

Operator Appeals 'Mail Fraud' Ruling

Washington — (NC) — Max Kram, who runs an "religious article" business, has filed an appeal to the U.S. Post Office's ruling that his company operates with intent to defraud.

The company, Catholic Products of America, which has headquarters in Miami, Fla., mails out unsolicited crucifixes and rosaries to Catholics in various parts of the country asking \$1 each for the articles if the recipient wishes to keep them. The Post Office estimates the articles cost about four or five cents apiece.

POSTAL EXAMINER Edward Carlick said the firm was fraudulent and recommended that it be denied use of the mails. He said it used a false approach in a circular designed to help sell its wares.

Mr. Kram, through his attorney, Thomas A. Wadden, Jr., of Washington, said the leaflet enclosed with the articles is not false, and that the statements in it are true.

The Examiner had argued that the advertisement gives the false impression that the money will be used for the benefit of the Catholic Church or a Catholic organization.

THE CIRCULAR, which carries the heading "Catholic Products of America," reads: "This silver-plated crucifix and chain which is made in Italy is sent to you in the hope that you will find it worthy of keeping. If so, please insert \$1 and mail in the enclosed envelope. You are under no obligation. Catholic Products of America is a private enterprise. Additional crucifixes and chains may be ordered."

In his appeal, Mr. Kram said his firm doesn't deny that it tries to direct the great majority of its items to Catholics. "Their religious significance and value are realized only by persons of the Catholic Church and it is only natural that a businessman should endeavor to solicit business from persons who can utilize his product," the appeal said. It has been reported Mr. Kram got his mailing list by taking "Catholic-sounding names" from phone books.

Examiner Carlick estimated Mr. Kram's firm mailed out some 1,251,830 religious articles last year. It has been estimated by others that the "business brought in about \$2,000 a day."

'Ghoulish Racket' Exposed, Dupes Kin Of Deceased

Washington — (NC) — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has set a trap for a "ghoulish racket" in which swindlers send unneeded "G.O.D." parcels addressed to recently deceased persons.

The parcels—often containing expensive Bibles, religious articles and the like—are sent at exorbitant prices, because the operators know the bereaved family usually will accept them, believing they are ordered by the deceased.

Mr. Summerfield said the operators send ordinary notices and publications containing "death notices. Then they mail the articles for these deceased persons."

The Post Office had urged operators to report any information on this operation that may come to their attention. All instances in which the U.S. Mail is in any way involved will be promptly investigated by post office inspectors.

Hungarian Youth Hold To Faith

Vienna — (NC) — Many university students in Red-held Hungary still adhere to Catholic doctrine, a Communist newspaper has admitted in Budapest.

Such students, Magyar Nemzet said, "have a peculiar double vision." While being taught Marxist-Leninist doctrines they still adhere to a clerical ideology, it said.

The newspaper called for more atheistic propaganda in Hungarian universities.



Auxiliary To Cardinal Consecrated

New York — Auxiliary Bishop Philip J. Furlong of New York is shown (second right) following his consecration in St. Patrick's Cathedral here by Cardinal Spellman (second left). He was named Titular Bishop of Araxa and Auxiliary to Cardinal Spellman, in the cardinal's capacity as Catholic Vicar for the U.S. Armed Forces. He will assist the cardinal in caring for the spiritual welfare of Catholic service men and in supervising the work of the Church's 1,500 military chaplains. Consecrators were: Bishop Bryson S. McEvers, rector of Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. (left); and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Flannery of New York, administrator of St. Patrick's. (RNS Photo)

N.Y.U. Inaugurates Catholic Course

New York — (RNS) — A course in Roman Catholic teachings in the field of ethics has been inaugurated at New York University.

It is taught by the Rev. Andrew J. O'Reilly, assistant professor and counselor to Catholic students at the university.

Father O'Reilly's course is entitled "Ethics and Man." It gives considerable attention to specific problems of conscience and the application of general principles to actual moral situations.

The course is being offered at NYU's Washington Square College, but also is available to students in the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance.

Billy Really Skated His Way To 'First Communion'

Cleveland — (NC) — First Communion in the Church of the Conversion of St. Paul, here, was quite an event in the life of eight-year-old Billy Henry, a junior partner in "The Henrys," a father-son hand-balancing act in the Ice Follies.

It was really a cross-country preparation for the important event in his spiritual life. Taking several months to get here from the Ice Follies starting point in California, the boy took advantage of every stop to get some priest or nun to help him prepare for his First Holy Communion. At several places he just missed a graduating First Communion Class.

Arriving at Cleveland he sought out Father Thomas B. Seblan, assistant at Conversion of St. Paul Church, who has been spiritual director to Catholics in the Ice Follies during their run at the local arena. A "very fine lad" who hasn't allowed his career to interfere with his religious training, declared Fr. Seblan.

Skating since he was two, he joined the Ice Follies in 1954. "The Henrys" have appeared several times on television network programs.

Reds Order Slanted Books For Children

Washington — (NC) — Red China is intensifying its efforts to fill its children's minds with officially correct symbols of Marx, Lenin and Mao Tse-Tung, the United States Information Agency reports.

The Agency says that the New China News Agency has printed a directive ordering all authors to provide children this year with at least one work which reflects "the communist spirit."

THE DIRECTIVE, issued by the Union of Chinese Writers, explains: "It is absolutely essential to enhance the ideological and political character of the literary works for children. Such character should be manifested through the form of vivid and artistic symbols. There must be novels, stories, poems, songs and plays. There must also be folk tales, folklore, scientific and imaginative reading matter, and sensational novels. Works should indoctrinate the children with the communist spirit."

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4. Aid police in arrest cases for intent to sell obscene material. The bill states that possession of six identical or "similar" articles shall be presumptive evidence of intent to sell.

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Solons Open Drive On Smut Peddlers

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — A broadside attack on "peddlers of pornography" who have "inundated" the state with a "flood of filth" was started in the legislature here.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Obscene Publications introduced eight bills to cope with what it called a growing problem.

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Yugoslav Church Buildings Decaying

Zagreb, Italy — (NC) — Whether it is siding communist Yugoslavia's war of attrition against the Church.

Information received here reveals that Church leaders in Yugoslavia are extremely uneasy about the condition of church buildings throughout the country. Because of the great impoverishment of the Church under the Red regime, funds are not available to repair the damage wrought by the ravages of time. And it is believed very unlikely that Marshal Tito's government would permit a public collection for the renovation of churches.

The rapid decay of the roof and other parts of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul in Zagreb — seat of Cardinal Stepanac, Archbishop of Zagreb who is confined by the State to his native village of Kracko — is cause for considerable anxiety.

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SALE!
CAFE CURTAINS
Reg. 1.99 to 2.99
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Decorate your windows this spring with these colorful cotton cafe curtains. Choose them for kitchens, dinettes, children's rooms. Large assortment of prints. Matching cafe valances 1.00

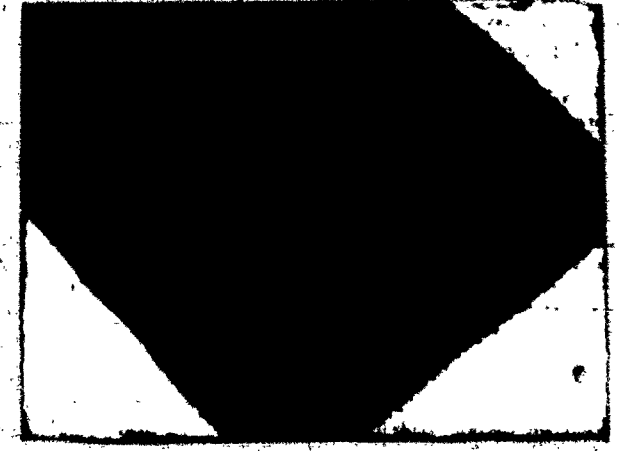
LINED DRAPERIES
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Hang these beautiful draperies at your windows now and you'll save dollars on the total cost. There are heavy cotton bark cloth, cotton boucles and pebble draperies... all lined, all 90" long. Solids and patterns.

Curtains and Draperies, Sibley's Basement

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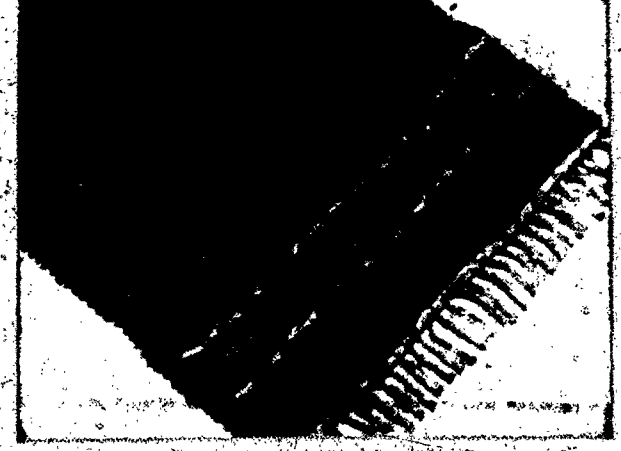
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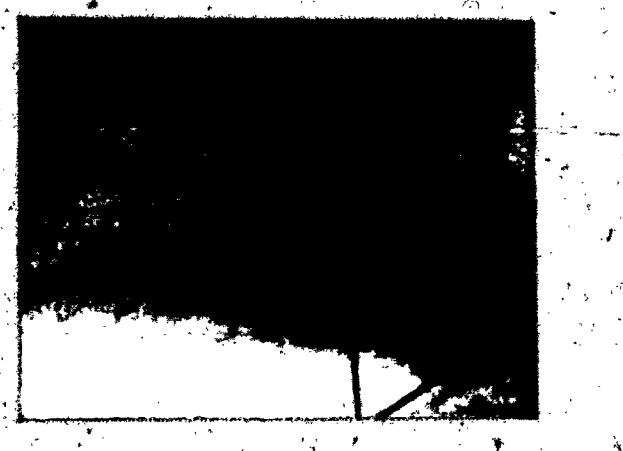


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Reversible Rag Rugs

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