

# The Press in Ireland Has Come a Long Way

Dublin — In a world where man's unwillingness to grant his fellow man his rights seems to be an intractable phenomenon, the fact that Irish papers no longer have to seek editors who are willing to go to prison is a small note of hope.

In 1815, when Ireland's Catholic party wanted an editor for a new journal, they advertised for "a person perfectly competent to be the ostensible proprietor of a patriotic religious newspaper. He must be in circumstances to enable him to say he has no preferences for the streets of Dublin or the cells of Newgate."

Willingness to spend time in the cells of Newgate was a necessary qualification when British authorities in Ireland were intent on crushing press opposition to its policies by

withholding dispatches from recalcitrant newspapers and by prosecutions for "seditious libel."

In the 18th Century, the Irish periodical became a permanent feature of daily life in Dublin. Readership was restricted to the small pro-English "Ascendancy," and the papers reflected the anti-Catholic prejudices of this group.

In the late 18th century, as members of the Ascendancy grew increasingly annoyed at the subordination of the Irish parliament to that in London, the Irish papers became controversial, attacking the English government.

After the rebellion of 1798, the Irish parliament passed extremely severe laws giving the government complete control over the press.

After the union of Britain and Ireland under one parliament in 1800, the British authorities in Ireland used

subtle methods to control the press. But by 1810, most of the Irish papers had turned against the British authorities mainly on the issue of the treatment of Catholics. The papers in general favored Catholic Emancipation which would admit Catholics to public office.

In 1824, a new paper, the Morning Register, began publication. It supported the cause of Catholic Emancipation, and substituted reports of events in Ireland for unedited dispatches from abroad. The Register employed Dublin's first corps of reporters.

In 1842, the first edition of The Nation was published, and proclaimed nationality as its great object, "not a nationality which would prelude civil war, but which would establish internal independence — a nationality which would be recognized by the world and sanctioned by wisdom, virtue and prudence."

The Nation was the first means of popular communication which expressed uninhibited nationalist aspirations aimed at the whole population. It helped create the prerequisite for revolutionary activity — a sympathetic climate of opinion.

Sinn Fein, the organization which was eventually to dominate the Irish political and revolutionary scene, was founded in 1905 by the journalist Arthur Griffith, who later became first president of the executive council of the Irish Free State.

James Connolly edited the first Irish socialist paper, The Workers' Republic. Sean MacDermada edited Irish Freedom. Thomas MacDonagh and Joseph Plunkett edited the Irish Review. Countess Markievicz wrote verse, articles and plays. Sean T. O'Kelly was associated with Arthur Griffith in editing several journals. Peadar Kirby edited An Claidheamh Solus (The Sword of Light).

Outside Dublin there are 47 newspapers with one, two, or three editions a week. The oldest newspaper in the 26 counties is the Limerick Chronicle, which was founded in 1766 and appears three times a week.

The relatively large number of journals in the country is a witness to the reality of the freedom of opinion and the press guaranteed in the Irish Constitution.

Things have come a long way since a fondness for jail cells was a requirement in those seeking editorial employment.

## Jesuit School To House Free University

Detroit — (RNS) — A teacher who resigned from the Catholic priesthood, a Muslim purit and a Buddhist psychologist will form part of the faculty for an experimental "Free University" which will soon open within the Jesuit-maintained University of Detroit.

Not only will the course be free and the professors unpaid, but students may wander in at will, determine when and how long classes shall be and in many cases decide what will be covered.

Architecture student Frank J. Lucatelli has formed the Free University with the cooperation of the student government and the approval of the Jesuits on campus.

"Sex, Sin and Civil Liberties" is one of the more provocative topics of the 21 non-credit courses to be offered by the school-within-a-school. It will deal with pornography and the law.

A course on Zen Buddhism will be taught by a Christian layman, John Muller, while a course on Pavlov is to be offered by S. S. Mo, the Buddhist psychologist. Both are members of the university faculty.

There also will be courses on Marxism, developments expected by the year 2000, folk music, structures and dynamics of myth, small business management and library usage.

There also will be courses on karate, poverty and racism, all requested by incoming students, but a committee rejected requests for courses in sky diving and mass transportation.

## Intercommunion Ban Doctrinal, Says Ecumenist

Vatican City — (NC) — A Catholic leader in the ecumenical field has declared that the Church's ban on interfaith Eucharistic celebrations is not simply a matter of discipline but rather one of doctrine.

Father Charles Boyer, S.J., referred to a Mass in a Paris home during which 61 Christians of various faiths shared the consecrated bread and wine. He also spoke of a ceremony held on the fringe of the 1968 general assembly of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden, when some Catholics received Protestant Communion.

Father Boyer, president of the International Unitas Association and a renowned Thomist scholar, asserted that the Catholics involved were prohibited from such an action. He said they were hoping to force a change in that prohibition by presenting the Church with an accomplished fact.

"The Eucharist is a preeminent sign of the unity of the Church," Father Boyer said. "The question of interfaith Eucharistic celebrations and intercommunion is not a matter of discipline but rather one of doctrine. An ecumenist who believes in keeping pace with the times by weakening Catholic doctrines of the Real Presence, the sacrifice of the Mass and the character of the priesthood actually works against the cause of ecumenism."

## Pope Sends Condolences On Msgr. Guardini Death

Munich — (NC) — Msgr. Romano Guardini, the Italian-born theologian, philosopher and author who had spent virtually all his life in Germany died (Oct. 1) of cerebral apoplexy at the age of 83 in a Munich hospital.



MSGR. GUARDINI

In a message of condolence to Julius Cardinal Döpfner of Munich, Pope Paul spoke of the scholar's "highly successful efforts . . . for education toward a true liturgical piety."

After receiving a doctorate in theology from the University of Bonn in 1920, Monsignor Guardini taught at the universities of Breslau and Berlin, where he instituted a chair of Catholic philosophy.

In 1939, the Nazis removed him from his professorship at the University of Berlin because of his apostolic work among university students, and he sought refuge, during the Second World War, in a village rectory in the Black Forest.

After the war, he became professor of Catholic philosophy at Tuebingen University, and then at Munich University, where he taught from 1948 to 1964. Father Karl Rahner, S.J., succeeded him there.

He helped found the German Catholic Youth Movement, whose membership

was reported several years ago to be 700,000.

Msgr. Guardini's life of Christ, "The Lord," written in 1937 and published in the United States in 1954, became a world-wide best seller.

Other books written by Msgr. Guardini include: "The End of the Modern World," "The Living God," "Power and Responsibility," "The Humanity of Christ," and "The Focus of Freedom."

There are three evening daily papers in the 26 counties: The Dublin-based Evening Press and Evening Herald, and the Cork Evening Echo. The two Sunday papers are the Sunday Independent and Sunday Press.

These three papers, along with the Cork Examiner, today make up the 26 counties quota of morning daily papers.

## Nun Scores 'Triple' At Methodist Hospital

Cleveland — (NC) — A Sister of Mercy from Detroit has become the first woman, the first Catholic and the first registered nurse to be appointed administrative assistant to the Methodist-affiliated hospital here.

Sister Francis Marie Gerhard will spend a year at St. Luke's Hospital working as an assistant to the St. Luke administrative staff, in order to complete a thesis for her master's degree in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota.

While at St. Luke's she will continue to wear the habit of her order and will live at a special residence maintained by the hospital for nurses and other staff members.

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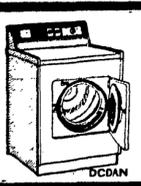
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