

Three Faiths' Plea

Keep Politics Free Of Prejudice

New York — (RNS) — Three prominent Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders joined in stressing that this country's religious teachings and democratic ideals call for a national political campaign this year without discrimination, prejudice or unethical practices.

They were Dr. Edwin T. Dahlgren of St. Louis, president of the National Council of Churches; Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston; and Rabbi Max D. Davidson, of Perth Amboy, N.J., president of the Synagogue Council of America.

Cardinal Cushing noted that this-minded Americans wish to select their leaders on the basis of the candidate's abilities, integrity, and loyalty to his country, and that other tests should be applied.

"The way to insure a climate of justice and fairness in American political life," he stated, "is for every citizen, even on the local level, to take personal responsibility in dispelling the smear and the unfair tactics wherever they find them and to select candidates for election with thoughtfulness and dispassion."

Cardinal Cushing declared that "no one in America should



I've Had No Vacation In 15 Years, But My Husband Has To Go Fish

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As a mother with six children, I help my husband in his business, take my children to and from school, and haven't had a vacation in fifteen years. My husband takes a hunting or fishing trip every year, but when I tell him I love to go to some place he goes mad. Would it be wrong to just pick up and leave for a week? After fifteen years, I need a change of scenery!

Under the circumstances, Ann, I rather think that a vacation would do you a great deal of good, though I don't feel it would solve your basic problem. You're upset, not primarily because you need a change of scenery, but because you miss that sense of sharing and participation with your husband in the whole of life which normal couples enjoy.

You and your husband apparently have learned how to work together. Such cooperation is essential for a good marriage. But cooperation is not enough. You must also have a sense of sharing and participation with your husband in the whole of life which normal couples enjoy.

You tend to regard your husband's actions as thoughtless and selfish. No doubt they are, but the root of your difficulty lies much deeper. It seems clear that you and your husband entered marriage with different expectations, that is, with different definitions of your respective roles as husband and wife and of what marriage should mean.

As you probably know, there are many ways of describing what a good husband and wife should be. Definitions vary from age to age, from nation to nation, and even among various social classes within the same country. Your husband obviously follows the old tradition that this is a man's world. Wives should remain in the home, concerned with the companionship of their children and close relatives. Husbands should be free to follow their own pursuits as long as they support

their families and observe the moral law. Husbands who cling to this tradition are usually following the model they observed in their families of origin. Since this was the pattern of relationship followed by their parents, they can see nothing wrong with it. If their wives protest, they get angry, and insist that modern women are being misled by new-fangled ideas about equality.

You follow a different tradition, Ann. You believe, and quite correctly, that marriage should mean more than a conventional partnership in work; that when a man and woman become "two in one flesh" through marriage, their lives are henceforth fused together in the mutual pursuit of sanctity and happiness; that husband and wife are "good" for each other, to use a Scriptural phrase, because they complete and support each other as helpmates and companions.

Yours is not a new tradition. Centuries ago when explaining the reason why people should marry, the Catechism of the Council of Trent stated clearly: "The first is precisely the companionship sought by the natural instinct of different sex, and brought about in the hope of mutual aid, so that each may help the other to bear more easily the troubles of life, and to support the weakness of old age."

Now I do not infer, and I know you don't either, Ann, that husbands shouldn't take hunting or fishing trips without their wives. Most wives are willing to skip this form of recreation. What I am saying is that although husbands may take such trips, they must also recognize their wives' need for companionship and a "change of scenery."

Husbands and wives need not share the same likes and dislikes in this regard, but they must foster a substantial core of shared social activities as a couple if their marriage is to become anything more than a convenient business deal.

What should you do? Well, Ann, you may be tempted to just "pick up and leave" for a week, but because of your six children, I know you won't. Nevertheless, you're going to have to take a firm stand. If I understand your husband, he is not only selfishly thoughtless, he's convinced he's right!

Remember this the next time he says "no" at your request. He gets angry because he defines the situation differently, yet suspects he can't rationally defend his position and so tries to bluster his way through.

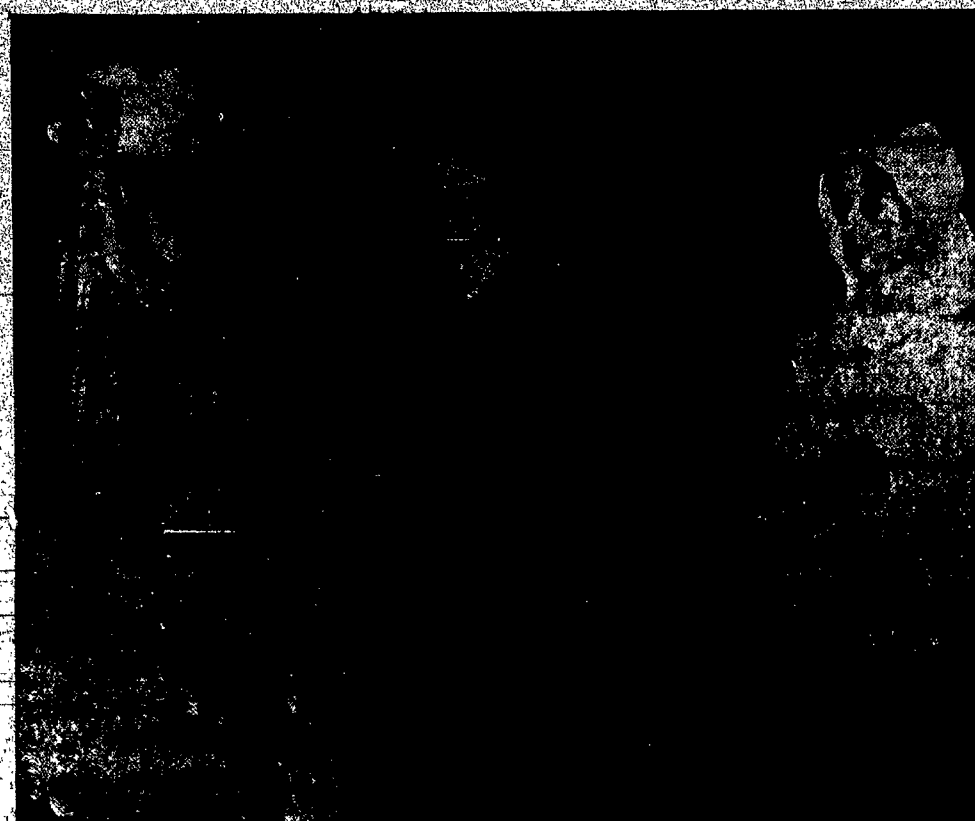
Don't argue about his trips — let him take them, since he can probably make out a good case for them. Rather, insist that you have an equal right to do some of the things you'd like to do. If he refuses the expense — you've got him cold there. If he argues that it's too much trouble, remind him any place with the children, point out that they're his as well as yours.

He'll doubtless be angry because he knows he can't justify his selfish position. Spell out the facts to him in terms of his obligation before God. Be firm! Let him see that you're serious, and if he doesn't like it, suggest that you see your pastor or a marriage counselor. Remember his anger only indicates that he suspects he's wrong.

It's no fun living under tension, but if you fold up every time he gets angry, he'll go on having his own way and never learn that marriage sanctifies through the exercise of charity.

Fordham Digs Into New York

New York — (RNS) — The Very Rev. Lawrence J. McGinley, S.J., president of Fordham University, announced earlier this week that the school's new seven-and-a-half acre campus in Lincoln Square here.



Wine Rite Links Cities

Chambolle-Musigny — (RNS) — Standing beside a statue of St. Vincent the Deacon, patron saint of wine growers, a French parish priest says a prayer over a bottle of wine from Sonoma, Calif., and a loaf of French bread. The wine was a token of friendship from those living in the California's sister town, also a wine center, and played an important part in the official "twinning" of the two cities.

Handwritten in Siberia

Iron Curtain Prayerbook

New York — (RNS) — An English translation of an unusual prayerbook — handwritten and handmade secretly by four young Lithuanian Catholic girls imprisoned in Northern Siberia — has been published by the Paulist Press here.

The original book measured 2 by 3 inches and was smuggled from behind the Iron Curtain. It found its way to Italy where it was translated into Italian and widely circulated. Later the book was published in this country in its Lithuanian version.

This first English translation was made by the Rev. Kestutis A. Prinskas, S.J., a Lithuanian Jesuit, and bears a Preface by Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston. It has the imprimatur of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Seventy-two pages long, the booklet is 3 1/2 by 5 inches. It includes a photograph of the actual handwritten book opened near its center. The originalman, and Melvin Rinkis, a U.S.

pages are reproduced opposite their English translation. In his Preface, Cardinal Cushing wrote: "With this little booklet we can all pray together with these four young girls and other prisoners of conscience who are suffering from the same oppression and the same lack of freedom."

The prayers, beautiful in their simplicity and meaningful in their content, reveal a mystic of love and the power of the soul," the cardinal declared. "In very truth, these prayers will make us all feel very close to God and to the sufferings of innocent people of enslaved countries."

Frogmen Can't Find Sodom, Gomorrah

Amman — (RNS) — Poor technical aid mission official in Amman.

Their interest in the ancient cities, explained Mr. Rinkis, was to halt a fruitless search for the Biblical cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The divers announced they would resume their quest next spring.

The two are Vincent Barwood, a professor at American University in Beirut, Lebanon, and a former Canadian army officer, and Melvin Rinkis, a U.S.

Reno Bishop Dwyer:

False Freedom Intolerant Creed

San Francisco — (RNS) — Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of Reno, Nev., said here recently that American Catholics have not yet been able to properly clarify Church-State relationships.

Addressing a confraternity of Christian Doctrine meeting, Bishop Dwyer said this was one aspect of the failure to formulate a "popular enjoiner" to the religious secularism which has arisen in this country because of "an erroneous concept of freedom."

THE IDEA of freedom in this country, he said, has been influenced by a philosophy which tends toward irrationalism, the priest said. "The American mind is captivated by the prospect of its own perfectibility."

He said this has resulted in a "religious vacuum in the American mind."

Two Priests Cross Andes

Washington — (RNS) — Two Chilean Catholic priests were personally congratulated here by Principal Governor Ernesto Barrios after having accompanied a hazardous crossing of the Andes mountains on foot.

One was a missionary priest, and the other a parish priest. The two had been in the Andes for several weeks, working from Potosi, in the Bolivian province of O'Higgins. They carried with them a portable altar at which they celebrated Mass daily.

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