

### Poll Shows Mercy Killing is Gaining Public Support

If a person, dying, and in great pain, asks for a fatal drug, his doctor should give it to him. That is the belief of more than half the Protestants across the country. About half the proportion among Roman Catholics agree.

If the patient consents, mercy killing of hopelessly deformed, or mentally deficient very young children is right, say more than four in ten Protestants. Again about half the proportion of Roman Catholics agree.

However there is considerably less approval for giving a fatal drug to a very old person, dying of cancer, but not in great pain, who asks for such freedom. Only about one in five Protestants would condone this, and a still smaller segment among Roman Catholics.

Ten years ago, the Gallup Poll reported that 62 per cent of the Canadian people could not think of any circumstances in which a doctor would be justified in taking the life of a patient. People feel differently today for certain cases. In the columns below the nation answers three questions on mercy killing put to a scientific sample by interviewers for the Poll.

Attitudes among Roman Catholics and Protestants are compared to the national average in every case. The two come together in points of view most closely in belief that if a very old person, dying of cancer, but not in great pain, should ask for "mercy killing", he should be refused.

"If a very old person dying of cancer, but not in great pain, asks a doctor for a fatal drug, do you think the doctor should, or should not give that drug?"

	Protestant	Roman Catholic
Yes, should	21%	15%
No, should not	72%	81%
No opinion	7%	4%
	100	100

"And what if a person dying in great pain asks for a fatal drug—should the doctor then give it or not?"

	Protestant	Roman Catholic
Yes, should	55%	29%
No, should not	37%	66%
No opinion	8%	5%
	100	100

"And what about the mercy killing of hopelessly deformed or mentally deficient very young children, if the parents consent?"

	Protestant	Roman Catholic
Yes, should	44%	23%
No, should not	42%	70%
No opinion	14%	7%
	100	100

is a domestic matter outside the scope of the UN.

De Gaulle has offered the Algerians self-determination in a referendum within four years after hostilities cease, a move hailed by Slim, who declared there now was no disagreement in "substance" between Paris and Algeria's National Liberation Front.

Slim noted that the Algerian provisional government could have—but didn't—demand that the proposed referendum be organized by a neutral "international authority" as had been the procedure in other instances.

Corridor reports indicated that moderate elements among the 2-nation Afro-Asian group were arguing for a mild resolution that would not upset hopes of an early meeting between French authorities and the rebels.

#### TRUST DE GAULLE

This indicated the provisional government trusted de Gaulle. What the government demanded was the chance of discussing guarantees and safeguards which would permit a truly free choice among the three alternatives offered by de Gaulle—integration, autonomy or complete independence.

The demand, said Slim, was justified because French authorities

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### Tunisians Challenge France To Broaden Debate Agenda

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) Tunisia challenged France Monday to kill doubts by discussing political matters as well as a cease-fire in proposed peace talks with Algerian rebels.

Tunisian Ambassador Mongi Slim, in a mildly-worded speech, praised President Charles de Gaulle for his initiative toward settling the five-year-old Algerian war, but he added:

"We deem it normal for the Algerian nationalist authorities to want to discuss conditions and guarantees for putting self-determination into effect while discussing a cease-fire at the same time."

Slim, regarded as chief spokesman here for the Algerian provisional regime, was the only speaker Monday as the 62-member UN political committee began debate on the Algerian question—an explosive topic at the UN during the last four general assemblies.

On another UN front, battle lines were being prepared behind the scenes for a renewed ballot-struggle in the assembly today. Turkey and Communist Poland will try again to break their deadlock for a seat on the 11-member security council.

The French delegation, as in the past, boycotted the Algerian debate on the ground that Algeria

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