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## TERRY FERRER SEES MORE AUTOMATION AND INITIATIVE IN EDUCATION'S FUTURE

"A return to hard subjects and development of new methods of teaching" within the next ten years was prophesied by Terry Ferrer, Education Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, as she gave a "Report Card on American Education" here on Oct. 25.

**Emphasis Wrong**  
Miss Ferrer, former religion and education editor for Newsweek and a one-time teacher, emphasized the tremendous challenges facing education. College enrollments will double in the next ten years and physical facilities will be forced to keep pace. She pointed to both accomplishments and shortcomings in today's educational picture.

Most serious on the minus side is our "emphasis on mediocrity." "The gifted child and the retarded child are classified together as exceptional."

**Bigger Classes**  
In the near future, the teacher shortage will be met by bigger classes and more automation. Yet "the quality of college education need not deteriorate... the teacher must always be there." Moreover, Miss Ferrer affirmed, conditions will give the student more independent work, so that they will "train themselves."

Miss Ferrer sees the history of education as a series of turnovers every 30 or 40 years.



After her "Report Card" on education, Terry Ferrer, Education Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, poses between Mother O'Byrne and Mrs. O'Hare.

## Sean Boud Will Present Views on South Africa

"The Future of South Africa" will be discussed by Mr. Sean Boud next Thursday night, November 10th.

Sponsored by the International Relations Club, Mr. Boud's lecture will feature South Africa's future as a result of the continuation of its present policies. The possibilities of a change in Constitution will be explored. He will also consider whether the building of a non-racial democracy is reconcilable

with legitimate Afrikaaner and Africa Nationalism. The future demographic position — both quantitative and local will be discussed.

Mr. Boud, though an Englishman by birth, has lived most of his life in South Africa. He has done free-lance journalism and frequently contributed to South African newspapers. He was active in organizations for the African's welfare and in the Catholic Evidence Guild.

## NFCCS Secretariat Asks Commitment

The Social Action Secretariat of NFCCS, has advanced a proposal for Catholic College Students to commit themselves personally to action in the field of human relations. The proposal, adopted at the Human Relations Weekend, Oct. 15-16 here, is being considered and discussed at the regional meetings from the Baltimore-Washington, New England, Philadelphia, Lake Erie and New York-New Jersey Regions. It will be submitted to the Congress in Pittsburgh in August 1961 for adoption by the National Delegates. The resolution states that:

"An educated Catholic does

not fulfill his social responsibility by a mere realization of the facts of discrimination against the American Negro in housing, employment, transportation, facilities, and an understanding of the moral principles violated by basic injustice to fellow citizens.

"Legislation alone is not enough, nor does the development of public opinion in favor of interracial justice substitute for the actual functioning of a concrete program of action.

"Therefore, Catholic College students should take the initiative in forming or joining Community Councils to bring together peoples of different races, nationalities, cultures, that common understanding and mutual respect will lead all to work together for the betterment of the neighborhood community in respect to housing, recreational grounds, amusement facilities, police protection, and whatever is of importance to human welfare.

## Donovan Weighs Powers Spy Trial

"Espionage and the Powers Trial" will be explored tonight by James E. Donovan, wartime General Counsel of the O.S.S., for the International Relations Club and guests at 7:15 p.m. in the East Room.

Mr. Donovan, a lawyer in private practice, is a retired Commander of Naval Intelligence. One of the top prosecutors during the Nuremberg Trials, he was also assigned to defend Col. Rudolf Abel of the Soviet Secret Police.

Mr. Donovan's attempt to obtain a fair trial for Abel is related in the October issue of *Coronet*.

## Seniors Tests Set For Month of Nov.

Two batteries of tests for College Seniors are scheduled during the next month. Graduate Record Examinations will be administered on November 19. Career tests for positions with the New York State Government are set for Dec. 3.

Application deadline for Graduate Records in Nov. 4, while registration for the New York Civil Service exam closes Nov. 7.

## Nixon Tops Kennedy in Third Straw Ballot Here



Richard M. Nixon

Richard M. Nixon topped John F. Kennedy by a very slim margin in last week's third Centurion "straw vote" presidential election.

Nixon polled 51.6% of 436 students who voted while 48.5% were cast for Kennedy.

Nixon was given a 14 ballot margin over Kennedy by the 60% of the Student Body who took the opportunity to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Two hundred twenty-five students preferred Nixon. Two hundred eleven voted for the Democratic standard-bearer.

	Votes	Per.
Nixon	225	51.6
Kennedy	211	48.4
Difference	14	3.2

Since the second pre-election poll last month, Kennedy has again reduced

the margin between him and his opponent by the and has gained 4.1% of the ballots.

In last spring's pre-convention and pre-campaign poll, the poll gave Nixon a 36% margin over Kennedy. In the second poll Nixon led Kennedy by 11.4%.

Comparison of percentage of votes cast in polls:

	May	Oct.	Nov.
Nixon	68%	55.7%	51.6%
Kennedy	32%	44.3%	48.4%
Difference	36%	11.4%	3.2%

If the results of the third poll are broken down, it's interesting to note that the Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors who voted for Nixon; Seniors prefer Kennedy.

Poll results by classes:

Per. of '61	'62	'63	'64	
Class				
polled	33%	66%	63%	72%
Nixon	32.7%	54%	54.6%	53.6%
Ken.	67.3%	46%	45.4%	46.4%



John F. Kennedy