

GI HORSE RACING IN JOLLY OL' ENGLAND

A NUMBER OF GI'S OVER IN ENGLAND WHERE GETTING UP A HORSE RACE TO IMPROVE MORALE OF THE BASE. FOR SOME REASON THEY COULD ONLY FIND FIVE ANIMALS FOR THE EVENT AND WANTED SIX. NOW IT SO HAPPENDED THAT THE LOCAL PARISH PRIEST HAD A DONKEY, AND THEY OBTAINED HIS PERMISSION TO USE IT TO MAKE UP THE FIELD.

THE DONKEY, TO EVERY ONE'S SURPRISE, CAME IN THIRD IN THE FIRST RACE, WHEREUPON THE CAMP PAPER CAME OUT WITH THE HEADLINE.

"PADRE'S ASS SHOWS"

THIS, NATURALLY CAUSED NO SMALL SCANDAL AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH, AND EVENTUALLY REACHED THE BISHOP, WHO CALLED THE PASTOR ABOUT IT. WHEN THE GOOD MAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS ONLY AN AMERICAN EXPRESSION, THE BISHOP WAS MOLLIFIED.

THE NEXT DAY THE DONKEY CAME IN FIRST, AND THE PAPER ANNOUNCED:

"PADRE'S ASS OUT IN FRONT"

THIS CALLED FOR FURTHER EPISCOPAL DISAPPROVAL, BUT AGAIN THE PRIEST SUCCEEDED IN MOLLIFYING THE BISHOP.

IN THE THIRD RACE, THE DONKEY CAME IN SECOND, AND THE PAPER REPORTED:

"PADRE'S ASS BACK IN PLACE"

THIS WAS THE LAST STRAW FOR THE BISHOP, AND HE ORDERED THE PRIEST TO WITHDRAW THE ANIMAL FROM THE RACE., WHEREUPON THE PAPER CAME FORTH WITH THE SAD NEWS:

"BISHOP SCRATCHES PADRE'S ASS"