

Catholics Total Five Million In Britain

London.—(NC)—Britain's Catholic population passed the five million mark, according to a survey conducted by a national newspaper, the Sunday Express.

THE SURVEY said the Catholic population has been increasing by an average of 150,000 persons each month since the end of World War II. It gave the main reasons for the growth as larger families, conversions and immigration from Ireland and central Europe.

Meanwhile, the Catholic Inquiry here reported that a new weekly record of 800 people throughout the country had been persuaded to take preliminary instruction in Catholicism by its advertisements in the national press.

This response, it was stated, brings the number of people who have answered the ads since they were first carried by the firm—years ago to 108,000. Of these, 4,000 have been received into the Church—including 1,000 during the past six months—while another 5,000 after studying the elementary outline of the Catholic Faith offered in the advertisements, are now receiving further instructions from priests in all parts of Britain.

The Sunday Express survey gave the Catholic population of the nation as 4,750,000, but said that this is too low an estimate and that the actual total probably exceeds five million.

Lunch Guest Gives \$100,000

Chicago.—(NC)—A nonagenarian who came to lunch and stayed afterwards—gave a big hit to the Catholic Church Extension Society.

After guests had gone following the society's annual luncheon here, Archbishop William D. O'Brien, president of the society, looked around and noticed an elderly, dignified man still sitting at the end of the table.

He recognized him as Frank J. Lewis, 91, a Chicago pioneer. The Archbishop walked over to him, and after a few minutes of heart-to-heart chat, the Archbishop excused himself and was about to leave when Mr. Lewis said, "Archbishop, wait a second. Here's something for the Extension Society."

The Archbishop looked at the piece of paper extended to him—it was a check for \$100,000.

Piece Of Coal For Prelate's Ring

Metz, France.—(NC)—Newly consecrated Coadjutor Bishop Paul J. Shmitt of Metz wears on his finger a small piece of coal mounted in a gold setting.

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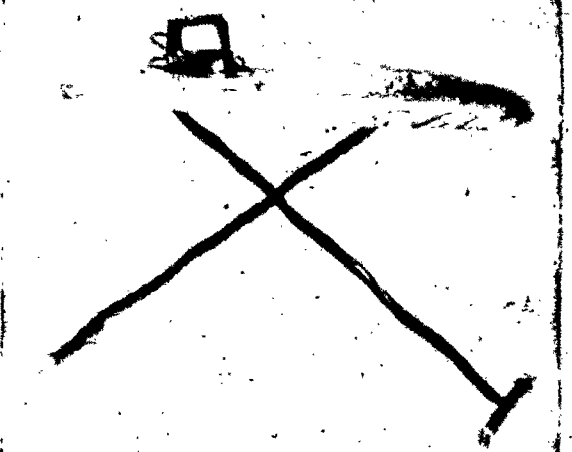
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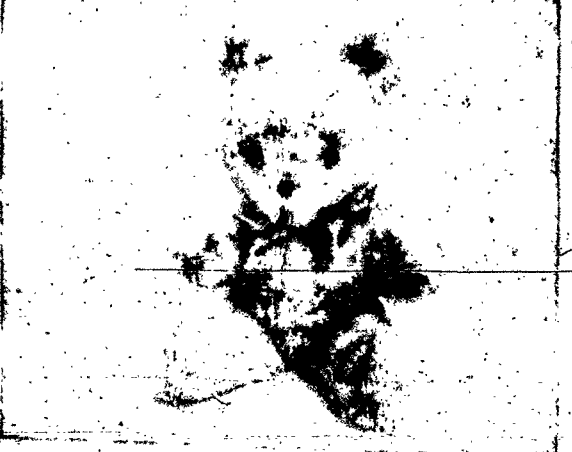
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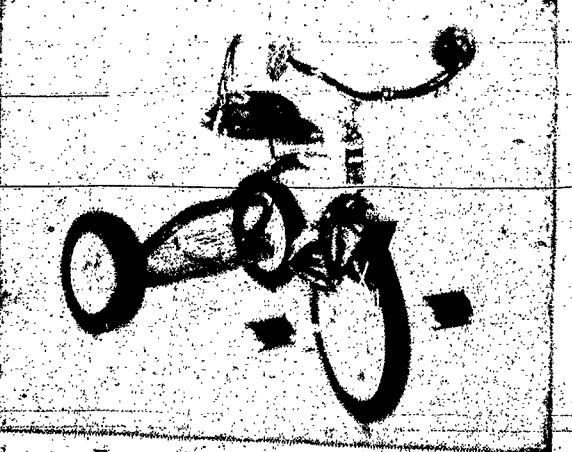
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