

Pray for the sick: two University of Notre Dame ...mother of Capt. J.M. Daley
friends of John Dunn (Mor); Religious Bulletin mother of Jack Gourman, '49.
mother of Father Connolly;... February 6, 1950 Special intentions--10.

"He That Is Not With Me Is Against Me."

Present world problems in the final analysis are for all men and for you fundamentally religious. In solving them you will have to declare yourself ultimately for Christ or against Him. You can not serve two masters.

The scandal of obscene literature is just one among many facing you today. Your Catholic heritage, zealous devotion to Christ and His mother, a fearless and effective desire to be unashamed of Our Lord and what He stands for, will insure on-the-minute enthusiasm to rid this country's newsstands of salacious and indecent magazines, whose sole rotten purpose is to undermine Christian morality-and at a profit.

A Fighting Irishman.

The National Newman Club Federation has opened a nation-wide campaign to eliminate from the mail and newsstands indecent literature. This organization, composed of Catholic students from 400 secular colleges, aims to clean-up college campuses, magazine racks located in railroad stations, drug, cigar and department stores, of lewd periodicals which offend against the five-point code adopted by the National Organization for Decent Literature.

This code condemns periodicals which: 1) Glorify or condone reprehensible characters or reprehensible acts; 2) Contain material offensively "sexy"; 3) Feature illicit love; 4) Carry illustrations indecent or suggestive, or; 5) Advertize wares for the prurient-minded.

Dennis Duffy, President of the National Newman Club Federation, addressed a telegram to the Postmaster-general in which he demanded the immediate suspension of the second-class mailing permits of the publishers of the lewd and indecent.

Irishman Duffy wired: "Fifteen million questionable periodicals reach the American public every month to poison the minds of our youth and to contribute to the tremendous post-war growth of juvenile crime...If you (Postmaster-general) put an immediate end to this national disgrace, you will have the 100 per cent cooperation not only of the 100,000 Catholic students attending secular universities....but of every one of the 500,000 Catholic students in college throughout the country."

Indiana Statute.

Let Local South Bend news vendors and news agencies be advised that Section 10-2803 (2569) is still on the books. It states: "WHOEVER SELLS OR LENDS, OR OFFERS TO SELL OR LEND, OR GIVES AWAY, OR OFFERS TO GIVE AWAY, OR IN ANY MANNER EXHIBITS, OR HAS IN HIS POSSESSION...ANY OBSCENE, LEWD, INDECENT OR LASCIVIOUS BOOK, PAMPHLET, PAPER...PICTURE....PHOTOGRAPH....SHALL BE FINED....TO WHICH MAY BE ADDED IMPRISONMENT...."

BLOCK-BOOKING EVIL.

News agencies contract with publishers for exclusive rights to furnish all magazines in circulation throughout their particular district. But news dealers, unwilling to take the bad along with the good, are stymied, powerless to deal in magazine literature at all unless they accept a good number of decidedly shady magazines along with the good.

Block-booking contracts affect not only dealer-to-agency relationship but agency-to-publisher relationship as well. Public indignation and boycott, which affect filthy profit, will break this block-booking device fostering immorality.

Prayers: (deceased) Ed. J. Brown; brother of Rev. Regis O'Neill, C.S.C.; sister of Rev. Will. Minnick, C.S.C.; friend of M. Silady (How); Carl Oschmann; mother of Al. Slaggert, '22; father of J. and C. Gainer; John J. Buckley, '20; Father of Miss Coffield.