

Challenge To Smut Peddlers Pays Off

Shopkeeper Drops Magazine Department, Reports Gain In Meat, Grocery Sales

By PATRICK J. WHELAN

La Crosse, Wis.—(NC)—Ed Quillan expected to lose much business last spring when he posted this sign on the wall of his market and bakery here:

"Finding it hard to maintain a wholesome assortment of magazines, we have discontinued the department."

But a picture and story in the Register Times-Review, newspaper of the La Crosse diocese, seems to have a strong effect on his business. Within a few days, he said, he noticed new patrons for his meat and grocery counters and for his home-baked bread and pastries.

SOME OF THE NEW CUSTOMERS stopped to tell him they approved his action and came to his store because he would not permit questionable magazines to be displayed there.

Until he posted his sign, Ed and his son used to go through their weekly magazine allotment and withdraw all publications they thought unfit for family reading.

THE DISTRIBUTOR DID NOT like taking back large numbers of magazines each week, and he reacted by cutting down Ed's allotment of the better publications.

That settled it for the store owner. He did away with his magazine department and posted his notice.

A few months later, information, a Catholic magazine published by the Paulist Fathers in New York City, ran the article and story which appeared in the La Crosse paper.

SINCE THEN, Ed has been receiving letters from many parts of the country congratulating him for his stand. Here is a sampling of the letters:

St. John's Newfoundland: "We could do with some action and publicity on the problem in our city."

Boston: "Courage does not always take place in the battle line. To refuse to sell the really indecent magazines requires courage and we are proud when another targets profits and remembers his obligations to God."

Chicago: "Many thinking Catholics are aware of the moral threat indecent literature has become, but only a few have the courage to do as you have done . . ."

New York: " . . . We wish that more people would follow your example . . ."

Cunard Steamer Commodore Retires

London (NC) Sir Ivan Thompson, commodore of the Cunard Steamship Lines, and one of the first big steamship company commodores to arrange daily Mass facilities aboard ship, retired here after 48 years at sea.

Sir Ivan ran away to sea while still a boy. His father, a naturalized American citizen, operated a poultry farm in New Jersey, but the boy tired of that life.

He stowed away on the old line Mauretania. When discovered, he was put to work aboard the ship. Within a few years, he was made a Cunard Lines officer.

During both World Wars, he was in the British service. During World War II, he captained the Queen Elizabeth on her trips transporting troops from North America to Europe.

Self Reliance

Every young man has to learn to paddle his own canoe, even if his father owns a yacht.

Gonzaga Opens Bing Crosby Library

Spokane, Wash.—(RNS)—A \$650,000 library, donated by singer Bing Crosby, was dedicated at Gonzaga University here before more than 5,000 persons.

Bishop Bernard J. Topel of Spokane blessed the new three-story structure.

MR. CROSBY, clad in academic cap and gown, praised the influence of the Jesuit school on his life. He attended Gonzaga in the early 1920s.

"If I have achieved anything," he said, "it is all due to the environmental influences I received here."

Climax of the dedication program was the presentation, by the singer, of the keys to the Crosby Memorial Library to the Very Rev. Edmund W. Morton, S.J., president of Gonzaga.

"This is a tremendous occasion for all of us here at Gonzaga," said the Very Rev. Francis E. Corkery, S.J., vice-provincial of the Utrecht archdiocese for the

the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus. He is a former president of the university.

FATHER MORTON said the task of moving 155,000 volumes into the library had been completed.

The library, which has 33,164 square feet of space, is located almost in the center of the Gonzaga campus on the north side of Spokane.

Church Bonds

Utrecht, The Netherlands (NC) A bond issue by the Utrecht archdiocese for a church building, originally planned for \$523,000, with a 5 per cent subscribed for nearly 300 per cent.



Welcome Aboard, Admiral!

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz received a rousing welcome from young sailors at Mount St. Michael's girls school, Dallas, Texas, during a visit. Here he is pictured with two young students, and Mother St. Clement, 81, under whose direction land and buildings were acquired and developed at St. Michael's as a home for girls, under care of the Sisters of Charity of Refuge. In background is Mrs. Nimitz and Sister Anthony. It was Nimitz's third visit to Mt. St. Michael. (NC Photos)

Catholics Outstrip Population Rate

Wellington, N.Z. (RNS) The Catholic Church was the only major religious body in New Zealand which grew at a faster rate than the population in the period between the 1951 and 1956 censuses, government figures released here disclosed. Catholics increased from 264,555 in 1951 to 310,723 in 1956—a gain of 17.8 per cent. The population increase in the same period was 12.1 per cent. Catholics comprised 2.11 per cent of the population in 1956.

Jesuits Restore Jewish Cemetery

Bueren, West Germany—(NC)—Students at the Jesuit college here have restored an ancient Jewish cemetery abandoned as a result of the Nazi persecution.

The cemetery fell into disrepair in this small town in the province of Westphalia when the Nazis eliminated the Jewish community during the Hitler regime. Its walls crumbled, monuments topple and weeds and shrubs overgrew the burial ground.

A volunteer group of students have now weeded and cleaned the tombstones to make the names of the dead visible again. Then the young men spaded over the whole area, planted a lawn and set out flowers and ivy borders.

The action was taken, the group said, in reparation for some of the injustice committed against Jewish victims.

Thousands Attend Dior's Funeral

Paris (NC) Hundreds of fashion leaders crowded into St. Honoré D'Eylau church here to pay tribute to Christian Dior, 52, world-famous fashion designer who died in Italy.

Approximately 7,000 persons packed the streets outside. Mr. Dior was buried in the family vault at the French Riviera village of Cailhan, near Cannes.

'Capital' Catholics Now 281,322

Washington—(NC)—There are 281,322 Catholics in the Washington archdiocese, final tabulation of a survey conducted last March has disclosed.

The survey was the largest single project ever attempted by the men of the archdiocese. More than 23,000 volunteers took part in the survey, which covered every dwelling in Washington as well as five counties in Maryland. The survey was conducted by the newly organized Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men.

THE RESULTS, announced by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, showed 111,442 Catholics in the District of Columbia, Prince Georges County, with 74,611 Catholics, had the highest number of the five counties.

According to the survey, there are 72,930 Catholic families in the archdiocese and 72,577 Catholic children attending school. Of the Catholic students, 44,143 are enrolled in the archdiocesan school system. Figures from the Archdiocesan Office of Education indicate the Catholic school enrollment for 1957-58 to be 46,868. The survey showed that the archdiocese and 72,577 Catholic children attending school. Of the Catholic students, 44,143 are enrolled in the archdiocesan school system. Figures from the Archdiocesan Office of Education indicate the Catholic school enrollment for 1957-58 to be 46,868. The survey showed that the

Holy Name Society of the archdiocese has a membership of 21,259, and that the sodalities of the Blessed Virgin have 25,259 members.

70-Million Seen In 40 Years

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Bishop Bryar J. McEntegart of Brooklyn, N. Y., predicted here that the Roman Catholic population of the United States will reach 70,000,000 in the next 40 years, double the present number.

The prelate observed that since he first enrolled as a student at the Catholic University of America here in 1917 the Catholic population of the country has doubled from 17,000,000 to 34,000,000. He was rector of the university from 1953 to June, 1957.

Why French Government Totters?

'Mass-Going Premier' Not Acceptable To Diehard Socialists, Paper Charges

Manchester, England—(NC)—"French socialists are more willing to put up with internal disorder and confusion than accept a Catholic premier, according to the Manchester Guardian, one of Britain's leading secular newspapers.

"It is time," the article stated, "that the French Socialist Party recovered a decent sense of proportion—and normal moral standards."

ASKING WHY former premier Robert Schumann refused the invitation of President Rene Coty to form a new government and why Felix Galland had been preferred to the MBP's leader, Pierre Pflimlin, the Manchester Guardian said: "The answer casts a somber light on the distorted moral

and political values of France today. The objection to M. Pflimlin is that he leads a Catholic party; he goes to Mass . . .

"It will be recorded in history that one of the reasons why France has had no government with any authority since last May is no government at all during the month of October, is that the leader and the majority of her Socialist party find it harder to tolerate a Mass-going prime minister than torture."

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