

Texas Merchants Screening Comics

Austin, Tex. — (RNS) — Both distributors and retailers in Texas are now screening all comics for objectionable material. A. H. Gen. John Ben Sheppard was told here.

The report came from C. J. M. Roach, executive secretary of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, who is chairman of a committee of distributors and retailers of comic books.

He said wholesalers are checking each comic publication before distributing it to newsstands, and retailers are examining the comics before putting them on the stands.

Mr. Roach pledged the cooperation of his committee with the attorney general's office and the legislature in drafting measures to strengthen existing laws and end the sale of salacious literature.

The committee was formed as the result of a meeting of magazine distributors and retailers here. It includes members of Texas associations of magazine distributors, grocery stores, tobacco dealers and druggists.

Panama Stamp



Panama City — This portrait of Pope Pius XII by U.S. Navy civilian artist Herndon Davis, autographed by the Pontiff, will appear on a 2-balboa stamp issued by the Republic of Panama. It will be one of the 200 stamps portraying all of the Popes in the history of the Roman Catholic Church to be issued over the next eight years. The first group of the new Pontifical issue will be 33 stamps, each carrying the image of one of the 12 Pontiffs who have borne the name of Pius. The issue will be released next March 2, Pope Pius XII's 76th birthday.

Local Newsmen, Dave Warner Authors 'Stars In Sports'

Stories of heroes for the young and those of every age who love sports are presented in a 64 page booklet called "Stars in Sports" by Dave Warner, sports writer for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Published by Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Ind., the booklet contains stories and pictures of 24 of the world's greatest athletes.

Noteworthy to area residents is the story of Sammy Zuzetta of East Rochester, who won the National Amateur Golf title at the age of 24.

In the booklet, Warner recalls Zuzetta's return from a trip to Europe where he had a private interview with the Pope. A friend asked him if he had told the Pope he had won the National Amateur.

"Who, me?" Sam explained. "God, no. I was just a guy named Joe in front of the Pope."

Other sports greats whose careers are retold in short and readable stories include: Phil Rizzuto, Yankee shortstop; Frank Leahy, Notre Dame coach; Terry Brennan, Notre Dame halfback; George Mikan, All American basketball player; Greg Rice, Notre Dame track runner; Babe Ruth, famed Yankee hitter.

ROY CAMPANELLA, Dodger catcher; Eddie Shore, hockey star; Pat McCormick, swimming and diving champion; Gene Tunney, champion boxer; Maureen Connolly, tennis queen; Bobby Avila, Cleveland second baseman.



DAVE WARNER

The author of "Stars in Sports" is a 1948 graduate of Notre Dame University, in the famed period of Terry Brennan and Johnny Lujack. He joined the sports staff of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle in 1950.

An attractive jacket on the booklet was designed by Jack Mesinger, staff artist of the Democrat and Chronicle.

"Stars in Sports" is available in Rochester at Trant's and Tucker's, Catholic goods stores at fifty cents.

Advisors Called Bedside Visits Forecast Pope To Name Cardinals

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withdrawal of being too strong a description of the Pope's condition.

The next day, Friday, December 3, the following medical bulletin, signed by Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi, was issued:

Yesterday afternoon, December 2, the Holy Father's condition suddenly deteriorated because of a severe infection accompanied by a high fever. Clinical examinations and X-rays, made immediately, have not shown anything alarming. A proper therapeutic treatment was begun immediately. He passed a relatively tranquil night and his general condition was called satisfactory.

In general, the news and reports coming from the sick room through various channels were somewhat more hopeful. This encouragement was furthered as a result of a bedside consultation held last Friday night by Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi, a Swiss doctor and three Italian specialists. The official bulletin on this consultation, issued Saturday morning (Dec. 4) was as follows:

"AT THE REQUEST of the Pope's physician, Prof. Raffaele Galeazzi-Lisi, a consultation on the condition of the Holy Father's health was held. The following participated: Prof. Raffaele Paolucci di Valmaggiora (director of the surgical clinic at Rome University), Prof. Antonio Gasbarini (president of the Italian Society of Gastro-Enterology in Bologna), Dr. Paul Niekman (Swiss specialist who had been treating the Pope since early this year), and Dr. Luigi Vittorio de Stefani (a young Roman surgeon and radiologist).

"The doctors were able to ascertain that the noticeable improvement which manifested itself this morning has been continuing in such a way as to leave good hope."

The first more detailed medical report on the Holy Father's condition was issued officially on Saturday (Dec. 4) afternoon. This report stressed the overriding necessity of building up the Holy Father's strength through feeding. Furthermore, it declared that the medical examinations, although complete X-ray examination could not be made, tend to exclude the presence of a tumorous element in the digestive tract."

"A note of cautious optimism was struck in a medical bulletin issued Saturday (Dec. 4) in the evening. It said: 'The besting of the condition of the Holy Father continues. The treatment announced in the earlier medical bulletin has begun with good results. This afternoon the Pope rested better than for some time.'"

SUNDAY MORNING (December 5) the Vatican Press Service announced that His Holiness had passed a fairly good night and was making slow but definite progress. Monday morning (December 6) it announced that his improvement, though slight, had continued through Sunday to the satisfaction of his physicians.

The Pope's condition continued to improve through Tuesday, (Dec. 7) according to all an-

nouncements, but it was taken for granted that he was still a very sick man. No bulletins were issued Tuesday, but the Vatican City daily, L'Osservatore Romano, referred to the "most recent news furnished by the doctors" as confirming the Holy Father's gradual improvement. It is known that His Holiness has been able to take nourishment by mouth and keep it down. He has had broth, honey, mashed potatoes and tapoca in small quantities and according to reliable sources is no longer dependent on artificial feeding. The Holy Father continues to have a slight fever, but not so serious, as earlier, and has been able to rest more easily.

CERTAIN SOURCES now speak of an ulcer as the cause of the Pope's illness, although there has been no announcement

about it. There has been speculation about an ulcer from the beginning of his illness, but it has now come closer to being confirmed as the source of the trouble. It has also been learned that the doctors have had the Pontiff get out of bed and sit in an easy chair for an hour as a preventive measure against pneumonia. It is planned to repeat the measure as frequently as possible in succeeding days if all goes according to the present desired schedule.

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193 Chinese Priests, Religious In Jail

Hong Kong—(NC)—A report covering a little over one-third of the Sea in Red China establishes that there are now at least 193 Chinese priests and Religious in jail on the Red mainland.

The report covers 13 dioceses and archdioceses in the country. In all, there are 145 archbishops, bishops and professors appointed on the mainland.

Compiled by Catholic authorities here, the report states there are three Chinese Bishops, 116 priests, 15 Brothers and two Sisters imprisoned in the 13 sees.

The largest number of imprisoned are in the Peking archdiocese where 26 native priests, one Bishop, and eight Brothers are in jail. There are 14 Chinese priests and Religious imprisoned in the Shanghai diocese and also 14 in the Chengtu diocese.

Dutch Youth
The Hague, Netherlands (NC)—The Union of Dutch Catholic Youth Organizations has started a drive to send 70,000 copies of the New Testament to the oppressed Catholics in communist-controlled East Germany.

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