

Threat 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 unethica

l practices, against because of his race, color, religion, or place of na

They were Dr. Edwin W. Dahlberg of St. Louis, president of the National Council of Churches; Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston; and Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

IN MESSAGES to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the three decried standards for decent political campaign. The messages were released by Dr. Lewis Weitzman, president of the conference.

Cardinal Cushing noted that "well-intended Americans wish to select their leaders on the basis of the candidates' abilities, integrity, and loyalty to his country. No other tests should be applied."

The way to insure a climate of justice and fairness in American political life," he stated, "is at a time of 'special targeting' in the U.S. — warned that "if for every citizen, even on the local level, to take personal responsibility in dispelling religious discrimination or discrediting the smear and unfair tactics wherever they find them and to select candidates for election political campaigns."

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that "no one in America should concern



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 school and have had no vacation in fifteen years. My husband takes a hunting or fishing trip every year, but when I tell him I'd love to go some place for a week, he says, "I'm too busy." Last week after fifteen years, I need a change of scenery.

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 spoiled by new-fangled ideas about equality.

Remember this the next time he gets "mad" 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 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 mentions the expense — you've got him cold there. If he argues that it's too much trouble trying to go any place with the children, point out that they're his as well as yours.

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."

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 defining what a good husband and wife should be. Definition 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, content with the companionship of their children and close relatives. Husbands should be free to follow their own pursuits as long as they support us as we work.

Husbands and wives need not share the 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.

Fordham Digs Into New York

New York — (RNS) — The Very Rev. Lawrence J. McGinley, S.J., president of Fordham University, manned earth moving equipment to break ground for 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 sister town, also a wine center, and played an important part in the official "twining" of the two cities.

Handwritten In Siberia

Iron Curtain Prayerbook

New York — (RNS) — A few pages are reproduced opposite their English translation. "The prayers, beautiful in their simplicity and meaningful in their content, reveal mysteries of love and the power of God." With this little "of the soul," the cardinal deibooklet we can all pray together.

In his Preface, Cardinal Cushing writes: "With this little book we can all pray together." The prayers will make us all feel closer to God and to the suffering of innocent people of enslaved countries."

The original book measured 3 by 4 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.

Frogmen Can't Find Sodom, Gomorrah

Amman — (RNS) — Poor technical side mission official visibility along the muddy Jordan River forced two frogmen 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 young divers, Vincent Barwood, professor at American University, and a photograph of the university in Beirut, Lebanon, and a small handwritten book opened in former Canadian army forces' big center. The original manuscript, and Melvin Kizell, a U.S.

Their interest in the ancient cities, explained Mr. Kizell, was kindled last fall when he and Mr. Barwood were flying over the Dead Sea and saw what appeared to be a long wall and rows of buildings under the water.

According to the Bible, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire because of their inhabitants' wickedness.

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 Conference of Christian Doctrine, meeting Bishop Dwyer said that one aspect of its failure to come up with a "popular standard" is the religious legislation which has arisen in this country because of an "arrogant concept of freedom."

THE IDEA of freedom in this country "has been influenced by a philosophy which tends toward material optimism," the religious legislator said. "The American mind is captivated by the prospect of its own particularity."

He said this has resulted in a "religious vacuum in the

American mind" — a vacuum which "has been filled with a dogmatic, sectarianism that is intolerant of any rival."

Bishop Dwyer said that while Catholics have identified secularism as the cardinal enemy of our time, "we Catholics have thus far failed to formulate a popular endeavor. Too many of our religious tend to give the impression that the Church is denouncing the world . . . nor have we been able to clarify Church-State relationships."

"Perhaps," he added, "we American Catholics share the American mind too intimately to see the wood for the trees."

Two Priests Cross Andes

Caracas — (RNS) — Two Cuban Catholic priests were personally accompanied by Provincial Governor Ernesto Wright after having accomplished a hazardous crossing of the Andes mountains on foot.

One was a seminary professor and the other a parish priest. The two set out on the perilous journey several weeks ago from Pamplona in the Colombian province of O'Higgins. They carried with them a portable altar at which they offered Mass daily.

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