

# Help For College Athletes Held OK

St. Louis — (NC) — There is no intrinsic moral wrong subsidizing college athletes, Father William L. Wade, director of the St. Louis University philosophy department, declared here.

Each case of a subsidized athlete is a moral question, Father Wade said, and he decided upon its own merits. "The only moral question involved is what it does to the boy's character. Each case is to be studied in its own concrete situation and judged by facts in that case."

THE LIGHT of the recent "undiscovered" involving subsidization of athletes which have been recently in collegiate sports, Father Wade was interviewed here. He was critical of insincerity of college administrators and spectators involved in the action of college administrators who know athletes are subsidized but pretend they do not. Father Wade said, can have harmful influence on the formation of the characters of their students. He explained that students can get a confused notion of truth when the administrators, whom they look up to, say things publicly and then do otherwise.

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Father Wade said he did not know of a single school in the country that had dropped subsidization unless subsidization had not worked out in its own particular case. He added that there is little difference in today's college athletic problems and those in the past.

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NCCW Aide

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Carol Rueckel, (above) of this city has been named to the staff of the National Council of Catholic Women, in Washington. She will develop new publications and revise present handbooks and booklets. Miss Rueckel is a graduate of Marquette University's college of Journalism, '55.

# First Handicapped Nuns Receive Habit

Devon, Pa. — (NC) — Four American young women have received the habit of a congregation of Sisters here which is composed of women who are physically handicapped or afflicted with an illness.

The investiture at Regina Mundi Priory was the first time since the 26-year-old French community opened its house here eight months ago. This priory is the only establishment of the congregation outside France.

EIGHT OTHER American girls are studying here to enter the sisterhood, known as the Congregation of Jesus Crucified. In France, the community has four priories, including its motherhouse at Brou.

Mother Marie des Douleurs, foundress and prioress general of the congregation, attended the investiture of Sisters Mary Carlini of Philadelphia; Mary William of Denver; Mary Claver of New York City and Mary Avila of Brooklyn. Family names for the new nuns were not given.

Established for young women whose physical disabilities prevent their entrance into more active religious orders, the congregation admits candidates of all afflictions except mental illnesses and severe nervous disorders. Medical treatment is administered at the priory by a visiting physician. Specialists are called in when necessary.

Sisters who are bedridden perform duties such as ironing clothes and sewing. Others bind books, tutor in languages and paint religious cards. In France each priory has a guest house where lay people who are chronically ill or disabled make retreats.

"The order exists," Mother Mari said here, "to give greater glory to God and to sanctify its members through the joyful acceptance of suffering."

The four Sisters who received the habit will begin a two-year novitiate followed by temporary vows for a period of three years, and finally, perpetual vows.



Handicapped Sister Mary William (left), a blind Sister of the Congregation of Jesus Crucified, receives congratulations on being invested in the new order of sick and crippled nuns at Regina Mundi Priory, Devon, Pa. Sister Marguerite (right), a postulant from Boston, Mass., is shown with Sister Mary William who comes from Denver, Colo. (NC Photo)

# Monks Take Over Ethiopian Mission

Mendis — (NC) — A group of 1951, but it was not turned over to the Cistercians until recently. Cistercian monks from Asmara, Eritrea, formally accepted the charge of a small mission here about 80 miles from Addis Ababa.

The little mission, consisting of a chapel and three buildings, was restored to the Catholic Church by civil authorities in

# Court Lifts Taxes From Calif. Schools

San Francisco — (NC) — California's private, non-profit elementary and high schools are now legally exempt from property taxation.

THE STATE SUPREME Court, in a historic 4 to 3 decision dated June 7, has reversed a ruling of the Alameda County Superior Court which held that such exemptions were unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court's decision climaxes a struggle over the matter of exemption that began more than a decade ago and which has seen organizations spring up to defend and attack the proposal, a referendum held and a long, drawn-out court battle waged.

California was the only state in the Union that taxed private, non-profit schools.

An outline of the events that led to the Supreme Court's ruling began with the passage in 1944 of a Welfare Exemption Act to extend relief to "religious and charitable" organizations. Opponents argued that this did not mean schools.

Then in 1951 the California legislature passed a measure which gave schools exemption under the meaning of the 1944 act. The Assembly passed the measure 75 to 0 and the Senate approved it 33 to 3. Then Governor Earl Warren, now Chief Justice of the United States, signed the measure, expressing his wholehearted approval.

OPPOSITION managed to round up enough support to initiate a referendum on the action in the 1952 general elections. This prevented the measure from becoming law until after ratification by the voters.

Called "Proposition Three" on the ballot, the measure was overwhelmingly passed in the November voting — granting tax relief to the schools.

However, Alfred J. Lundberg, leader of the California Taxpayers Alliance, an organization which had fought the move prior to the general voting, challenged the constitutionality of the measure. He was upheld by the Alameda court. This county court's decision has now been reversed by the California Supreme Court.

# Patience Urged As Reply To Intolerance

Kansas City — (NC) — Archbishop Edwini V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, has advised Catholics not to be perturbed by the "intolerance" of a speech here by an official of the Pro-Testants and Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State (POAU).

But, the Archbishop said that Glenn Archer, executive director of the POAU, was guilty of "monstrous allegations... with no foundations in fact" when he spoke to the Southern Baptist convention here. The Archbishop addressed the annual gathering of the diocesan councils of Catholic men and women.

Quoting Mr. Archer's speech in which the Baptist layman was reported to have said that "The Catholic Church is attempting to dominate the religious world" and that "The Roman Catholic hierarchy wants only schools they control," the Archbishop called the address "false and malicious vilification."

However, he counseled his audience not to be angered by the attack, "but with charity and patience toward all, pursue your Christian and civic duties with special devotion to the religious education of your children."

# Thieves Desecrate Hosts, Damage Indiana Church

Gary — (NC) — Police are still searching for burglars who removed the tabernacle from Holy Trinity church here and escaped with two ciborium and a chalice, which holds the large Host used for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pursely, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, had invested Msgr. Grutka in the rank of domestic prelate. The Bishop stayed at the parish rectory that night.

Bishop Pursely reconstructed the church, as required after a fire, which occurred in the early morning hours, was not interrupted.

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