

'Smut' Literature Traffic Seen Heading For Boom

Champaign-Urbana, Ill.—(NC)—If something is not done to halt the flood of objectionable literature, the situation "will get worse and worse," the director of the National Office for Decent Literature (NODL) warned here.

Objectionable literature "is a growing danger to the welfare, the ideals and the ideas of our youngsters," Monsignor Thomas J. Fitzgerald told a faculty group here at the University of Illinois.

HE SAID THE purpose of the NODL is "to set in motion the moral forces of the entire country against salacious literature." He denied that the NODL ever urged boycotts or enlisted police action in support of its aims, as was maintained recently by John Fischer, editor of Harper's Magazine.

Monsignor Fitzgerald said a constitution for the NODL will be released in the near future. He expressed the hope that this would end any further misunderstandings and would be a clear outline of the scope and purpose of the NODL.

He said that in a spot check of 15 Catholic high schools in the Chicago area the NODL found nearly 25 per cent of the girls students read obscene or romance-type publications. Most of the girls reported they never read these magazines at home, because their parents would not allow such publications in the home. The girls said they read them while baby sitting or while at the beauty shop.

MONSIGNOR FITZGERALD said the three principal ways to combat salacious literature are:

- Work for self-regulation by the publishers and distributors.
- Get rid of the worst of it by legislation.
- Make use of the right of public protest.

He said the list of objectionable literature published by the NODL is intended as a guide and should not be used to boycott or in any other way force dealers to abide by its listings.

The most potent weapon against objectionable literature, he stated, "is to get youngsters from their earliest years to love good reading." If you "get them to love the good reading," he concluded, "they will despise the bad."

Magazine Industry Slates Clean-ups

New York—(RNS)—A spokesman for the major magazine publishers and distributors in this country announced here that the industry had launched a self-policing campaign against obscene publications on the nation's newsstands.

E. M. O'Shea, chairman of the regulating committee of the Bureau of Independent Publishers and Distributors, made the announcement in a letter to all members of the organization which includes 15 publishers, 800 wholesalers and 110,000 retailers.

HE SAID the campaign, which will continue indefinitely, "until there are no further complaints about objectionable material" — was decided upon at a recent meeting of his committee.

Mr. O'Shea said the committee, which has been in existence "quite a while," was originally created as a watchdog group for "prejudicial legislation" affecting magazines. Recently, he explained, its scope was broadened to give it authority to act on objectionable material.

The magazine executive conceded "a worsening situation within the last year." On the basis of this, he said, the regulating committee decided "to explore ways and means of securing the cooperation of publishers for self-policing regarding obscene publications."

Daily Paper Hits Sunday Shopping

Manchester, N.H.—(NC)—The Manchester Union-Leader, New Hampshire's largest newspaper, has commended Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago for enjoining Catholics from working or shopping on Sundays, except for businessmen and workers in enterprises necessary for the public good.

"This newspaper believes that Cardinal Stritch is to be highly praised for the position which he has taken," the Union-Leader said. "It is not a blue-necked or blue-blooded position because obviously it means that there is no reason why Catholic men and women should not follow on Sunday when the public good is the primary motive and not just a desire to make more money."



Meeting with 21 American newspapermen in Vatican City, Pope Pius XII urged that they remain steadfast to the ethical principles worthy of a noble art. He stated that "One may well shudder at the flood of error and false standards let loose by the communication arts today." He prayed God to help newspapermen give their readers nothing but the truth, "as far as your serious research can ascertain it." (NC Photos).

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In a speech that showed familiarity with American newspaper terminology, the Pope told a group of American journalists he received in audience that a "Scoop" (news exclusive) founded on scandal was not worth the "deep sense of shame" that should overcome those "guilty" of publishing it.

THE JOURNALISTS visited the Vatican in the course of a world air tour.

"Calumny and scandal, how quick-footed they are!" Pope Plus said. "A whisper, harmless perhaps though unwarranted, is blown up into one-inch headlines. And what havoc it can wreak in family life, in the life of individuals and of nations."

Denounced in many quarters, the book by Grace Metalious is a fictional account of the private lives of residents of a small New England community.

Evangelist Graham Called 'Danger To Catholic Faith'

New York—(RNS)—The director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference-Bureau of Information has declared that Evangelist Billy Graham is "a danger to the faith of all Catholics who listen to him."

The Rev. John E. Kelly of Washington, D.C., made the statement in an article, "Part Way to God Via Billy Graham," published here in The Homiletic and Pastoral Review. Circulation of the publication is confined to Catholic Clergymen.

FATHER KELLY made the following declaration:

- Billy Graham's teaching about the Church is not the same as Christ's teaching.
- He is an ordained minister and his crusades are "definitely Protestant religious services in which Catholics are not permitted to participate."
- His published works contain false doctrines. Hence they "fall within the scope of the Index (of forbidden books) and reading them is forbidden by Canon Law."
- Catholics should not tune in on any of his broadcasts because they run the risk of being "deceived" by his "persuasive, forceful delivery" and by the "false doctrines interwoven with the true in his well constructed sermons."

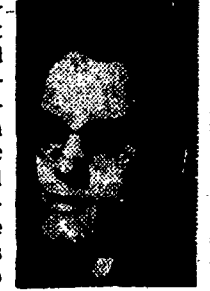
Father Kelly also stated that the evangelist's teachings and "shifting" theological position make it wrong for Catholics to listen to him.

Father Kelly is a native and former resident of Rochester.

Father Kelly warned Catholics against attending the evangelist's New York crusade scheduled to open in Madison Square Garden May 15, reading his published works and listening to his radio and TV broadcasts.

ON THE OTHER hand, he said, both clerical and lay Catholics might "well imitate Billy's dedication, zeal and organization in his preaching of Christianity to all who fall under the spell of his partial gospel." He also asserted that for the unchurched "Billy will be a part way guide to heaven."

The Catholic priest lauded Mr. Graham as a "man of prayer, humble, dedicated and devout."



Father Kelly

Pastor Blocks Use Of Pupils In Film

Woodstock, Vt.—(RNS)—The pastor of the Catholic church here has forbidden children of his parish to participate in the proposed filming here of the controversial novel, " Peyton Place."

The Rev. Mark J. Harvey of Our Lady of the Snows church acted after a Hollywood director informed the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce that the village had been selected as the locale for shooting scenes described in family life, in the life of individuals and of nations."

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