

FBI Probes Biased Campaign Literature

Denver — (RNS) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation was called into a probe of anti-Catholic literature distributed in the Colorado election campaign.

U.S. District Attorney Donald E. Kelley asked the FBI to enter the case a day after anonymous circulars were received through the mail by several residents of

prosecute and the manner in which the evidence is, or is not, presented.

Readers of the circular also were urged to contact their friends regarding the election and to set up a chain reaction of phone calls. The circular addressed: "Keep your organization available for your next SCHOOL ELECTION, as it is the foundation of the American Form of Government."

THE CIRCULAR included excerpts from stories about Catholic candidates in the Denver Catholic Register of Oct. 28, 1954; Nov. 11, 1954, and Sept. 13, 1956. The first listed Catholic candidates for election in Colorado but did not endorse them; the second named Catholics elected to state offices in the biennial state election; and the third named Catholics who had been nominated for the current election in the primary of Sept. 11.

The circular was headed "VOTE NOV. 6, 1956 to preserve your heritage (sic) of Religious Liberty and Freedom."

Leaders of both the Democratic and Republican Parties in Colorado denounced the circulars as "un-American."

The FBI entered the case because of a federal law that prohibits the circulation of anonymous literature in a campaign for a federal office in this case that of U.S. Senator.

Action Charged To Committeeman

Denver — (RNS) — Clarence M. Stafford, a Republican precinct committeeman, was charged here with publishing and distributing "anonymous writings" in the Colorado election campaign. The action followed an FBI probe of anti-Catholic campaign literature sent through the mails.

U.S. District Attorney Donald E. Kelley filed the charge against the former city councilman in federal district court.

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ALL NINE LISTED are non-Catholics. Seven of them are Republicans.

Excluded from the list was a non-Catholic candidate for U.S. Senator, John A. Carroll, a Democrat, who is married to a Catholic.

Offices sought by the candidates, besides that of Senator, were Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor.

The circular, apparently intended for statewide distribution, exhorted its readers to check "the affiliation" of candidates for state district attorneys because "the man elected has the power to select the cases he wishes to



Postulant Designs Youth Week Poster

North Plainfield, N. J. — (RNS) — Miss Judith Ward, a postulant at Mt. St. Mary's Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy here, shows Bishop George W. Ahl of Trenton, N. J., the official poster for National Catholic Youth Week, which she designed. The poster, which shows the week's theme "Trust in Youth," was awarded first prize in a contest sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Youth. Miss Ward and her sister, Jean, were graduated last June from Red Bank (N. J.) Catholic high school. Both are studying to become nuns at the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate.

Many Parents Seen Failing Teenagers

Cincinnati — (NC) — Many un-Christian and inhuman practices are "seriously confusing about moral standards" and "immovable moral standards," he declared.

ADMITTING THAT "going along with the crowd" isn't wrong in itself, he warned nevertheless that "it is not ethical when it extends to 'going steady' without marriage either possible or wanted in the near future."

"Sons and daughters of otherwise splendid and upright parents," he said, "are getting into grave moral difficulties and emotional shattering experiences through frequent and steady dating when they are not prepared for it."

"The increasing frequency of excessively late-hour parties, dances, week-end dates, and proms — even among grade school children — constitutes a real national peril," Father Murphy declared.

"The results of provocative dress, of too early experiments with alcoholic beverage, of erotic literature, music, movies, and plays are not alone bringing moral destruction — they are permanently crippling the young people for adult life."

Father Murphy conceded that "it is difficult to buck the current when your daughter says 'no' — and proves — that everyone else dresses this way, or when your son says — and proves — that all the other fellows in the gang get to stay out late or go steady."

"Parents are not thereby excused of their responsibility," he warned. "Groups of parents with concerted action in their neighborhoods, parishes, schools can stem the tide toward the emotional and moral destruction of our youth."

Church Asks Dismissal Of Taxpayer Suit

San Francisco — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Welfare Corporation has asked the United States Supreme Court to dismiss an Oakland taxpayer's appeal against tax exemption for parochial schools.

The corporation, legal arm of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, argued the case should be dropped because the appellant failed to show that he has a material loss because of the exemption. The motion also contended there was no federal question involved.

The taxpayer's suit was brought to the Supreme Court after the California Supreme Court rejected it. In the suit Paul W. Heisey of Oakland claims that the exemption of parochial schools from property taxes causes an increase in his taxes and this is equivalent to tax support for parochial schools. He argues that this is prohibited by the First Amendment to the federal constitution which forbids the establishment of any religion.

The Supreme Court has not yet decided whether it will consider the appeal.

Mexico Cathedral Can Be Restored

Mexico City — (NC) — The cathedral of Mexico City and its Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, are no longer in danger of collapse because of weakened foundations.

The diocesan commission in charge of restoring them announced that they will be repaired.

Since much of Mexico City is built on filled-in ground, many of the older buildings are in danger of collapse because the ground under them has settled since their construction. "The cathedral was built in 1573 and is one of the oldest buildings in the city."

Cardinal Mooney Warns On Titoism

Detroit — (NC) — Cardinal Edward Mooney has warned that Tito's brand of communism should not be enthusiastically accepted as the "goal of freedom" of eastern European countries struggling to throw off Russian domination.

The Archbishop of Detroit said many commentators on the uprisings in Poland and Hungary forget that in Yugoslavia "Cardinal Stepinac is still in captivity while the civil and religious rights of bishops, priests and Christian people are being ruthlessly trampled under foot by the Tito government."

"Freedom from Russian domination is indeed a step forward," the Cardinal said in a statement released here.

"But the brutal repressive measures of Titoism should temper our enthusiasm and urge our Government to make local civil and religious freedom the price of our continuing assistance."

"To support Titoism today is still to encourage nationalistic denial of human rights."

THE CARDINAL said the reports from eastern Europe have a "heartening note."

"The release of Cardinal Mindszenty in Budapest and of Cardinal Wyszynski in Warsaw shows that the will of a freedom-loving people has a moral power that is felt even by the arbitrary domination of a brutal tyranny," he said.



CARDINAL MOONEY Asks full freedom from Red brutality

Nuns Get Federal Grant To Aid Bright Students

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced a federal grant to Catholic nuns to develop improved counseling procedures to promote learning among bright students who are doing poorly in school subjects.

Sister Mary Viterbo McCarthy, director and chief psychologist of the Regis Child Clinic at Regis College, Weston, Mass., will be in charge of the one-year study for which an allocation of \$1,250 in federal research funds was made. Regis college will contribute an additional \$1,000 to the study.

The research will be directed toward solving a puzzling problem confronting educators in both public and parochial schools, that of students who fall in their class work despite an intelligent quotient that indicates they should do superior work.

It is one of seven educational research projects which the federal government will assist in American colleges during 1957.



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