

Civic Group Deplores Bigotry

Minneapolis — (RNS) — The Minneapolis mayor's commission on human relations has expressed dismay over the fact that a great deal of anti-Semitic literature originates in the Minneapolis area, is being distributed nationally and is being used in the presidential campaign.

The commission, headed by Mrs. Ruth Gould, a Methodist, and a Republican, and appointed by Mayor P. Kenneth Peterson, Republican candidate for U.S. senator and a Presbyterian, released a statement which said in part:

"We oppose all religious tests for office and deplore the suggestion that the professed of any religious belief or disbelief should automatically disqualify a person from holding any office, to be fundamental principles, expressed 'deep convictions' within the realm of personal conscience."

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From Sacred To Profane

Baldwin, N.Y. — (RNS) — Plans of anti-Catholic forces to turn Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30, into "a gigantic anti-Kennedy rally" were scored here by Bruce K. Felchner, executive director of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee.

The 1960 observance, he said, will be perceived from a stand to what I think is a quite profane use in many churches in our country." Spearheading the big drive, he charged, is an interdenominational association of fundamentalist churches and an amalgam of heterodoxes and bigots."

Mr. Felchner made his protest at a Laymen's Sunday sermon at the Bedford Presbyterian church, of which he is a member. Thousands of Protestant laymen take leading roles in church services across the country in the annual observance.

All America Will Lose'

Plea Made To End Prejudice

New York — (RNS) — The National Conference of Christians and Jews, in one-minute recorded radio and television spots, is calling on all Americans to keep religious differences — the greatest any candidate — out of the national issue — why can't we have the free world in the life-and-

death fight against totalitarianism? We are the men worthy of the great role to which they appealed for votes on the basis of conviction, without being swayed by or won by religious differences.

Both the filmed TV and death fight against totalitarianism transcribed radio messages. Its aggression, if we allow religiosity to distract us across our divisiveness to destroy the country, were made by Dr. Donald Jones, the Communist Lewis Webster Jones, NCCJ lists will win — and all Americans will lose!"

That of Dr. Jones' statement, meanwhile, the NCCJ report reads: "I appeal to you, of all its 64 regional offices, to make known to the nation that the profession of any religious belief or disbelief should automatically disqualify a person from holding any office, to be fundamental principles, expressed 'deep convictions' within the realm of personal conscience."

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Church Endorses U.S. 'Separation'

New York — (RNS) — A leading Jesuit authority on Church-State relations declared that the Catholic Church in the United States was committed to the religious clauses in the First Amendment by its experience in American history.

In his forthcoming book, *We Hold These Truths: Catholic Reflections on the American Proposition*, the Rev. John Courtney Murray, S.J., of Woodstock (Md.) College, added:

"As far as I know, the only ones who doubt the fitness, the depth, the principled nature of this commitment are not Catholics. They speak without knowledge and without authority, and the credence they command has its origins in emotion."

To speak of the American Catholic attitude on Church and State as 'expediency,' he asserted, is to misunderstand the moral nature of the community and its collective moral obligation toward its own common good."

He said the American fundamental law had its origins in moral principle, and that the obligations it imposed were moral ones and "binding in conscience."

"One may not, without moral fault, act against these articles of peace," he declared.

Describing the American pluralistic society as a turning point in the long and complicated history of Church-State relations, he said, "religion itself, and not least the Catholic Church, has benefited by our free institutions, by the maintenance, even in exaggerated form, of the distinction between Church and State."

Under American conditions, he concluded, "any other course but freedom of religion and separation of Church and State would have been disruptive, imprudent, unpractical, indeed impossible."

Both candidates were chosen because of the use of false political campaign that would array citizens against citizens. They are the men worthy of the great role to which they appealed for votes on the basis of conviction, without being swayed by or won by religious differences.

A statement by the NCCJ board in Des Moines, Iowa, censured efforts by the religiously prejudiced to distort the issues. It called on all stations across the country, were made by Dr. Donald Jones, the Communist Lewis Webster Jones, NCCJ lists will win — and all Americans will lose!"

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In Public Schools

State Ousts Y Programs

Dunkirk — (RNS) — A controversy here over released-time religious instruction in schools was ended with a New York State Education Department ruling that YMCA activities as well as released-time religious classes school religion instruction was barred from public school unconstitutional buildings.

Based on a 1948 decision of Education Department specifying the U.S. Supreme Court, the state barred the YMCA and Trillium programs.

THE DISPUTE arose when Thomas E. Harvey, superintendent of schools, decided in early 1958 to discontinue released-time religious instruction on school property at Dunkirk Junior-Senior High School, and the same organizations under the same category of use which cannot be authorized as a result of limited education classes, but as "character and ethical guidance courses."

Three, he said, would be among men who had been teaching the YMCA programs conducted in classes, advising them that "the schools by the YMCA and use of public school buildings YMCA and which had not been will not be permitted for challenged on constitutional grounds. In 1948 the U.S. Court declared that in ethical guidance courses."

Catholic Group Urges

Vigor Needed In Farm Crisis

Jefferson City — (RNS) — A vigorous program of industrial development to offset rural decline was urged on the United States by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

In a policy statement issued at its biennial convention here, the NCRLC said it was "deeply concerned over the low income under-employment and stunted civic life which is the lot of many rural people."

"This represents a tremendous loss to these communities," the statement declared. "In some cases they are losing their most capable young leaders. They are getting little in return for the labor and expenses of rearing and educating these youths... Eventually, the economic foundations of the Bleeding Virgin Mary under her title of Queen of Martyrs. Plans call for the building to be laid with black granite and to be enclosed by a ten-foot high wall of dark stone, and to be surrounded by a lawn and trees."

With the decline in agricultural employment, it continued, noted that expanded industrial opportunities in rural communities had diminished to a lull for metropolitan areas in the past decade.

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