

'Never Vote For A Catholic'

July 31

Last Sunday a prominent New York minister told his congregation he could not vote for a Catholic candidate to be president or vice president of our country.

If a Catholic were to be elected, it would "subject the rest of us to silence," said the Rev. Dr. Hampton Adams of the Park Avenue Church of the Disciples of Christ.

The clergyman stated he had no objection for an American to be a Catholic but "the rest of us," he said, "have the right and the obligation of considering seriously whether the demands that the Roman Church makes upon its members affect the ability of any one of these members to fill the office of president."

He expressed "apprehension" as to what would happen to public schools if the Catholic Church were "to improve its political advantage."

Whether the New York minister voices the opinion of his fellow clergy and lay people is impossible to determine.

We had thought that we were a long time and a lot better since the 1928 presidential campaign. Democrats and Republicans took the late Alfred E. Smith's defeat at that time as proof that a Catholic could never be elected an American president. Even now political strategists have little hope of seeing a Catholic nominated even for vice president. Mentioned as possible Democratic vice presidential candidates are Robert Wagner of New York City, John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Frank Lausche of Ohio.

Maybe the New York clergyman thinks that Wagner in the White House would veto the constitution and banish all Non-Catholics from Congress. The minister cited scape-goat Spain as proof that Catholics in power push everybody else out.

He forgets Catholic Adenauer's free West Germany which has made so great a post-war recovery that Catholics and Protestants are enjoying a prosperity that is reported greater than in England. The minister overlooks Ireland, over 90 per cent Catholic, where a Protestant was elected as that nation's first president, and where a Jew was just elected mayor of Dublin, the capital city. Dr. Adams apparently has not heard of Quebec where the citizens themselves determine which school is to get their tax funds. Predominantly Catholic Quebec does not discriminate against children because of the school they choose to attend, as is done in America where Catholics are a minority.

We are willing to admit that Dr. Adams has the right of any citizen to vote as he chooses and if he personally doesn't want a Catholic or a man with green skin to be president that's his right to vote against such a candidate. It is disconcerting however to have a prominent speaker make such a statement and then have so many other equally prominent people let his statement go unchallenged. Their "silence gives consent" and shows that a lot of this "brotherhood" talk is blarney, and not from Ireland.

Redskins, Palefaces Vanishing

American Indians, according to government officials and church missionaries, are joining the mainstream of American life. Over 100,000 have abandoned their remote, subsidized reservations and moved to the great cities of the United States.

A Navajo brave, Franklin Showa, who recently decided to take his family to Los Angeles is typical of the younger Indian generation. "We want to live like any white citizen," he said, "especially now that we have to pay taxes and can vote."

Showa and his wife trace their faith through three generations to Franciscan missionaries who went to Arizona when pioneers first settled in that state. The Navajo reservation in northwest Arizona is a barren territory and the Indians struggle to make the soil yield enough to support them.

"No progress will ever come to the Navajos if we don't go out. And it's up to us, the younger generation, to start doing something about now," Showa said.

Franciscan priests, especially in western states, are anxious to aid Indians who relocate in cities. Many of these priests have served mission churches on the reservations and are able to help the Indians when they move to city life.

And after the last few days of sunshine, the palefaces of our eastern white men have taken on the summer tan which is the badge of those who finally had to cut the grass, play golf, or just roll in the yard while old soil browns our pallid bodies.

Progress and sunshine have helped the traditional "melting pot" to interbreed redskins and palefaces into just plain happy Americans.

Strange But True



St. Ignatius Feast Marks Jesuits' 400th Year

Thirty thousand Jesuits will honor their founder St. Ignatius Loyola on his feast Tuesday, July 31, 400th anniversary of his death.

THE SOCIETY of Jesus was born when the fortunes of the Church were at a low ebb. Ignatius imposed standards of discipline on his order which pattern the life of every Jesuit today. That was the genius of his work that it has kept on for 400 years after he died. He has literally thrust his will beyond his grave and the grace he won at Manresa has made more than himself a saint.

Sixteenth century Europe was a religious chaos. Factious princes were utilizing the ideas of Luther to confiscate church-owned property. Switzerland, Scandinavia, and most of Germany deserted the faith. England lopped off the heads of saints as a much married monarch proclaimed himself head of the church there. The Turkish Sultan boasted that he would move his harem to Rome. And the two remaining Catholic nations Spain and France spilled their blood in years of futile war.

EX-SOLDIER IGNATIUS, converted by a cannon ball, determined that his new order would be an army of defense under strict obedience to the Pope. Once Ignatius declared that he would willingly go off to the nearest galley ship though it lacked sail or oars or food and take it wherever the Pope wished it. "Where is the prudence in that kind of action?" asked a friend. "Prudence, sir, is a virtue for those who command, not those who obey," was Ignatius' reply.

He was stricken with fever in the hot summer of 1556, only fifteen years after he had organized the Jesuits.

He died as he lived, without ceremony, without emotion. During the last night he was heard to murmur simply and sincerely, "O God! O God! O God!" He was 65 when he died.

HIS JESUITS today are everywhere and strategically placed. There is a Jesuit college at Oxford, and in Washington they teach diplomats the intricacies of government. In Rome they staff the Gregorian University, the Biblical Institute, and a special Russian College. There are



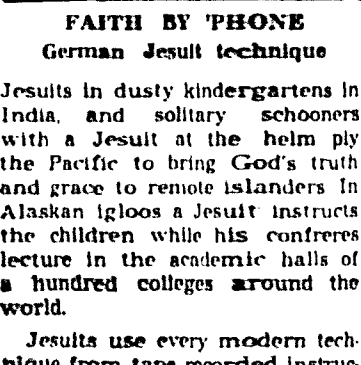
ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA converted by a cannon ball



FATHER JANSENS Jesuit General in Rome



FATHER LAFARGE Noted interracial leader



FATHER SHEERIN American Tradition

President Eisenhower has signed a bill granting \$964,199 to the Vatican. The money is being given in payment for war-time damages to the Pope's summer residence. It seems that German troops had encamped near Castelgandolfo during World War II. Bombers of the U. S. Air Force, in striking at the Nazis, inflicted heavy damage on the Papal grounds. This was unjustified because the Papal gardens were neutral territory.

By making this payment, the U. S. shows it is serious about "doing justice." Many Europeans and Asians claim that Americans are hypocrites. They say we talk about "justice" but never put it into practice.

The French magazine Match recently featured an article on why Americans are disliked. One of the items mentioned was that we talk about justice for the oppressed peoples behind the Iron Curtain, yet we oppress the Negroes within our own borders.

NEUTRALIST writers in France are constantly criticizing the American for preaching "righteousness" but practicing corrupt and decadent capitalism. Neutralists in India cast a cold eye on Dulles' statement in June to the effect that "neutrality is immoral."

This payment to the Vatican is not large, as government grants go, but it is a token of our intent to do justice. The P.O.A.E. will not like it. They will say that any payment to the Vatican is forbidden by the First Amendment. The ghost of H. G. Wells will not like it; during the war, Wells campaigned for the bombing of Rome with all its cultural and religious treasures. But the average American will take it as the payment of a debt we are bound to pay in justice.

Some of our political theorists are annoyed by talk of "justice" and "moral law." They claim that our only ideal in foreign policy should be "enlightened self-interest." "Enlightened self-interest" was the policy of the Unjust Steward in the Gospel. He was inter-

JOSEPH BREIG

Conversation With Khrushchev

I present for your edification a three-part conversation.

Two of the parts consist in a translation into plain words of the remarks recently exchanged (in communist jargon) between Kremlin boss Nikita Khrushchev and communist leaders outside of the iron curtain, in countries such as France, Italy and the U.S.

The third part I am attributing to a person called Bystander, an honest fellow.

KHRUSHCHEV: Stalin was a mass murderer, a monster of cruelty, a liar, betrayer, blunderer, sadist and pervert.

WESTERN RED: Why were we not told this sooner? Why have we been kept in the dark?

BYSTANDER: Stop clowning. Nobody kept you in the dark but yourself. What Khrushchev is saying has been published in western newspapers, magazines and books for years and years. You just closed your mind to it, that's all.

K: The reason we did not tell you sooner is that Stalin was alive.

W.R.: What's that got to do with it?

B: You really are a clown, aren't you? What's that got to do with it? Ha!

K: Must I really explain? Haven't I said that Stalin was a torturer and murderer? We here in Russia are human enough to want to avoid being tortured and murdered.

B: Don't just be defensive, Khrushchev. Get him off balance. Ask him why he kept right on licking Stalin's boots when Stalin's crimes were being reported every day in the newspapers. Ask him why he didn't speak up. You've got some kind of case; you didn't want to be tortured to death. But what kind of case has Western Red got? Go on; ask him!

W.R.: I admit that I refused to believe the truth about Stalin even though it was published everywhere in the West. I confessed that mistake in the Daily Worker. But like I said, the Soviet Union was in danger—the unity of the communist movement had to be preserved—B: Yup, yup, the end justifies the means. That's communist doctrine. But where do you get off, Western Red, berating Khrushchev for not going at risk of his life what you wouldn't do at no risk except maybe losing your precious party job?

W.R.: Khrushchev, if Stalin was such a monster—and we accept your word that he was—why didn't you fellows in the Kremlin do something about it? Why didn't you get rid of him?

K: Am I talking to an imbecile? Haven't I said that we had no desire to be handed over to Stalin's torturers? His secret police were everywhere.

B: Khrushchev, old boy, get your back up. Ask Western Red why he said nothing against the enslavement of the Russian people of the Poles and Czechoslovaks and Lithuanians, and all that. Remind him how he praised Evil Old Joe, on Joe's birthday a few years ago, as Liberator, Incomparable Leader, Father of the Workers and all that slop.

K: All I say is that I just wish Western Red had been here under Stalin's heel for a while. If he had he wouldn't be asking why we kept our mouths shut and did as we were ordered.

B: That's right. He wasn't in any danger of having his bones broken and his eyes gouged out in a dungeon. You were. That's why you obeyed when Stalin told you to break the bones and gouge the eyes of other communists, eh, Khrushchev?

K: (Silence.)

B: I've got a question, too. Western Red realizes now that for 30 years, thanks to his loyalty to communism, he's been played for a sucker and has been a collaborator of, and apologist for, one of the vilest tyrants in the history of mankind. What's he going to do about it? Is he going to stand up and say he's had enough—walk out on the whole thing? Or is he going to go on from degradation to degradation? How about it, Western Red?

W.R.: (Silence.)



"Take your wife out for dinner," Monsignor DeBlanc tells husbands. Dining out occasionally gives a wife a chance to enjoy relief from household duties. Shown above is famous Rome restaurant called the "Cisterna" noted for its ham and egg recipe. No need to go all the way to Rome however. There are fine restaurants for you to treat your wife right near home, the author says in the article below. (Pan American Photo)

Making Marriage Click

Three Things Wives Want

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC (Director, Family Life Bureau, N. C. W. C.)

All of us want to be socially accepted. We do not want to be outsiders. We want to be accepted by the group whose opinion we value. We want to be insiders. There are few punishments more painful than being blackmailed by a desirable social group.

To get married must not mean life imprisonment for a wife or for a husband. She nor he must normally give up their friends. She particularly continues to have a reasonable portion in select social clubs. She should be able to arrange, even with several children in the house, to get away for one half day a week. She must take care of her social-recreational life. It is healthy, Christian, necessary.

Too many wives have warped ideas of the "marrytyrdom" involved in family life. Too many sulks, find fault, develop self-pity. Husbands must have prearranged days on which they put aside all other matters and take their wives stepping—tired, weary limbs notwithstanding. That date with a wife must be set early and with high priority. On these occasions especially, women must look as glamorous as possible. Husbands will not then be so tempted to walk away in front of a "beloved spouse."

All of us crave to mean something to one particular person—something that no other person can mean. And that person is to occupy a place in our lives which no other person can occupy.

Now, many men find it hard to articulate their love. They can, however, write it. Therefore, a short note written and sent home via the postman often does the job. She will keep it sacred! She will understand! She will keep it to herself! Some experienced husbands recommend that an unsuspecting wife be gently pre-informed of this new policy. . . . Our institutions for the mentally disturbed are already overflowing.

TENDERNESS, affection, mutual trust, emotional security, the feeling of being wanted and cherished are more essential than expensive gifts. She would rather your arms around her neck than a string of pearls. A kind word to her means more than pork chops.

Many wives will not know that they are "beloved" until their ghosts read it on a grave: "Here lies my beloved wife." Bring her little gifts frequently; don't wait until the return from long trips. Be proud and eager to introduce her to your friends and associates.

Watch the tone of voice you use. It betrays you often. Phone her occasionally just to say a word or to share news. Only pick a time when you're sure she isn't feverishly busy, maybe far back in the yard hanging up clothes!

All of us want to be more than mere members of the group. We want to be somebody on our own account. . . . stand out from the "herd" . . . to have an individual reason for existence.

It has been said in the past that many women die at thirty and are buried at seventy. So many believe that housewifery is mere vegetating! No intelligent woman ever introduces herself willingly as "Just a housewife." She must not feel that the only newsworthy thing she could do in her domestic profession is, possibly, to have a baby at the North Pole! Being a mother and a wife is one of the greatest intellectual challenges.

Husbands often are guilty of giving to their wives the impression that they are "just housekeepers." So, husbands must discuss much of their business with their wives. Wives' opinions must be asked. If wives at first do a poor job in this regard, it is not so much a matter of condemnation but rather of education.

Some men fear that wives will become dominant, overbearing, talkative. In our American culture there is such a danger. But, once again, wives will learn that in trying to dominate and to be the head they lose the one thing they really want: to be loved, to be cherished, to be the heart.

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