

CATHOLIC FOR PRESIDENT?

# Decline Marked In Vote Prejudice Says Dr. Gallup

Princeton, N. J. — (NC) — Virtually three out of every four voters would be willing to cast their ballot for a Catholic nominee for president, Dr. George Gallup, head of the American Institute of Public Opinion, has reported here.

In a survey by the institute, it was indicated that today 78 per cent of the voters would be willing to vote for a Catholic while in a 1940 poll, 62 per cent voiced no objection to voting for a Catholic.

Dr. Gallup saw "a marked decline... in voter prejudice" in the results of this question put to a cross-section of U.S. opinion: "If your party nominated a generally well-qualified man for President this year, and he happened to be a Catholic would you vote for him?"

A cross-analysis of the poll's data showed that persons under 50 years of age are more likely to say they would vote for a Catholic than those over 50. Similarly, those who attended college are more likely to say they would vote for a Catholic than those with less formal education.

Also, by sections of the country, the strongest opposition to a Catholic nominee shows up in the Democratic South, where more than one voter in every three is opposed, Dr. Gallup said.

## Bishop O'Connor

### U.S. Sisterhoods Operate On Brink Of Destitution

St. Louis — (NC) — Financial resources of some sisterhoods are being "stretched to the limit" to meet bare operating expenses, Bishop William A. O'Connor of Springfield, Ill., said here.

He urged alumni and others aided by Sisters to come to their financial assistance.

**SPEAKING AT** the national convention of the Blessed Virgin Mary Alumni Association at Xavier High School, Bishop O'Connor emphasized that nuns' vows of poverty do not mean their communities have no need of outside financial help.

"Schools do well to break even," the prelate said. "This has always been true, but is even more sadly true today. The compensation received for the services of Sisters teaching in parish or diocesan schools is minimal, to use the most charitable term."

"Such income must provide for the maintenance of the Sisters in their convents. It barely suffices at today's cost of living. Only by sharp sacrifice can funds be sent for the needs of the motherhouse and the obligations of the community."

**THINK OF THE** needs that must be met from such slender resources. The motherhouse must be staffed and maintained, postulants and novices cared for, aged and infirm Sisters kept in loving comfort, seriously sick sent to hospitals, and advanced education of Sisters paid for," the Bishop explained.

"To meet all these inescapable operating expenses, the only income the community has is the contribution from its mission houses."

The Bishop said the Sisters are living in true poverty. Some may call it "marginal," he said, since it is "a close and narrow area this side of destitution."

**Retreat Congress**  
St. Paul — (NC) — More than 2,500 women from all sections of the United States are expected to attend the National Retreat of the Laywomen's Retreat Movement here, June 29 through July 1.

## Abp. Jachym Named Vienna Coadjutor



Vienna — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has appointed Archbishop Franz Jachym as coadjutor to newly installed Archbishop Franz Koenig of Vienna, it was announced.

Archbishop Jachym, who is 45, has served as coadjutor to the late Cardinal Imbiber. He became Vicar Capitular of the Vienna archdiocese when the Cardinal died last October.

## Jacobites Received Into Catholic Faith

Sultan's Battery, Ind. — (NC) — An entire family of schismatic Jacobite Christians embraced the Catholic Faith at Immaculate Conception Church here.

Meanwhile in Tiruvalla, a leading Jacobite priest has become a member of the Catholic clergy of that diocese.

The Jacobites are descendants of a group of Indian Catholics who left the Church in the 17th century. To facilitate their reunion with Rome, the Holy See a generation ago established the Syro-Malankara rite, which uses the Syriac and Malayalam languages in the liturgy.

V. I. John and his family, who were received in the Church here, are direct descendants of the original schismatics.

Father P. C. Varghese, who was received at Tiruvalla, said that after making a 40-day retreat of prayer and penance he would write a book about the reasons for his becoming a Catholic.

## Army Faces Quiz On 'PX Smut'

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Quick-breaking developments show mounting displeasure over the spectacle of a Government agency peddling smut to youths:

Protests in increasing numbers are being received by official Washington, criticizing the Department of the Defense for permitting military post exchanges overseas to sell indecent and offensive magazines and books to service personnel.

**THE PRESENCE** of pornographic books on the magazine racks of post exchanges in Japan and Korea was revealed by Catholic papers throughout the United States in a story written by Father Patrick O'Connor, S.S.C., veteran Far East correspondent of the N.C.W.C. News Service.

"The magazines sold in Japan and Korea by Japan Central Exchange," the official statement by the Exchange Service headquarters said, "are selected by Japan Central Exchange and purchased by headquarters Army and Air Force Exchange Service in New York City."

"They are shipped to the Far East by second class mail on receipt of requisitions specifying quantities and titles of magazines to be procured. This could not be accomplished if these magazines did not comply with the postal regulations which forbid the shipment of pornographic literature through the U.S. mails."

"The magazines stocked in these exchanges are representative of the nationally distributed magazines in the United States and abroad."

**SHOWN THIS** statement, A. McGregor Goff, solicitor for the Post Office Department told the N.C.W.C. News Service that "whatever the Post Office Department is able to do in excluding non-mailable matter from being shipped to post exchanges, this would not relieve from responsibility those charge with the selection of magazines to be sold in the PXs."

Amazed that the Exchange Service headquarters statement offered no promise of an investigation or improvement of the situation brought to their attention, Martin Work of Washington, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men, charged that "the military have completely evaded the issue by attempting

to shift its responsibility." "It is just another classic example of the old military game of buck-passing," Mr. Work contended. "When are they going to become mature enough to meet issues head on?"

"The fact of the matter is," the NCCM director charged, "that the military and no one else is responsible for what is in our PXs. Even though there were no postal regulations, they would still be responsible."

Others who protested said the statement outlining the position of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service headquarters attempted to excuse what is being done on the ground that someone else is doing it and failed to mention the principal objection, which is that an agency of the U.S. government is in the business of peddling printed filth.

There was an air of increasing concern evident here as word of the smut peddling spread on Capitol Hill.

**OHIO SENATOR** George H. Bender gave the N.C.W.C. News Service the following statement: "I was amazed and shocked to hear that the post exchanges, operated by the United States Armed Forces, are selling pornographic magazines to the American servicemen in Japan and Korea as reported in an article by Father Patrick O'Connor in the June 15 issue of the Catholic Universe Bulletin. I am gravely and deeply concerned with this matter. This decadent literature has not only a demoralizing and degrading effect upon the minds of the boys themselves, but also reflects upon the reputation and prestige of our country."



Boston — (RNS) — Circus life is no novelty to Father Edward S. Sullivan, unofficial chaplain of circus people throughout the country. A parish priest at Roxbury, Mass., Father Sullivan is shown here with one of the star clowns. Father Sullivan is chaplain of the Circus Fans Association, a group of over 1,000 circus lovers who have banded together to break down prejudices against circus people. As a part of his duties, Father Sullivan visits every circus that comes to New England.

## Chaplain Says:

### Circus Folk Lead Good Family Life

Keene, N. H. — (NC) — The "right kind of family and religious life" can be found in the circus, according to Father Edward S. Sullivan of Roxbury, Mass.

He should know. As chaplain, he has traveled more than 30,000 miles a year with "big

tops" during some 32 years. Father Sullivan spoke here at the annual breakfast of the Holy Name Society.

"These people lead a far more exemplary life than the average citizen, with no arrests for drunken driving, no bar-room brawls, and extremely

few divorces," he said. "The few divorces are mostly among the officials of the circus, not the performers."

"If the average person put one-tenth the effort into his spiritual life that these people put into theirs, then we would become spiritual giants," he added.

## Baptists Score Federal Grants To Hospitals

Nashville, Tenn. — (RNS) — Southern Baptist leaders have petitioned Congress to end federal grants to hospitals operated by religious groups.

They urged the government to make long-term loans instead of outright construction grants as now provided in the Hill-Burton Act.

The action was taken by the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at its semiannual meeting here.

**THE PETITION** said Southern

Baptists oppose the Act on the ground that it violates the principle of separation of Church and State.

A committee spokesman said that, so far as he knew, no Baptist hospital ever had accepted federal grants.

## Priest Assists Methodist Hospital

Dallas, Tex. — (RNS) — A Catholic priest gave a pep talk on that "we have many incentives for working for the success of this drive."

"But there is another incentive dominated by the theological principle of love of God and neighbor," he added.

told a meeting of campaigners that, so far as he knew, no Baptist hospital ever had accepted federal grants.



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