archbishop Stepinac could be rearrested at any time to serve the rest of the 16-year prison term to which he was sentenced on October 11, 1946. About a year ago, the Archbishop was conditionally released.

## Tito Police Block Bid To Tell Eden Of Persecutions

Cologne—(NC)—Several Yugoslav Catholics reportedly face a communist trial because they attempted to present a memorandum on religious persecution to British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden during his recent official visit in Belgrade.

ACCORDING TO the German Church News Service (KND), published here, the memorandum prepared by 50 Slovene lay persons and several priests, was seized by Tito's secret police before it could be handed to Mr. Eden.

The KND dispatch, dated Trieste, further stated that Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac personally requested Tito for an opportunity to meet the British official. The Archbishop's request was disregarded, KND says, like a similar one voiced by the Orthodox (schismatic) Patriarch in Belgrade.

The dispatch quotes "Slovene Catholic circles" in Trieste as voicing regret that Mr. Eden obtained only a "concealed picture" of conditions in Yugoslavia, while a meeting with the two Church leaders could have provided him with more reliable information.

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