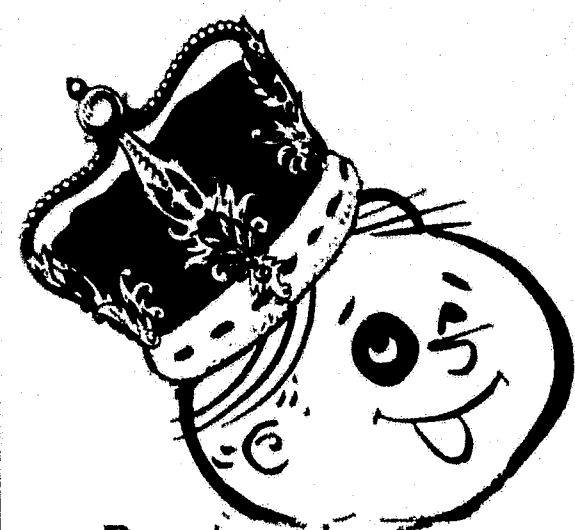


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IN THE FIELDHOUSE, tonight at 8:00 P.M., the 1960 Campus Boxing Champs will be crowned as the final card of the Bengal Bouts is presented by the Knights of Columbus. Judging from Wednesday night's fights, the crowd will be tremendous. Better get there early.

● THE NEW DECREE mentioned in the adjoining column will go into effect only after the Bishop of the Diocese makes known the circumstances under which the new privilege may be used.

● FIVE RESERVATIONS ARE STILL OPEN for a Holy Week Retreat at Trappist Monastery in Gethsemani, Ky. The Bus will leave here Tuesday, April 12. \$26.00 includes donation to the Trappists, transportation there and from the monastery on Saturday, April 16 to plane, bus, or train in Louisville. For further information and to make reservations, call or stop by the CATHOLIC ACTION OFFICE in the Rathskeller of the Student Center.

● TODAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH OF APRIL. Mass, as usual, in Sacred Heart Church at 5:10 P.M.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of Fred B. Dressel, '22. Ill: Tom Jorling of Zahm; Tom McCarthy of Howard; Ed Squier of Sorin; brother-in-law of Ralph Danna of Walsh.

● ALUMNI, FISHER, WALSH, and STANFORD residents have promised to make half-hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Lady Chapel on Monday.

New Decree Facilitates Communion After Noon

Vatican City.—The Holy See has ruled that Communion may be distributed after midday outside of Mass. Local Bishops, the decree states, may grant permission for such distribution, but it must be made in connection with some religious service.

According to the decree, issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, Ordinaries may authorize the distribution in parish and nonparish churches, in hospital chapels, in colleges, and in jails.

Further relaxation of Church laws on receiving Communion, the decree adds, was made because it is "not

always or everywhere possible" to offer Masses in the afternoon or evening. The decree concludes by saying that the concession provides more amply for the common good of the faithful.

Under the ruling the Bishop may decide the nature of the service at which Communion may be distributed. Informed sources here indicate that such functions could include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Stations of the Cross, or the communal recitation of the Rosary.

CHANGES BY PIUS XII

Under Pius XII Church laws were modified in 1953 to enable the faithful to receive Communion more frequently. Drawing on the experience of evening Masses for service personnel in World War II, he empowered Ordinaries to permit evening Masses under certain conditions.

In the Apostolic Constitution *Christus Dominus*, Pius XII changed the Eucharistic fast so that people could receive Communion in afternoon Masses.

Pope Pius further relaxed these rules in 1957, in a *motu proprio* entitled *Sacram Communionem*. He granted Ordinaries permission to allow Mass to be offered on any day after midday if they considered it necessary for a considerable number of parishioners.

NEW FASTING RULES

In the same decree it was ruled that Catholics need only abstain for three hours from solid foods and alcoholic liquids and for one hour from nonalcoholic liquids before receiving Communion. Sick persons, even if not confined to bed, could take medicine and nonalcoholic drink before Communion without any time limit. Water at any time does not break the fast.

The 1957 decree in effect continued the 1953 provision that Communion could be distributed after midday only "within Mass, or just before or immediately after," which is changed under the new ruling issued by the Congregation of the Holy Office.



'Dressed Up'

This European refugee youngster looks admiringly at a pair of new shoes which, with the renovated used coat she wears, she received from U.S. Catholics through the NCWC Catholic Relief Services, the worldwide relief and rehabilitation agency of the Bishops of the United States. The Catholic Bishops' Relief Fund appeal provided the principal financial support for this vast work of charity.

Our contribution amounted to \$900.

For two weeks, now, students from Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, and New Hampshire have been trekking pale-faced and winter-weary into Lauderdale. Their sun-tanned counterparts from Tennessee and Delaware --having completed their monkey business--have headed back north. The city fathers expect about two million dollars will flow into the cash registers along the beach and some 30,000 collegians enter the city limits before Easter. If you are one of those who likes to get his money's worth when he steps out, be warned: the Propeller Club opposite the Casino on SE Fifth St. has stripped its walls of drapes, TV, stuffed fish, and advertising signs. Gone too are the tables and chairs and stools from that two-room establishment. FORTY NINE POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE BEACH PRECINCT, LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE LAS OLAS PLAZA BUILDING.

The same conditions prevail at the Elbo Room, Student Prince, and Omar's Tent where the crowds are accustomed to gather for.....hamburgers.

It's reported that in places where the thirsty seek refreshment, as many as 18 dozen glasses a day are broken. Since most of the patrons are barefooted, this presents something of a problem for the Emergency Room at the hospital. At frequent intervals, the places must be closed until they can be swept out. Once in a while, a student is accidentally

swept out with the glass. This is getting your money's worth? Not that I'm mercenary, you understand. However, I dare say whoever's popping for your trip south is anxious that your diet consist of more than beer...hamburgers....beer. I would hope that even if you're spending money you made at the dining hall, you'll have doubts as to the value of a trip south this year.

It shouldn't be necessary to point out the rather obvious likelihood of your giving scandal, too. The place for you on Good Friday afternoon is not on a Florida beach.

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