

Protestant Seeks Talks On Faith

Kansas City — (RNS)—More open discussion of religious beliefs among Americans of all faiths is called for by a Protestant leader here in a national magazine article.

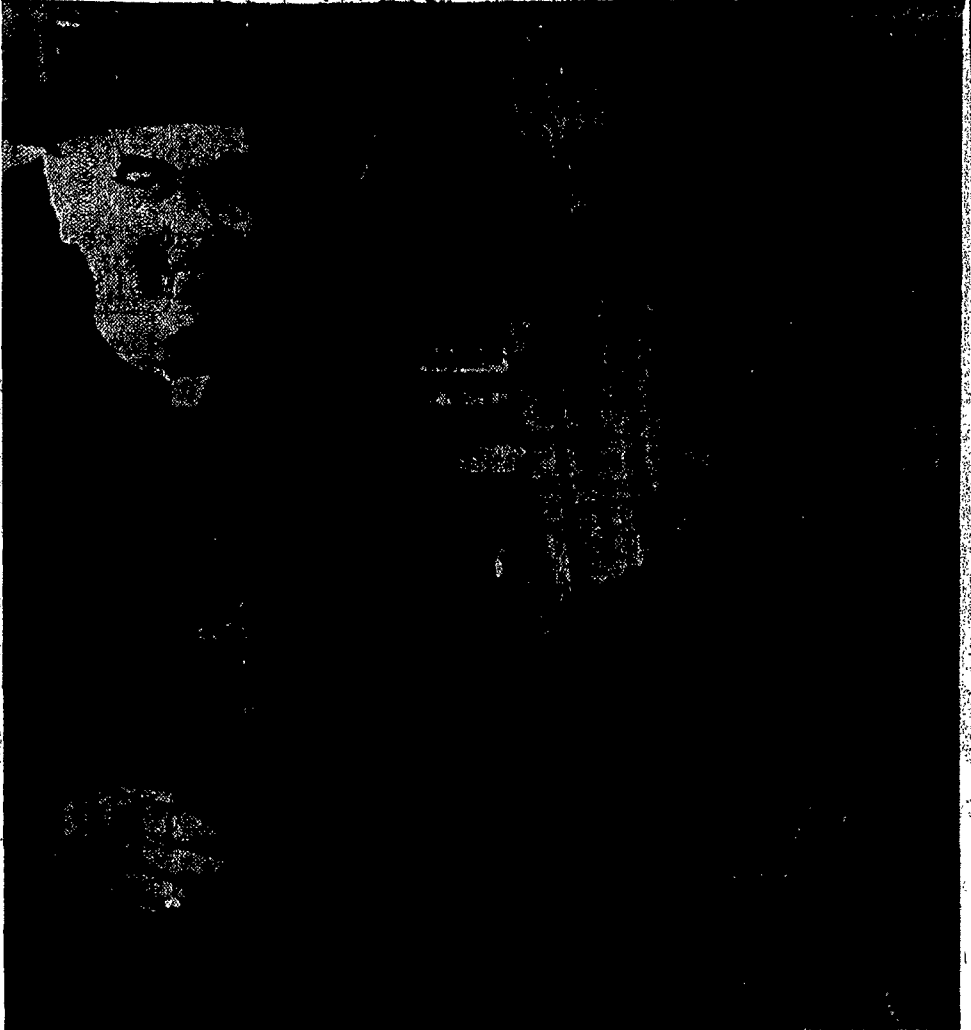
In the article, written for the January issue of Link, published by the General Commission on Christian Education and Church Relations, Dr. Stanley I. Shuber makes a plea for greater interdenominational understanding.

"A FRANK discussion of religious beliefs is now in order," Dr. Shuber, who is general secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Kansas City, says, "and is welcomed by both sides."

"In discussion of our own faith," the Protestant spokesman says, "it is a good thing once in a while to have an honest frank conversation with a Roman Catholic or Jew. We have nothing to lose by this process. We may discover how little we know, in comparison, about our own faith. Moreover, we may come to appreciate the sincerity and faith of our Catholic and Jewish friends."

"This method of continuing dialogue—of talking it through—should not keep us from trying to be better Protestants. In fact, in order to hold up our end of the conversation we all need to learn the fundamentals of our faith, not merely to win a debate, but to win the battle of life. And it is our life which is at stake."

"Under the Influence" means that due to drinking alcohol a person has lost (to any degree) some of the clearness of mind and self-control that he would otherwise possess.



New U.S. Cardinals In Rome

Rome — (RNS) — Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago (center), is welcomed at Rome's Ciampino Airport on his arrival for the Consistory that elevated him and seven others to the Sacred College of Cardinals including Aloysius Cardinal Muench, Bishop of Fargo, N.D.

Gift For Pope

Miami — (NC) — A Christmas spiritual bouquet for Pope John XXIII is being prepared by the National Prayer for Peace Committee, which has headquarters here.

More than 25 million prayers were collected by the committee for a spiritual bouquet presented to the Pope last Christmas.

East, West Rite Prelates Meet

Jerusalem — (NC) — Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople, top spiritual leader of the Orthodox world, said at an unofficial meeting with Catholic leaders here that Orthodox and Catholic Christians must "work for unity through love and understanding."

It was revealed that during his visit here, Patriarch Athenagoras received successive visits, on different days, from the three leading Catholic churchmen in Jerusalem—Latin Rite Patriarch Alberto Gori, O.F.M., of Jerusalem, Father Alfredo Polidori, O.F.M., head of the Custody of the Holy Land, and Archbishop Giuseppe Sensi, Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine.

THE MEETINGS which took place during the last week in November, were revealed after Patriarch Athenagoras had gone to Egypt. Known as the Ecumenical Patriarch, as his See has the primacy of honor among the Orthodox bishops, Patriarch Athenagoras was welcomed by civil, military and ecclesiastical authorities—Catholics as well as Orthodox—when he arrived here November 24.

Father Polidori, as Custos of the Holy Land, paid him a courtesy visit four days after his arrival.

In the course of the hour-long discussion, it was understood, the Ecumenical Patriarch expressed his deep concern for unity and stated that harmony in order to fight the doctrines threatening Christianity itself.

The Patriarch said that theological points of unity should be left to theologians, and then made the point that Catholics and non-Catholic Eastern Christians should work for unity through love and understanding. This is necessary, he said, because "we have the same Christ and the same sacraments."

Pure alcohol leaves no odor on the breath—it is the flavors in the beverage that cause the odor.

A drinking driver was involved in at least 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents during the Holy Land, paid him a courtesy visit four days after his arrival.

Prelate Pleads Keep Public Schools Open

Atlanta — (RNS)—In the face of state laws presently authorizing the governor to close schools that integrate, Roman Catholic Bishop Francis E. Hyland of Atlanta issued a statement opposing any shutdown of public education in Georgia.

"As Christians and as Catholics," the prelate said, "we would deplore most earnestly the severe handicap under which the children of our fellow citizens, and some of our own children as well, would labor were their education to be interrupted even temporarily or curtailed in any way."

"ALTHOUGH OUR first thought in this matter must be of our children who would be affected and of their parents, we would deplore with equal earnestness the inevitable harm and disrepute which would come to the State of Georgia through the closing of the public schools."

Bishop Hyland said he had hesitated to speak on the school situation before because the majority of Catholic children in his diocese attend parochial schools.

The prelate observed that the school integration issue "will reach a crisis when the General Assembly convenes next month. The time to speak out, therefore, has arrived."

He added that "as citizens and taxpayers" Catholics "desire ardently" the preservation, well-being and continued progress of public education.

Klan Plans New Units

Atlanta — (NC) — A Ku Klux Klan group is planning to establish chapters throughout the U.S.

The newly chartered group already has established headquarters here. The organization describes itself as a non-profit, benevolent and charitable group in which "there shall be admitted only white race male persons of sound mind and good moral character."

Washington — (NC) — Georgetown University will start a new research program to help produce more physicians and dentists.

The University will give 20 students an opportunity to do research work in summer, 1960 at its schools of medicine and dentistry. The students will be selected from the District of Columbia and metropolitan area high schools.

Food Parcels For Priests

London — (NC)—Four hundred to its readers to aid the need of the poorest and loneliest priests in England will receive baskets of food at Christmas, thanks to an appeal by the Catholic newspaper here.

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