

Bigotry Seen On Downgrade

Washington — (RNS) — Political observers in the nation's capital said that Americans seem more and more to be voting for candidates on the basis of their political beliefs without regard to religious affiliation or national origin.

Many hopeful signs that bigotry is vanishing from the American political scene were found in the national election returns.

In Minnesota and California where religious issues had been raised openly in some quarters, Catholic candidates seem to have been unaffected insofar as ballot results were concerned.

Rep. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), a Catholic, defeated Sen. Edward Thye (R-Minn.) a Lutheran, in what was widely heralded as an acid test of religious prejudice in the predominantly Protestant midwest.

IN CALIFORNIA Edmund C. (Pat) Brown, who has a son studying for the priesthood, was easily elected over Sen. William F. Knowland (R), a Methodist in a race in which prejudice certainly was not reflected in votes.

And in California, also Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk (D.), in defeating Patrick J. Hillings (R) for the attorney generalship became the first Jewish candidate to win that office in the history of the state.

Meanwhile, in the state of New York, which has a large Catholic population, District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, an Irish-Catholic, was defeated for the United States Senate by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R.), an Episcopalian, in an election dominated by local issues in which the religious affiliation of the candidates seemed to have had no effect at all.

In Wisconsin a distinguished Catholic jurist, Judge Roland Steinle (R) went down to defeat at the hands of Sen. William Proxmire (D.), an Episcopalian. Observe a year a thought Steinle would carry many votes in heavily Democratic Catholic wards of Milwaukee.

Meanwhile, in neighboring Michigan, Lt. Gov. Philip Hart won a senate seat, giving that

predominantly Protestant state two Catholic senators.

In Ohio Michael V. Di Salle became the second Catholic governor in state history.

On the other hand, in Maryland, with a large Catholic population, Baltimore Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, a Catholic, trailed his ticket so badly, apparently on the basis of local issues, that the Republicans saved the seat of incumbent Sen. J. Glenn Beall, an Episcopalian.

And in Nevada Sen. George Malone (R), a Catholic, lost to District Attorney Howard Cannon (D.), a Mormon. No prejudice on the basis of Cannon's Mormon faith was evident. His election raises to four the number of Mormon senators.

In strongly Catholic Connecticut Jewish Gov. Abraham Ribicoff (D.) received the largest majority a governor ever gained for reelection. In Massachusetts, Sen. John F. Kennedy (D.), a Catholic, received the largest majority ever given any candidate in that state's history. In Pennsylvania, Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh became the first Catholic governor there in recent history.

Try as a political observer might, he would find it hard to see any evidence that Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish candidates were either helped or hurt by their religious affiliation.

Local issues far shined from such questions seemed to predominate.

To complete the picture, in California Rep. Dalip S. Singh (D.), only Hindu ever to serve in Congress, was re-elected by a large majority by his Christian and Jewish constituents.



Modern Church In Milan

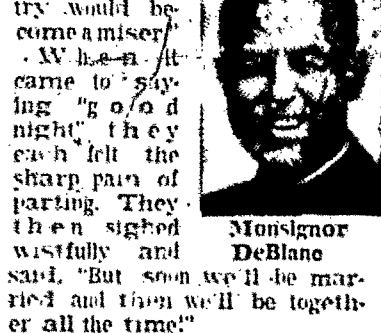
Milan — (RNS) — Worshippers leave the ultra-modern Church of St. John the Baptist here following its solemn consecration by Archbishop Giovanni B. Montini of Milan. Fifteen sculptors and painters were employed to decorate the interior. The church was designed by the Italian architect Giovanni Muzio.

Making Marriage Click

Take Time Out To Love

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC
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Before marriage almost every couple spend long leisurely hours together. They planned trips to pleasant, exciting places, and of course, they insisted on going alone. In speaking to one another, they might have said, "If your picture was on a dollar bill everyone in the country would become a miser!"



Monsignor DeBlanc

When it came to saying "I do" each left the sharp pain of parting. They then sighed wistfully and said, "But soon we'll be married and then we'll be together all the time!"

After they married it was wonderful for awhile, but soon John became huster and huster. Now when they do get a chance to sit down, it surely isn't to hold hands.

They have to decide how both can use the car on Saturday or whether it is best to have the TV repaired or face the cost of a new one, and so on.

THE LONG DEEP talks in which they opened their hearts to each other are now only a wistful memory. Some couples are so far apart that the last time there was real communication and sharing between

them was during their courtship period. To reestablish communication we have to go back that far.

They talk about anything under the sun but never the things inside of them. If they try to talk about their inner secrets, something chokes off and what comes out are cruel things they never meant to say.

Some counselors wisely suggest that some couples owe it to themselves to go away together for three or four different weekends a year. They should even make reservations a long time ahead, and pay the hotel bills in advance.

It's a way of burning the bridges. A married couple's retreat could take up one of those weekends. What a treat! Of course, some of you will say you cannot afford it! Are you sure?

Plenty of people who call themselves "poor" spend more money on drinks, on cigarettes, on patent medicines, to settle their nerves than they would on weekends together as a couple. What a palliative for the tensions of modern life these weekends together could be!

BOOK SHELF

By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

"The World To Come," by R. W. Gleason, S.J. Sheed '58. 169 pp. \$3.00.

"I believe in the resurrection of the body. An 11½-year-old girl. Amen."

Oh, we have fun about it on Halloween—but we pray with all our hearts for our dear ones on All Souls' Day, celebrating All Saints' Day with a greater detachment. Not that we feel less than sure of the utter happiness of all souls that have died a good death—but our thoughts do not follow them far into Heaven. We backtrack on our own fancies.

What happens there? Are they very much themselves, those in whom we want no change? Is it sentimental to see them laughing, dancing, talking at ease in that land? Is it somehow a little unsettling to think they could possibly be conversed with any joy or thought—that of a "better" God? And—do they think of us?

Father Gleason's answers are soundly theological and they are answers of love. Christian answers. "Christianity is a religion of love." Any heart would be happier for absorbing the teachings of this little volume: mighty thoughts, mighty conclusions presented in clear, strong, orderly fashion, on a subject so beautiful that it infuses poetry into the quietest phrase:

"IN HEAVEN God Himself will exert His inexhaustible energy to raise the soul of the elect to this capacity for joy. He will labor and take thought to gladden the human heart."

God is personal to the depths of His innermost being, and He returns eternally the soul's gaze of love. . . . We realize, then, that He must deliver Himself over to the elect with an intensity and intimacy which is inconceivable to us in this life."

"The blessed souls retain the memory of the events of their human life, of the persons who were their companions on the journey toward the homeland, and of their own affections and

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struggles. . . The saints have an immediate intuition of our prayers. . . They will have direct communication with other members of the heavenly court. They will exercise their proper faculties, and love and know one another in heaven through these faculties. . . with the most ardent and tender love."

FATHER GLEASON'S volume, rising out of "thirty-six years of uninterrupted studying" and a professorial swing from the Catholic University of Namur to the Graduate School of Fordham, is not just concerned with heaven, but with all that pertains to "the last things."

The opening chapter on "Life, Law and Love," lays down with a "dizziness that shakes the human spirit" the majestic concept of stern law laid on us for love's sake. The ten commandments are not vetoed; they are great love-jokers. "At the center of every command issuing from on high is the free personal offering of Himself."

His love concerns itself, with all eras, with all circumstances, with all things that concern man—for His Incarnation was an irrevocable plunge into the world of man. All phases of the living universe are rightly His.

So, "it is the present task of the Christian to incarnate the Lord in the twentieth century, so that His influence extends over the entire field. . . . and so, too, this vital action of Christ extends beyond. . . . the great empire of grace. . . . to sub-human nature, to the material world itself."

"The universe is waiting. It awaits its transfiguration and is at present charged with expectancy. Our faith in the risen Christ is the ground for our own hope and the hope of all creation." You see, one quotes and cannot stop, because this theological study is alive, and it sings.



U.S. Cardinals Return From Rome

New York — (RNS) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and James Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, arrived here from Rome with warm praise for Pope John XXIII. They cited his "great interest in America," and his "most gracious and patient" character. The two cardinals were met at Idlewild Airport by seven of New York's auxiliary bishops and a group of priests and religious.

Churches Hail Defeat Of 'Right-To-Work' Laws

Columbus — (RNS) — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups scored a major victory in their right against proposed so-called "right to work" measures when the legislation was soundly defeated in a CATHOLIC JOURNAL 5 Friday, November 14, 1958

In the heavily industrialized state of Ohio, where a number of Protestant bodies vigorously denounced the laws and the archbishops and bishops of the state's six Catholic dioceses spoke out against them, the legislation was defeated by 2,097,291 to 1,089,266 — a vote of nearly 2 to 1.

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Christmas Plays, Songs Stir School Controversy

'Faith' Banned By Superintendent

Syosset, N. Y. — (RNS) — Principals of five public schools here were warned by their district superintendent against the "expression of faith or worship" in Christmas observances.

The warning was contained in a guideline listing decorations, music, programs, and classroom activities that are appropriate for the holiday season. While leaving the subject matter of plays up to the discretion of the principals, the superintendent suggested that "Nativity plays might be better performed in church schools."

Christ's Birth Raises Protest

Valley Stream, N.Y. — (RNS) — Officials of 39 Long Island school districts, with an enrollment of more than 200,000 pupils, have requested copies of Valley Stream's new policy statement governing Christmas observance in its public schools.

Approved by the board of education there in October, the statement names songs, plays and Christmas stories that may be used in classes. It was adopted

Holiday Rites Debated

Nowalk, Conn. — (RNS) — A meeting has been scheduled by the board of education here to reaffirm its policy approving observance of religious holidays in public schools.

This action was prompted after an elementary school principal had directed that there be no Christmas or Hanukkah celebrations in his school this year.

Dr. Harry A. Becker, superintendent of schools, said the principal had banned the programs because several parents had "raised questions" about their propriety.

Racial Peace

New York — (NC) — A Negro weekly newspaper published here with national circulation, 95 per cent of which is among non-Catholics, lauded the efforts of the late Pope Pius XII in the cause of interracial justice.

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JUST IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS CLUB MONEY... AND EVEN IF YOU DO! MAY WE MAKE A SUGGESTION?—REMEMBER THE MISSIONS!

A GIFT THAT WON'T BE EXCHANGED the day after Christmas is an article for the poorest House of God on the missions of the Near East. You can choose any article you wish—and we will be happy to send our beautiful GIFT CARD anywhere in the world in full of your generosity to Our Lord which was done in the name of a friend. Here are some suggestions for YOUR Christmas list:

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| Chalice | \$40 | Altar | \$100 | Mass book | \$25 |
| Altar stone | 10 | Candles | 20 | Mass vestments | 50 |
| Sanctuary lamp | 15 | Cruets | 25 | Bell | 1 |

REMEMBER THE MISSIONS OF THE NEAR EAST IN YOUR WILL... AND THE LORD OF THE MISSIONS WILL REMEMBER YOU DO IT NOW!

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