

Secularists Scored For Support Of Secularism In Public Schools By Article In Jewish Periodical

New York (NC)—A strong indictment of Protestantism for supporting secularism in education is presented in the current issue of Commentary, monthly magazine published here by the American Jewish Committee.

It appears in an article, "The Sectarian Conflict Over Church and State," by Will Herberg, noted Jewish author, who also scores the majority of Jews for trying to keep religion out of the schools.

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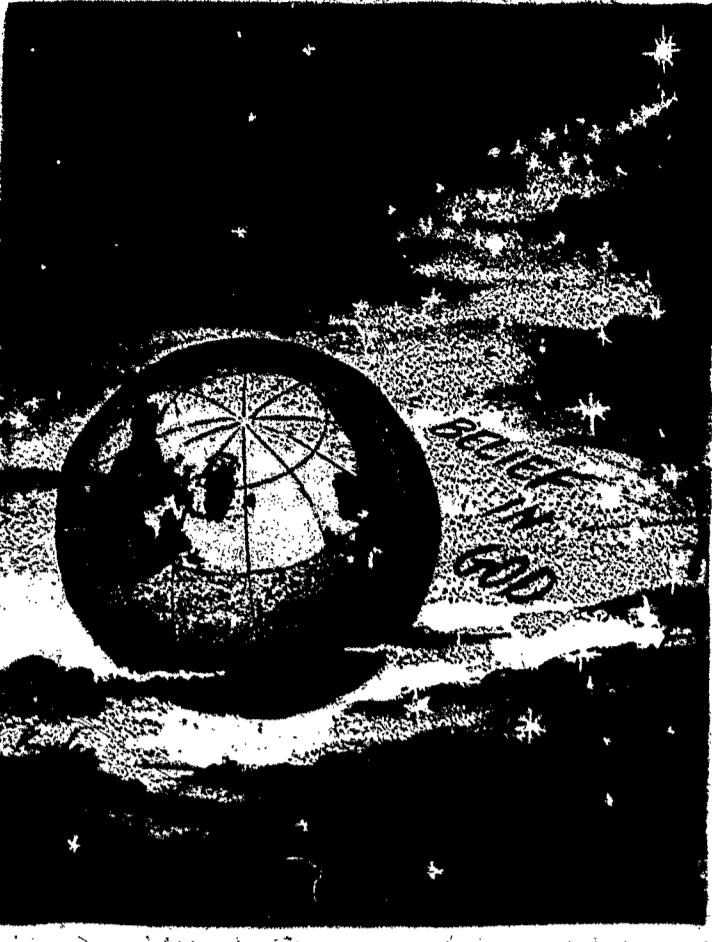
that is alleged to separate church and state.

But such a "wall" is nonexistent, the author argues. It is a matter of historical fact, he writes, "that neither in the minds of the Founding Fathers nor in the thinking of the American people through the 19th and into the 20th century, did the separation of church and state imply unconcern with, much less hostility to, religion on the part of the government. Indeed, the promotion of religion was always held to be one of the prime objectives of public education."

"Catholic power does constitute a problem for American democracy," Mr. Herberg contends. "The traditionally formulated political and social aims of the Catholic Church, sometimes run counter to what most Americans hold to be the democratic way of life... Catholics in America have sometimes employed the preponderance of power that has fallen to them in certain localities and states in ways that have given much offense to other citizens."

Even granted this, the Protestant reaction has been extreme, he continues and cites the violent opposition with which they greeted the appointment of an ambassador to the Holy See. Only by the wildest stretch of the imagination, he maintains, "can it be regarded as unconstitutional or a threat to the religious liberties of any group of Americans."

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