

Reply To Protestant Protests

Kennedy Names Church Adviser

Washington — (RNS) — Sen. John F. Kennedy announced the appointment of James W. Wine, high-ranking official of the National Council of Protestant Churches, as a Special Assistant for Community Relations in his Presidential campaign.

The Democratic Presidential candidate said Mr. Wine will head a special section of his campaign headquarters which will answer questions from the public raised by his membership in the Roman Catholic Church. His statements on Church-State matters, and similar issues.

Mr. Wine announced at the same time his resignation as Associate General Secretary for Interpretation, the post he had held with the National Council of Churches for the past year and a half.

In his letter of resignation to the National Council, Mr. Wine said, "As a result of a conference in Washington with the Sen. Kennedy and his advisers, I became convinced the Presidential campaign puts squarely in question the Protestant position on religious freedom and religious liberty."

"In the interest of strengthening Protestantism, the question must be resolved," Mr. Wine declared.

"At the invitation of Sen. Kennedy," he added, "I shall assume the direction of this aspect of the Presidential campaign in support of his candidacy. I have therefore resigned to pursue this responsibility, effective August 26."

In a further statement released by the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters, Mr. Wine said, "My personal decision to follow this course of action is primarily based on my belief in the integrity and forthrightness which Mr. Kennedy has expressedly demonstrated concerning the grave issues of the day, and particularly the various aspects associated with the religious question."

"I believe at this time, more than any other time in our history," he asserted, "the American people have an opportunity to express themselves at the polls with the highest sense of fair play and with an awareness of the real issues that confront us."

Liberation For Captives

Worcester — Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) said here that this country should make liberation of the Captive Nations "a cardinal goal of our diplomacy."

Senator Dodd addressed his remarks to delegates to the 10th annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania which awarded him a special medal for his efforts to restore the freedom of Lithuania.

"I do not underestimate the difficulty of persuading the Kremlin to liberate its satellite states after Hungary," he pointed out. "But, I find it easy to conceive of a situation where a combination of division within the Kremlin, unrest in the satellites and hard bargaining on the part of the West will induce the Soviets—in their own interest—to grant freedom to the untold millions of captive peoples of Europe."

"Liberation is not a pipe dream. It is the only conceivable way in which we can capture the political offensive. And, as every school boy knows, a side which defends itself when attacked but never takes the offensive, is bound to lose," the Senator said.

Vatican Invited

New York—(NC)—The State of Vatican City will receive a formal invitation to take part in the 1964 New York World's Fair.

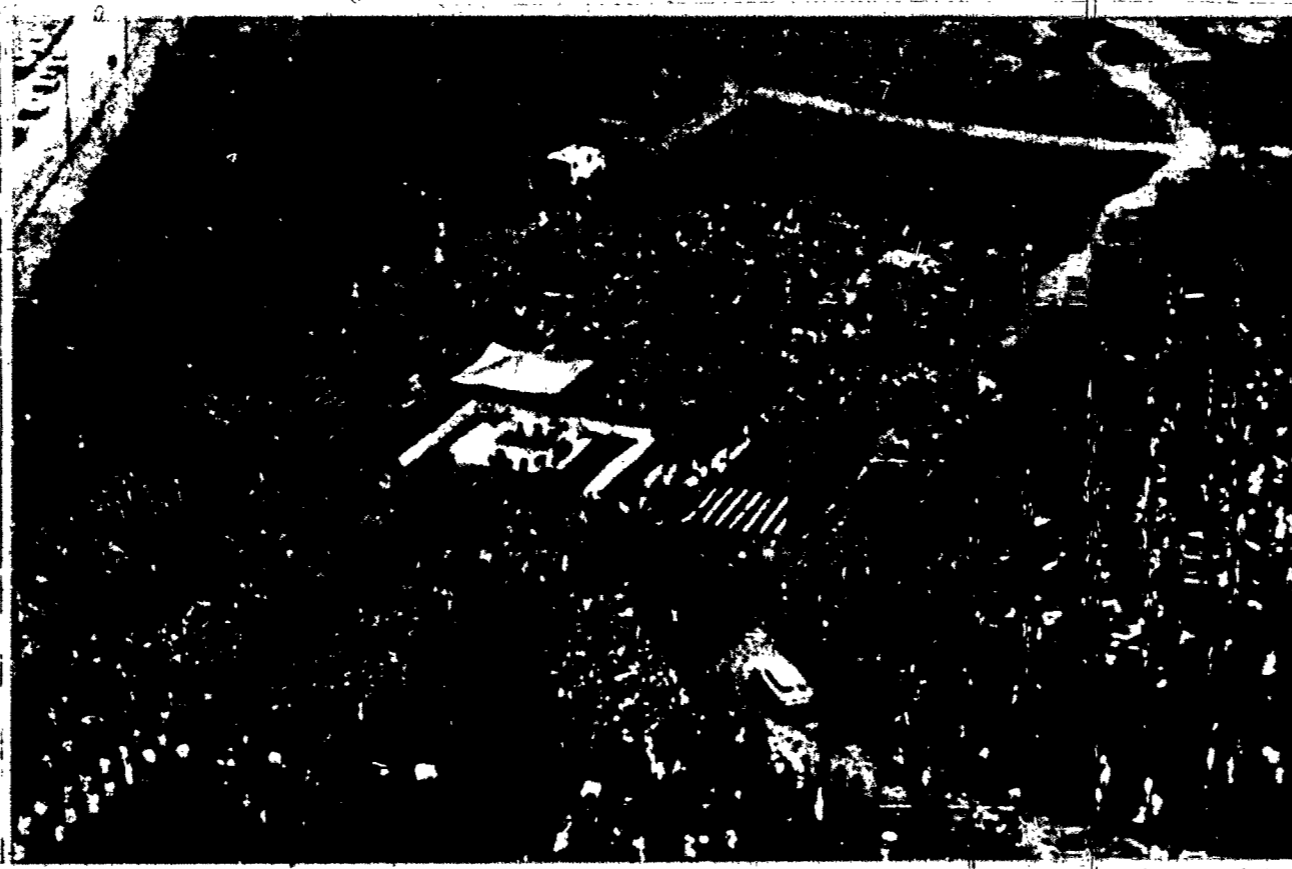
Thomas J. Deegan Jr., chairman of the executive committee of the fair, called (AUP-18) for Rome with the leather-bound invitation. It is signed by Mayor Robert Wagner of New York and by Robert Moses, president of the fair.



Liturgists Pray For Church Unity

Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle was peppered with the black garb of nuns of a dozen orders (top photo) during last week's twenty-first North American Liturgical Week. Over 10,000 attended an outdoor Mass (lower photo) on the grass carpeted Point where the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers join to form the Ohio River, historic spot where British, French and later American troops battled for control of this strategic

location. Hundreds of priests and lay people also attended the sessions and heard 100 sermons explaining "God's Call to Worship," "Christians for World by the Word of God," "Mary the Model of Worship" and other topics under the general theme "Liturgy and Unity in Christ." Expected changes in church ritual to be determined by the coming ecumenical council were also discussed.



Govt. Control 'Disastrous'

Unions, Industry Urged End Strife

Washington — (RNS) — Need for improving collective bargaining and developing "a greater spirit of public responsibility on the part of labor and management" was stressed by the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in its annual Labor Day statement.

Issued by Msgr. George G. Higgins, director of the department, the message warned that "with or without sufficient reason, a growing number of Americans are losing confidence in the ability of union leaders and management representatives to make collective bargaining serve the public interest and, worse than that, are losing faith in the very institution of collective bargaining itself."

It said that this "rather alarming turn of events" means, among other things, that "given another round of crippling strikes or lockouts, labor and management might be saddled with some form of compulsory arbitration as a substitute for free collective bargaining."

Declaring, however, that the situation is "not by any means completely hopeless," the statement said management and labor still have within their power not only to avoid compulsory arbitration, but to restore public confidence in the basic soundness of free collective bargaining and voluntary management-labor cooperation.

It said this presupposes that labor and management are prepared to meet public opinion at least halfway and that the American people and their elected representatives will be wise enough to make haste slowly in the field of management-labor legislation.

The statement said that legislation substituting compulsory arbitration for collective bargaining would be "disastrous." Equally bad, it stated, would be to "cut the unions down to size" or limit collective bargaining to the plant or company level, as some Americans have petitioned Congress to do.

Disclaiming any implication that unregulated collective bargaining is adequate under any circumstances, the statement said, however, that such legislation should be enacted until the National Labor

Management set up on President Eisenhower's invitation had an opportunity to formulate its own recommendations.

It voiced the hope that meanwhile the national group would lead eventually to the establishment of continuing labor-management conferences or councils in all the major industries.

THE STATEMENT said the purpose of these bodies would be (1) to develop greater understanding and a better spirit of cooperation between labor and management, (2) to make the parties more acutely conscious of their mutual obligation to serve the public interest, and (3) to enable them to fulfill this obligation more effectively than at present.

Upholding free collective bargaining as "not only desirable but necessary" and declaring that "we need more of it rather than less," the statement insisted that nevertheless it is not enough. It said it should be supplemented, wherever possible, with new forms of labor-management cooperation "fitting the particular needs of individual companies and industries and designed to safeguard and promote the common good."

The statement concluded by saying that although Labor Day 1959 finds both labor and management "on the defensive," the formation of the National Labor-Management Conference and other developments encourage optimism.

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