

No Penalty For PDP Ballot

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The Most Rev. James P. Davis, archbishop of San Juan, said yesterday that the Catholic Church of Puerto Rico will not impose any punishments on Catholics who voted for the Popular Party.

The archbishop issued the statement in Chicago following publication in several major U.S. newspapers Monday of a report stating that San Juan Mayor Felisa Rincon de Gautier was being denied communion.

"No one will be denied the sacraments of the Church," Archbishop Davis said yesterday, according to press service reports.

'Not Authorized' By Davis

The Archbishop emphatically stated that the circular letter issued by his secretary, Msgr. Rafael Grovas, in the name of the Archdiocese of San Juan last Friday was "not authorized by the Archbishop of San Juan."

Msgr. Grovas's circular letter contradicted statements made previously by Archbishop Davis and the Most Rev. James E. McManus, Bishop of Ponce, soon after the pastoral letter prohibiting Catholics from voting for the Popular Party was issued by the bishops.

When the first letter was made public, Archbishop Davis was asked what penalties would be ap-