

# Movement To Close Stores on Sunday Gaining Momentum Throughout Nation

## Labor Unions, Churches Join Merchant Groups

Washington—(U.P.)—Churches, labor unions and merchants' associations in many parts of the country are joining forces in an effort to curb the growing tendency of retail stores to conduct "business as usual" on Sunday.

Sunday selling, once confined largely to drug stores and delicatessens, has been spreading rapidly into other lines of business during the past few years. In many communities, the "Open On Sunday" sign is now common—place in automobile agencies, appliance, hardware and furniture stores, and even supermarkets.

**Leaders Alarmed**

Both Protestant and Catholic leaders are alarmed by this new challenge to the already-battered tradition of Sabbath observance. They consider it a far more fundamental threat to the church's teachings than Sunday movies and baseball games, against which some religious groups fought a losing battle half a generation ago.

Sunday amusements could be defended on the grounds that they were a form of rest, at least for the audience. But liberal as well as conservative theologians can see no such justification for the seven day retail business week.

**Clearcut Denial**

It is, they feel, a clearcut denial of the ancient insight, incorporated in the Third Commandment and strongly supported by the findings of modern psychology, that man needs to rest aside one day a week to refresh his spirit with worship and rest.

Church crusades against Sunday selling are getting powerful support in some areas from labor unions and from businessmen who are suffering from "open on Sunday" competition.

Such a three-way alliance was formed in Minneapolis, Minn., recently when some large food stores tried to remove from union contracts provisions which prohibit Sunday work. Union resistance to the demand was backed up by the Retail Grocers association. Then the churches got into the fight. The coordinating council of the Methodist church issued a strong statement calling on "the members of our churches in particular and society in general to refrain from all unnecessary business activity on Sunday." Lutheran and Presbyterian churches followed suit, and Minneapolis Baptists went even further by urging their members to boycott any store that remained open on Sunday.

**Storm of Protest**

Confronted with this storm of protest, the food stores which had proposed Sunday operation backed down, at least temporarily, and dropped their demand for a change in union rules.

In New Jersey, Catholics, Protestants and merchants are waging a common fight. The Catholic Press association recently presented a special service award to the Newark Advocate for "arousing public opinion throughout the state of New Jersey by its effective crusade against Sunday selling." Protestant groups, including the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey, have also been roundly condemning the rapid spread of Sunday retailing. Lately a group of some 500 businessmen, called the New Jersey Association for the Sunday Closing of Non-Essential Industries, has thrown its support to the cause.

**Other Reports**

Reports from other areas show that the issue is being joined all over the country:

In Toledo, Ohio, Catholic churches urged their members to "withhold patronage" from grocery stores that stay open on Sunday.

In Indianapolis, the Automobile Dealers association voted at its annual convention to seek a state law making it mandatory for automobile dealers to close on Sunday.

The Florida Furniture Dealers' association condemned "non-essential" Sunday business.

In Dayton, Ohio, where many chain groceries began opening on Sunday last fall, some unions have served notice they will strike, if necessary, to get a "no Sunday work" clause inserted in their next contracts.

Nationally-circulated church

## Harriman Heads West in First Acknowledged Quest for Votes

New York—(U.P.)—New York's Gov. Averell Harriman, his hat still bouncing from its toss into the presidential ring, flies west to the mountains Saturday on his first acknowledged hunt for convention votes.

Harriman supporters from 11 Western states convene at Denver Saturday morning to form a regional Harriman for President Committee they hope to bonfire into a national organization. Harriman toured the area shortly before he declared his candidacy with a literal hat toss at a hatters' convention last Saturday. He will arrive on a flying round-trip in time to address the closing lunch and head back for New York 24 hours later.

His New York backers will be conspicuously absent from the flight to the wide open spaces. Both Tammany professional Carmine De Sapio and the big wheels of the governor's busy but still undeclared New York campaign headquarters are staying home.

**Look To West**

The Denver meeting is scheduled to stress Harriman's particular appeals to the West—his lifetime Union Pacific Railroad association with the region, his views on development of Western resources and on agricultural income which Western supporters claim are generally popular in the area.

Maj. Gen. John Russell Deane (Ret.), who headed the U.S. military mission to Moscow while Harriman was ambassador there, will come from Orinda, Calif., with first-hand praise of Harriman's competency in foreign affairs. Another speaker will be Gov. Raymond D. Gary of Oklahoma, who'll take 28 unit votes to Chicago for Harriman.

Altogether the 11 states—Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas—command 200 votes in the Democratic national convention. That many could put Harriman, with some 90 of New York's 98 votes already in hand, in second place and within shouting distance of front-runner Adlai E. Stevenson on the first ballot. But he won't, and can't, get them all.

**Votes Committed**

Montana's 16 votes are committed to Sen. Estes Kefauver by its primary vote. Harriman forces say only that they expect to have "most" of the votes from the other 10 states. Oklahoma's 28 are sure. A United Press tabulation shows delegates of the

other involved states either unselected as yet or unofficially expressing scattered preferences for Harriman and four other candidates. The 11 states gave Harriman 19 1/2 of his 123 1/2 votes at the 1952 convention.

With large blocks already committed to Stevenson and Kefauver and others reserved for favorite sons, Harriman supporters are generally refraining from the first ballot numbers game, however.

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## Population of Dogs Figured at 23,000,000

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The last census figures put the human population at 167,000,000. A dog food manufacturer estimates the dog population at 23,000,000 and says it's increasing four times as fast as the human population.

Almost every other household has one dog; (according to Quaker Oats Co.) and nearly 15 per cent of all American homes boast two or more canines.

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## Dutch Government Denies Rumor of Royal Divorce

Amsterdam—(U.P.)—The Dutch government took the unprecedented step Thursday night of denying rumors of a divorce between Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard because of the queen's trust in a faith healer.

And the faith healer, Miss Greet Hofmans, a 61-year-old spinster, told the United Press today she exercises no influence over the queen and that her sole mission in life was to dedicate people to Christ.

**Strict Rule Broken**

The government's official denial broke a strict government rule that no statements are made concerning the personal affairs of the royal family.

Dutch newspapers already had departed from tradition by reprinting the foreign rumors about the queen.

Both developments indicated that the reports of a rift between Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard had deeply shocked the nation.

A Dutch government spokesman said the government was issuing the denial "notwithstanding the silliness of these rumors" that the queen was contemplating a divorce. The brief statement was telephoned to correspondents here.

**Reports Reprinted**

The reports originated in the West German weekly news magazine Der Spiegel and were reprinted throughout the world. They were not published in newspapers in Holland until Thursday, one day after the Dutch parliamentary elections.

The reports said the queen had gone to Miss Hofmans in hopes of restoring the sight of her half-blind daughter, Princess Marijka, nine, and that Prince Bernhard had broken with the queen over the issue. It also said Miss Hofmans' influence extended to matters of state.

**NINE TIMES FIFTY**

Royal, Neb.—(U.P.)—When Mr. and Mrs. William Kess observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a party here, their guests included eight couples who had been married 50 years or more.

## Dam Tailwaters Said Good Fishing Area

Pierre, S. D.—(U.P.)—The new Fort Randall Dam tailwaters and reservoir have become one of the best fishing areas in the Middle West. The dam is on the Missouri River in south-central South Dakota.

South Dakota's Game, Fish and Parks Department said 42,000 anglers fished in the dam tailwaters last year and 41,000 fished in the reservoir. They caught nearly 230,000 fish weighing 111,000 pounds.

The department said the tailwaters produced one of the heaviest catches of fish in the country last year. The catch averaged 632 fish per acre of water fished.

The tailwaters produced mostly sauger, crappie and catfish, and the reservoir produced largely bass, bullheads and bluegills.

**HIGHER CLOTHING**

Washington—(U.P.)—Men will have to pay more for tailored suits, trousers, topcoats and overcoats next fall, according to Louis Rothschild, executive director of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers. Rothschild called the increase "overdue." He attributed the hike—\$2 to \$5.50 per garment—to an industry-wide wage increase negotiated by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America effective in June.

Marblehead, Mass.—(U.P.)—The original of the famous painting, "The Spirit of '76," by A. M. Willard now hangs on the wall of the selectmen's room in Abbot Hall.

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