

'Small Operators' Use Mails For Obscenity Traffic

Washington—(NC)—Individual operators, rather than "professional dealers," constitute almost 90 percent of the Post Office Department's 224 arrests for sending obscene matter through the mails in fiscal year 1956.

This percentage is the estimate a spokesman in the Inspectors Office of the department made in elaboration of an announcement by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield on the number of arrests for postal violations.

MR. SUMMERFIELD said in his statement that about 98 percent of those arrested and brought to trial were convicted. This year's total of 224 compares with 200 last year. The highest total in the last 15 years was 248 in 1947.

The Inspectors Office spokesman said that "professional dealers," those persons who distribute millions of pieces of "questionable material" that are on the borderline of postal regulations, accounted for only five percent of the arrests for obscenity made this year.

The majority of arrests made were of individuals who ran small operations, but distributed extremely "dirty materials," the spokesman said. He estimated these amount to about 90 percent of the total.

HE SAID a favorite gimmick of these individuals is to start a "pen-pal club" by placing an advertisement in several magazines. Those who respond to the bait receive harmless letters in the beginning, but gradually the operator sends them more and more questionable material.

Soon the recipient is getting openly obscene material—accompanied by a cleverly worded request for payment.

Several of the operations uncovered, the spokesman said, involved as many as 5,000 or 6,000 members of a "club."

Virtually all of the arrests made in the last year, he said, were the result of complaints made to local postal headquarters and passed on to inspectors here.

HE EMPHASIZED that the Post Office has repeatedly asked all persons subjected to obscene mail to complain to authorities. Most investigations, he continued, can begin only after such a complaint because postal authorities do not open first class mail—the way most objectionable material is sent.

Golf Tournament To Aid Missions

St. Louis—(NC)—Many St. Louisans will be playing golf for the missions next week.

Owners of St. Ann's Country Club golf course are turning the course over to the World Missionaries for an entire week beginning Labor Day, September 3. Regular \$5.00 entrance fees will be charged for the golf tournament, but the entire proceeds will go to the missions.

The World Missionaries are a group of lay Catholics organized as an auxiliary to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Members pledge themselves to a daily sacrifice for the missions.

Pope Gave 80 Talks In Year

Vatican City (NC) Pope Plus XII has given 80 addresses in the past year, the greatest number of any year in his pontificate.

This is reported in the 17th volume of the "Discourses and Radio Messages of Pope Plus XII," just published here. The 630-page volume covers the period from March 2, 1955, to March 1, 1956. It corresponds to the 17th year of the Pope's reign.

The wide variety of addresses ranged from a speech to the International Thomistic Congress to a talk to Spanish motor scooter riders.

Former Prisoner Fulfills Vows

Fatima, Portugal—(NC)—A German, an ex-prisoner of war in Russia, has fulfilled a vow made in a concentration camp to come to the Shrine of Our Lady here if he ever returned to Germany.

Josef Mund of Eschweiler made his vow when he and 125 fellow prisoners lay ill with typhoid fever in a Siberian concentration camp. Only 11 of his companions in the fever-stricken hut survived.



New Church Features Ultra-Modern

Fort Atkinson, Wis.—(NC)—Most striking feature of the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church, here, is the tremendous stained glass window that dominates the front exterior, measuring 48 feet wide and 26 feet high. The window is a combination of antique and contemporary design using a film of opaque glass and was designed by a Milwaukee firm, executed in Germany. The church holds 750 people.

Yanks In Germany Aid Carmelite Nuns

Munich—(NC)—The Carmelite nuns of Himmelapforte Convent in Wuerzburg think the Americans are simply wonderful.

They have ample reason to think so. On their off-duty time soldiers of the 10th Infantry Division of the Seventh Army, commanded by Major General Barkdale Hamlett, have done a job for them which they might never have been able to handle by themselves.

THE CONVENT, located on the banks of the Main River, was damaged badly during the war. After hostilities ended, Mother Priorress Maria Magdalena started rebuilding with the help of her community.

They accomplished a lot within a short period of time, but their big yard was still full of debris as a result of wartime air raids. The yard was badly needed to obtain land on which to grow more vegetables, the principal food of the nuns, for they never eat meat.

To clear the yard, machinery was needed. Although the Sisters might have succeeded in borrowing equipment here and there,

they had no extra cash to pay for gasoline and oil. Finally, Mother Priorress sent one of her nuns across the street to talk to the American commander of the Hindenburg barracks and find out what he could do.

"Army gas?" said Lt. Col. Andrew A. Ains. "Sorry. It is against regulations to let you have any, but I'll tell the boys. Come back in the morning."

In the morning the outlook for the Sisters had brightened considerably. A group of the soldiers had responded to their commander's appeal, not only by raising funds to pay for the badly needed gasoline, but also by offering to provide some man power.

Soon off duty GIs could be seen working hard on the Sisters' yard, clearing away the rubble. They did the job in no time, all for the love of God. Now the nuns can grow their vegetables. They have no convictions about the Americans.

"They are simply wonderful," said Mother Priorress, all smiles.

Queen Pays Tribute To Cardinal Griffin

London—(NC)—Tributes from Queen Elizabeth II and the former Anglican Bishop of London were received at Archbishop's House following the death (on August 20) of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

The Queen, whose message was among the first to arrive, extended "her sympathy to all those of her subjects to whom his life and character have been an outstanding example and to whom his loss will bring distress."

The Rt. Rev. John W. C. Wand, former Anglican Bishop of London paid tribute "to a religious and sincere Christian. With him it always seems as if spiritual interests were paramount."

Dr. Wand said that "in him London has lost a good citizen and a wise leader whose outstanding first-handness made daily life better and happier for us all."

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Swiss Bishop Hits Vacationers Garb

Fribourg, Switzerland—(RNS)—Bishop Francis Charrier of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg denounced the "intolerable" scantiness of dress worn by some men and women vacationers in Swiss towns and villages.

Swing to "Jenny"

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