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Too Late, Mr. Hearst!

Now that it is all over, Mr. Hearst cannot let sleeping dogs lie. To vent out his personal venom against Alfred E. Smith, last Sunday the Hearst paper carried a vitriolic editorial, unsigned but sure to be in the approved Hearst type and style, reiterating the charge made after Mr. Hearst returned to America, and repeated and re-repeated in the face of denials by such non-Catholics as John W. Davis, Nicholas Murray Butler, Carter Glass, President McCracken of Vassar, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Rabbi Wise and others, that Governor Smith injected the religious issue into the campaign of 1928 by his Omaha speech!

The religious issue has been in evidence since 1924.

The only way in which Governor Smith injected the religious issue was in accepting the nomination of the Houston convention.

Mr. Hearst was as bitter an opponent of Mr. Smith's nomination as was Senator Heflin.

Of course, if Governor Smith had not been nominated, or any other Catholic, there would have been no religious issue in 1928.

He was nominated in spite of Mr. Heflin, Mr. Hearst, Bishop Cannon, Colonel P. H. Callahan and the Klux Klan.

Immediately following the Houston convention, the flood gates of bigotry, snobbery and fanaticism were loosed in a dastardly "whispering campaign which was dragged into the open by Governor Smith in his Oklahoma speech, despite the strenuous objections and denials of the Heflins, Hearsts, Willebrandts, and Cannons, reinforced by the John Roach Strations and the William Allen Whites.

Even though defeated as a result of it, Governor Smith has done more to sound the ultimate death knell of bigotry than all the efforts, open and secret, of the Hearst, Heflin - Willebrandt - Cannon - Straton cabal to keep it alive.

If Mr. Hearst had said one word during the campaign in criticism of the flood of anti-Catholic literature sent throughout the South; in criticism of the Fellowship Forum's filthy and obscene attacks on the Catholic Church; if he had criticized Bishop Cannon's fulminations in the name of the Methodists of the United States to keep this a Protestant country, then his post-election attacks on Governor Smith's Oklahoma speech - which will be a classic den to bigots and bigotry long after the Hearst papers have returned to their wood pulp origins - might fall on receptive ears. Fact is, Mr. Hearst is throwing a smoke screen to blind Catholics to his part in the campaign of 1928. Just as he sought to proclaim his intense loyalty and burning patriotism after President McKinley's assassination.

Too late, Mr. Hearst, too late!

Out Of It

Governor Smith says he will never run again for public office. We think he means what he says and do not blame him for making such a decision.

It will be many a day before any Catholic will have the courage even to accept a presidential nomination and face the campaign of bigotry, intolerance and slander that he went through.

The bigots had two ends in view in 1928: first to defeat overwhelmingly Alfred E. Smith; second, to strike such terror into the hearts of the Catholics that none of their number will permit himself to be the target of a second attack like that of 1924.

But if it is that not only Catholics but big-minded non-Catholics will not accept the same bigoted, snobbish and fanatical attitude toward the same Catholics, then it is likely to be left to those who are only too anxious to see the day re-

No Headway Made

To those who are still unconvinced that bigotry and intolerance played but an inconsiderable part in the campaign of 1928, we commend the following editorial in the "Union and Times", always bearing in mind that Rt. Rev. William Turner, of the Diocese of Buffalo, is president of the corporation that publishes the U. and T. - The election is over and a Catholic paper may now discuss it frankly without fear of partisan expression. The campaign was besmirched with the rankest intolerance in the history of popular government.

Protestant bishops and ministers in every section of the country stood before the American people and denounced Alfred E. Smith because of his religion. The pretext was made that Smith was opposed because of his wet views and his past association with Tammany Hall. It was nothing more than a pretext.

The underlying cause or purpose of the attack upon the present Governor of this state was his Catholicity. If Lincoln were alive during the past campaign he would have had to make good his threat of migrating to other shores when bigotry obtained a foothold in America.

The greatest contrast in the quadrennial contest of the Democratic and Republican parties was evidenced in the personal conduct of the Catholic priest and the Protestant minister. The Catholic priest minded his own business and continued in his chosen work of saving souls. The Protestant minister intruded his nose in everybody's business and turned his pulpit into a political platform.

The American people are now able to discern for themselves which of the two represents the ambassadorship of Jesus Christ; which of the two offered truer service to Caesar.

During the campaign the anti-Saloon league and the W. C. T. U. played an important role. Both political organizations took the stump to make the country safe for bootleggers, rum-runners and racketeers. Their political campaign grounds were generally the Protestant churches of each community. The house of God was employed to pour out their spleen and to deliver their invectives in the direction of a man whose public record of twenty-five years' service to the State of New York remains untarnished, unblemished and unscarred.

The anti-Catholic newspaper and organization also played its part, aided and abetted by many Protestant churches, the anti-Saloon league, the W. C. T. U. and in several instances brought to light by the Republican party. The same old threadbare lies, the aged-old calumnies, the ancient stench of feulent minds were unearthed and in a few cases revamped to sway the political opinions of the electorate. It is apparent that no headway has been made in this country to silence intolerance and to blot out colossal ignorance. Bigotry still runs rampant in America - a scandal to the world - a disgrace to free institutions - and a reproach upon a people who spend over four billions of dollars yearly for public education.

There is no cloud so dark but that it has a silver lining in an old saying.

In blaming this or that cause for the result of November 6th, we must not forget that a great many non-Catholics voted for Governor Smith. Not all Protestants are bigots - just the ignorant and the snobs.

Not Too Late

November is rapidly drawing to a close but there is time left to obey the admonition contained in this editorial from the Brooklyn "Tablet" -

When you made that sorrowful journey to the cemetery and saw the remains of your dearly beloved placed in the grave you resolved that you never would forget him or her. When the cortege turned homeward and your heart was filled with grief, anguish and other emotions you were certain that it would be impossible for you ever to cease thinking of, and praying for the departed. Your intentions were the best in the world.

The intervening weeks or months have healed your wounds. Your grief is not as poignant as it was when you made those well-meant resolutions. You have permitted your mind to drift to thoughts of others, and your resolutions have not been kept as rigidly as you would have wished. In brief you have been a little neglectful of your dead.

Now is the time to make good those old promises. This is November - month of the Holy Souls. Your tears, your regrets at their recent or remote departure can avail them nothing now. They need your prayers. They appeal to you for succor. Will you help them? or, will you continue to neglect them?

If all the country voted by the Australian paper ballot we would be still guessing as to the ultimate result.

Governor Smith will not find it so hard to introduce to Albany as his successor, his personal pal, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Reaction Recompense

The campaign of 1928, bitter and unsatisfactory though it now appears, is likely to react favorably to the Church in the United States.

We venture the assertion that not since our country was founded have so many non-Catholics been studying Catholic doctrines, Catholic traditions, Catholic practices as at the present time, induced thereby to the unequalled onslaught made on the Catholic Church because of the nomination of Alfred E. Smith for the Presidency.

Ever since the publication of the Smith-Marshall letters thousands of men and women have been studying the Catholic Faith and examining into the reason therefor.

While the non-Catholic bigots were pouring forth their bitterness against the Church in their church papers and their pulpits, the Catholic clergy, the Catholic press and the Catholic laity have held their peace. Not a single Catholic priest has turned his pulpit into a partisan political platform. Not a single Monday paper has carried reports of a Catholic priest mentioning Governor Smith let alone urging their congregation to vote for him and against Hoover.

On the other hand, Monday morning papers all over the country carried columns upon columns of invective against the Catholic Church and Governor Smith, always of national greatness, it will surely end with an eloquent appeal to defeat Smith and elect Hoover.

This fact alone has set thinking persons to investigate the reasons therefor and to inquire into the manner of institution of the Catholic Church and into what is its compelling motive.

It may easily result in many additions to the Catholic Church and it may be that Governor Smith may be the twentieth century successor to the great Brownson in arousing interest in what the Catholic Church really stands for.

There are 34 Catholic Churches in Washington, D. C.

Should Pay Taxes

Judge Franklin Taylor coincided with Mayor James J. Walker, that churches meddling in politics be denied exemption from taxation, and declared that taxing churches which used their pulpits for political purposes would put an end to activities of ministers whose utterances fanned the fires of religious intolerance and hatred.

Judge Taylor's statement follows: "The church, to be effective, should be non-partisan. Politics should not enter the house of God. Republicans and Democrats alike are entitled to worship in their chosen denominations without having their political views offended by ministerial utterances. Ministers have no more right to make the pulpit a political platform than have judges the right to talk party politics on the bench. Both of these forums, the Church and the court, are the main columns in a social structure reared for all alike regardless of politics preference.

"It has been suggested that tax exemption be accorded to only such churches as confine themselves to the worship and service of God and leave politics out of the pulpit. I agree with this. Drastic as it may be, the remedy is simple and would no doubt clear the atmosphere of some churches' from utterances which tend to fan the fires of religious intolerance and hatred."

Judge Taylor is a member of the Flatbush Congregational Church and a 33d degree Mason.

Punch, the English funny paper, hears that "more than one thousand million packages of chewing gum were manufactured in the United States last year."

One Winner

There's one paper in Oklahoma that understands the varied and diverse angles of the campaign of 1928, and that is the Democratic chief, of Hobart. It says: -

Out of the many hatreds engendered in the present political campaign, one institution will have profited to a greater degree than any political party or any individual, regardless of the outcome of the election. Whole-heartedly and contemptuously despised by an army of zealous of other creeds, the Catholic Church has been the victim of a broadside of slander and misrepresentation so exaggerated that it has set decent-minded people to thinking.

Thousands upon thousands of people who have heretofore held prejudice against that creed have entered upon a study of its tenets, ideals and practices. They have found and are finding that Catholicism is not the horrible monster that it has been pictured.

While men of many denominations have been tearing at the creed of the Catholics in a frenzied effort to destroy, the Catholics themselves have remained aloof with commendable unanimity, disproving the age-old charge that they sought a union of church and State, while their heartiest opponents showed themselves guilty of the very charge they attribute to the Catholic Church.

Bigotry In Business

It was a shock to the more intelligent of our population to learn through the results of the recent Presidential election the extent to which bigotry had infected our politics. What will this class of our citizens think when they are made aware that a formidable attempt is being made to inoculate this poison into the business life of the nation?

This attempt is being made by no less influential an organization than the National Association of Manufacturers and its allied organization, the National Industrial Council.

At the annual meeting of these two organizations held in New York City, October 24, the President of the National Association of Manufacturers, John E. Edgerton, of Tennessee, in his address to the allied bodies, said: -

"We can serve best the ends of civilization and all the peoples of the earth by retaining at all necessary cost the uncontaminated idealism of that nationally distinctive character by the power of which we have become the greatest nation on earth. As fast as we fall under the spell of any seductive idea or catch-word coined and put into circulation by alien minds and at the behest of expediency compromise the principles underlying our tower of national greatness, it will surely crumble as did others which have preceded it. ****

Now, my friends, I have endeavored to present for your consideration three closely related groups of thoughts. The first one is that economic prosperity cannot be divorced from sound morals, social progress, and political stability; that due primacy to the operation of uncontrolled alien influences our national integrity is threatened at all of these points, and that both the obsolescence and the right of leadership in all corrective or forward movements involving interpretations of American ideals belong inseparably to those natives of our country having no divided allegiance or attachments and having in their very blood an appreciative understanding of our institutions."

Evidently the ideas expressed by Mr. Edgerton met with the approval of the Association for he was re-elected its President and since then he has had his presidential address published in pamphlet form and is circulating it throughout the country. Until definitely repudiated, therefore, Mr. Edgerton's ideas may be fairly taken as the accepted policy of the National Association of Manufacturers and possibly also of its affiliated organization, the National Industrial Council.

In a pamphlet issued by the National Association of Manufacturers explaining the purpose of the organization, it is stated: -

"The National Association of Manufacturers is the universally recognized national organization voicing the opinion of manufacturers of all classes on subjects of industrial and commercial significance. It aids or serves the manufacturer in nearly every branch of his business. It assists him in extending his trade abroad."

Judging by the annual address of its President, which was stamped with the approval of the Association by his re-election, another purpose of the Association is the spread of bigotry.

It would be difficult for any one to compose a declaration more intolerant on both religious and racial grounds than the declaration from Mr. Edgerton's address which we quoted.

Mr. Edgerton and his association would give the right of leadership in all corrective or forward movements involving interpretations of American ideals only to those natives of our country "having no divided allegiance or attachments and having in their very blood an appreciative understanding of our institutions."

This is Know-Nothingism, pure and simple. The adoption of such a policy by the National Association of Manufacturers seems to be as stupid as it is sinister. We will endeavor to make clear its stupidity.

What impression can such preachments make upon the Latin Catholic populations in South America whom President-elect Hoover has just left on a battleship to visit with an avowed purpose of promoting better political and business relations?

Dr. Max Winkler recently made public some statistics showing the extent of the interest our manufacturers and business men have in the extension of our trade with the South American countries. Within the past fifteen years American investments in the southern republics have increased twelve fold, he says, amounting at the beginning of the current year to \$2,215,000,000 against \$183,000,000 in 1912. During the same period our commerce with South America has advanced from \$28,000,000 to \$959,200,000, a gain of almost 200 per cent. Our exports increased from \$121,000,000 to \$438,300,000, an advance of more than 262 per cent, while our

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