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Campus Supplement

Catholic Action.

We would like to send Will Hays an interesting telegram, but there are eight reasons why we can't do it. These reasons are:

Sorin
Corby
Badin
Howard

Alumni
St. Edward's
Lyons
Carroll

Aeons ago, it seems, you were asked to file with the local theatres a round robin from each hall stating that you are interested only in clean shows and in clean advertising for such shows. Morrissey Hall, we have been informed lately, filed such a notice the following morning; Dillon and Walsh Halls also lay claim to being first with their petitions; Brownson Hall secured practically a full representation of its students to a similar protest a few weeks later; and, a week before the Easter holidays, Freshman Hall sent a 99 44/100% protest direct to Hollywood.

Now, it would be a very simple matter for the Bulletin to secure a full muster for its campaign. All we would have to do would be to call in a student - almost any student - from each of the halls listed above, and he would gladly sacrifice his time and meet any kidding that might fall to his lot from the lay cardinals; he would bring in at least an 85% list of signatures from his hall. That would serve an immediate purpose, and Will Hays would know of it by night letter.

That would be Grade C Catholic Action. Grade A was displayed by the students who came in to find out about a picture which had aroused their suspicions. Grade AA would have been an immediate protest from these students themselves, without any suggestion from a priest. Grade Aa was proposed by certain men who wanted to heave bricks. Grade B - not to be despised by any means - has been shown by the men who responded to the invitation (published in the Bulletin) to prepare protests and obtain signatures. Those who responded immediately rate Grade BB; the others a simple B, but with special mention for persistence in obtaining signatures.

We want something better than Grade C. Can we have it?

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The following letter rates Grade A. Who will make it AA or AAA?

"Dear Father: April 30 has been designated as President's Day. Catholics know or should know that they are bound to respect and honor the representatives of authority. On this day they will remember the President in their prayers. Notre Dame students will not neglect a remembrance of the President in their Holy Communion.

"But why should not a good external work be added to the prayers we students will say that day? Does it sound (or is it) preposterous to suggest that the students outwardly manifest their respect for and support of our President by sending him a letter of thanks for what he has done and of encouragement for the trying work of the future?

"Imagine two thousand or more signatures affixed to something like this:

"Dear Mr. President: We thank you for the efforts you have made in the most critical period our nation has yet faced in times of peace to remove the evils of poverty and of unemployment that oppress us. We thank you for your courage and perseverance in departing from the precedents of a stupid and selfish past and for using the powers that you possess fearlessly and intelligently in behalf of a people faced with disaster. Already hope has taken the place of hopelessness, cheer of discouragement. We ask God to reward you for what you have already done. And we pray God to continue to bless your work. - Anonymous."