

Methodists Vote Down Bias Stand

Tozoma, Wash. — (RNS) — Methodists from Northern Idaho and Washington State, attending the Pacific Northwest Conference here, voted down a proposal that they go on record as opposing a Roman Catholic candidate for President of the United States.

The proposal, offered by the Rev. Anthony R. Perrino, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church, Spokane, was first tabled, then called out again and defeated. The following resolution was passed instead:

"We reject the idea that a candidate's religion ought to automatically disqualify him for public office; we reject with equal force the idea that a candidate's religion has nothing to do with his qualifications for public office."

"We urge our people to give careful study to any candidate's religion insofar as it affects positions he may take on important social and political issues."

Festival Of Music

Copenhagen — (NC) — The work of a Catholic composer will be Denmark's only representative in a forthcoming world music festival at Cologne, Germany.

It is "Cantata Sacra," for tenor and brass instruments, by Bernhard Lewkovitch, organist of St. Ansgar's cathedral here. Mr. Lewkovitch was born in Denmark of Russian parents.

Argentines Aid Victims

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — A sum of \$303,000 donated by Argentine Roman Catholic dioceses and colleges was turned over to ecclesiastical authorities in Santiago, Chile, for relief of the earthquake victims there, it was announced here.

The money was presented by Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, who visited Santiago and offered a Requiem Mass in the cathedral there for those who perished in the earthquake.



Irish Tribute To Refugee Year

Dublin — (RNS) — This special stamp is being issued by Ireland in connection with the World Refugee Year, which closes June 30. Featuring the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt, it is in two denominations — three pence (four cents) and one shilling and three pence (10 cents).

Irish Press World Renowned

By LELLA CARROLL
Dublin — (NC) — An encouraging feature of Catholic life in Ireland today is the advance in the quality and influence of the Catholic press.

Circulation has risen steadily despite a flood of foreign newspapers and periodicals. And in this competition may lie the key to the new professionalism of Catholic journalism in Ireland.

Some years ago the majority of Catholic periodicals in Ireland could be classified as mere pious leaflets, full of devotional stories and simple spiritual features. The pattern has changed radically.

Today's Catholic journals are on the whole alert to contemporary issues and deal with them expertly from a reportorial and editorial point of view. At the same time they preserve a distinctly Catholic orientation.

IRELAND HAS only three specifically Catholic weeklies: The Irish Catholic, the Standard, and Hibernia.

All are published in Dublin. The Irish Catholic, at the annual circulation of 117,000, in addition to two popular weekly magazines from England, the Universe and the Catholic Herald, have a wide circulation in Ireland. Another English Catholic weekly, the Tablet, has a more limited circulation.

Although the number of Cath-

olic magazines published in Ireland varies from year to year, a survey of 24 major monthlies, four bimonthlies and five quarterlies indicates they have a combined circulation of about one million per issue.

Out in front is an old-time favorite, the Irish Messenger of the Sacred Heart. Others with a wide circulation are the Missionary Annals, published by the Holy Ghost Fathers; the Redemptorist Record; the Far East, of the Columban Fathers; and the World, a pictorial magazine published by the Society of the Divine Word.

Through the mission magazines of the missionary orders, the virtually every Catholic home

has a contact with missionary activity.

The five Catholic quarterlies have a combined circulation of 118,000. The organ of the Legion of Mary, Maria Legionis, publishes 114,000 copies but not all are circulated in Ireland.

Five specialized reviews are published from St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, which has long been a center of intellectual life in Ireland. They are: The Furrow and the Irish Ecclesiastical Record, which deals mainly with pastoral and sociological matters; and the Irish Theological Quarterly; the Philosophical Review; and Christus Rex, organ of the priests' sociological society.

Parochial schools also would

Episcopalians Plan Parochial Schools

Red Wing — (RNS) — Minnesota Protestant Episcopal parishes were urged to use their church school facilities for week-day parochial schools, "at least for the lower grades."

The proposal was made by Episcopal Bishop Hamilton H. Kellogg, Minneapolis, at the annual convention of the Minnesota diocese here.

Bishop Kellogg, in his report, said "there is the advantage of being able to teach the Christian religion as a regular course, which is not possible in a public school."

Jews Ask Why Only 'White Protestants' Fit For Presidency

New York — (NC) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith called here for the American public to discuss why only white Protestants are selected to be candidates for the presidency.

Discussion so far, the Jewish organization said, has degenerated into talk about the fitness of a non-Protestant to be President, rather than "constructive and healthy dialogue" about how this discussion contradicts U.S. political theory, which says a man's religion is his own business.

It charged that in the past year, the objections by Protestant spokesmen to a Catholic as a presidential candidate have increased.

"A distressing amount of the current discussion about a Catholic in the White House is anti-Catholic bigotry," said the report. It added that "a disquieting proportion" of it "is bigotry of the gutter variety."

The report, entitled "The Religious Issue in the 1960 Election Campaign," was presented to the league's national executive committee meeting here.

Presentation of the report was made by Henry Edward Schulte, national chairman of the league, who commented that discussion on why religion is a political issue must be begun so as "to preserve the political health of the nation."

"We have reached a point in our history where it is no longer possible to sweep this issue of bigotry under the rug," he said.

The report itself was prepared under the supervision of Arnold Forster, the league's general counsel and its civil rights director. The report reviews injection of the issue of the religion of Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts in recent primary elections and cites stands by Protestant groups, ranging from "sincere questioning" to downright bigotry.

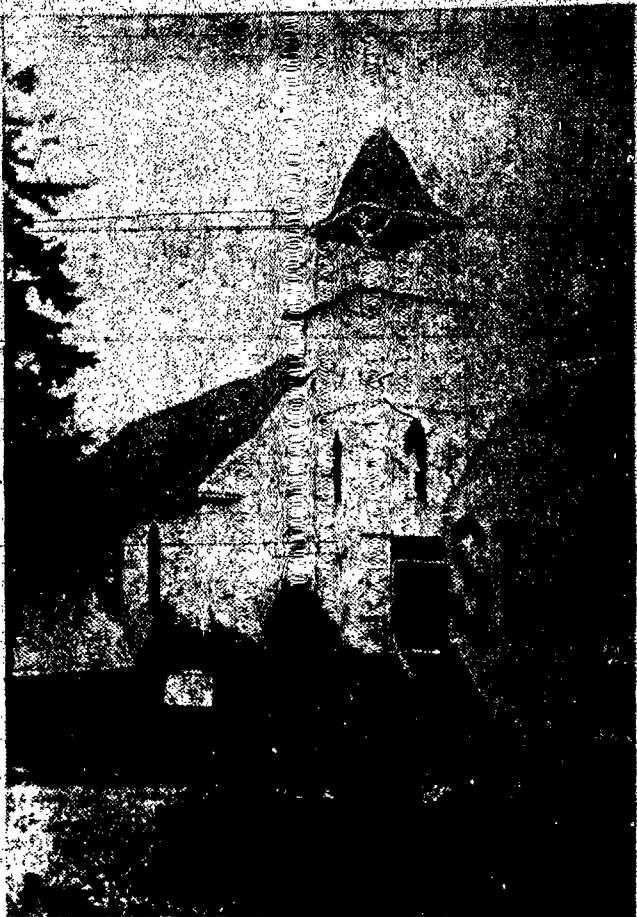
The report takes the position that candidates legitimately can be asked their position on separation of Church and State, but that the question should go to all candidates, regardless of their religion.

"It is one thing," the report says, "to question a Catholic candidate about his views on problems confronting the American people and to conclude on the basis of his responses that he would or would not make a good public official."

These include, the report said, his stands on an ambassador to the State of Vatican City, separation of Church and State, tax aid for parochial schools and requests from other nations for birth control information.

In reviewing some of the extremist anti-Catholic literature that has popped up in the recent primaries, the report said it has included the bogus "Knights of Columbus Oath," the leaflet "Abraham Lincoln's Warning," which claim Catholics plotted to assassinate the President, and "Maria Monk," a poisonous anti-Catholic work written in 1832 by a demented Canadian girl who drew a venomous picture of convent life.

He is the only priest in this country who has permission to use the vernacular instead of Latin. The text of the English Mass was prepared four years ago by Jesuit Fathers in Damascus, Syria.



Stop And Pray

Sugar Island, Mich. — (RNS) — Father James B. Riney, Jesuit missionary to the Indians around Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., found this conveniently placed stop-sign at the mission station on Sugar Island an excellent way to remind travelers of Sunday Mass.

Veterans Jam Lourdes For Peace Pilgrimage

Lourdes — (RNS) — More than 40,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen from 19 nations and military officers, the third international armed forces pilgrimage to the famed Marian shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes here.

Participating in the pilgrimage for the first time were 1,000 members of the Women's Army Corps from North Africa, and the families of many service men and women from abroad. The pilgrims also included some 600 sick or wounded GIs.

THE PILGRIMS attended services in the underground St. Pius X Basilica at the shrine, prayed the Stations of the Cross, and visited the Lourdes grotto. They also spent long hours in groups praying or singing hymns.

Highlights of the pilgrimage were a message from Pope John XXIII read by Cardinal Feltin of Paris and the confirmation by the Paris prelate of 60 service men and women. During a Solemn Pontifical

Mass in the underground church, which in spite of its size could not accommodate all who wished to enter, each national delegation was represented before the altar by two men carrying a huge wooden cross and national flag.

At the Mass 200 chaplains distributed Holy Communion to several thousand pilgrims. Following the service, Cardinal Feltin gave a special blessing to men or stretcher who had been massed to one side of the altar.

Hospital Started

Memphis — (RNS) — Television and motion picture star Danny Thomas, a Melchite Rite Catholic, boarded a bulldozer here to break ground for the \$2,389,000 St. Jude Hospital, which will specialize in treating children with blood diseases.

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