Yes for Amendment 6

Fair Play, Tax Savings Await Voters' Decision

"The people shall be judge," said seventeenth century John Locke of England, promulgator of the principles which inspired the American Revolution a century later.

His prophecy again comes true Tuesday, November 7, when American voters "shall be judge" not only of which candidates will be elected to public office but which laws or revisions of old laws will go into effect.

One issue the voters of New York State will decide affects the critical need for increased educational facilities.

Amendment 6, listed on the ballot above the names of candidates, proposes a way to bolster college expansion programs without taking more money from taxpayers.

The New York State Board of Regents, governing body of education in this State, has unanimously endorsed Amendment 6 as "necessary in order to assure the needed facilities for the rapidly increasing thousands of high school graduates seeking admission to colleges and universities," a total expected to double within ten years.

Amendment 6 also has the full backing of the State's 130 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Non-denominational and Public colleges.

A cloud of confusion has threatened to scuttle the plan because some critics claim the law would "benefit" Catholic colleges. Chief critic of the proposal is the organization called "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" which has charged "public revenue" will be syphoned off to "support" Catholic schools.

Actually no State funds are involved at all. The proposed new law would simply authorize public and private colleges of New York State to borrow more money and at a lower interest rate. The money would have to be borrowed from banks or through mortgage or bond arrangements.

If private colleges are kept to present limits in borrowing and forced to pay increasing interest rates, the State will be forced to construct far more public college facilities with an obvious soaring cost to taxpayers.

Amendment 6 presents twentieth century Americans of New York State the opportunity to judge whether wisdom and fair play or costly bigotry will prevail.

Schools Enroll 54,486

Diocesan schools added 797 pupils to their rolls this year for a new record total of 54,486, highest in diocesan history.

Nazareth Academy remains in first place with largest enrollment—1,501.

Aquinas Institute ranks second with 1,367, and Our Lady of Mercy High School broke the 1000 mark with an enrollment of 1,016.

Sacred Heart parochial school is first among an even 100 elementary schools in the twelve county Diocese with 1,346 pupils.

Only other school with more than one thousand pupils is St. Monica's — 1,031.

The enrollment statistics were announced this week by Rev. William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools. Complete tabulation is on page three.

Included in his report for the first time are two new schools —Guardian Angels, Henrietta, with 184 pupils and St. Anne's, Palmyra, 81 pupils.

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Prayer, Concern for Poor Keys to World Peace

Prays for President

Youngstown — (RNS) — Two heads are better than one when it comes to threading buckeyes on venetian blind cord to make a rosary for President Kennedy. Mary Kathleen Harbison (left) and Susan Granito, both of Youngstown, Ohio, put the finishing touches on the beads which were sent to the White House. The two youngsters are fifth graders in Youngstown parochial schools.

Kremlin bombs continued to spew atomic debris into the atmosphere this week and women across America went on "strike" in dramatic protest against the international weapons race.

Against this background, Catholics in the nation's capital heard a plea to pray and a warning to take greater interest in the needs of the poor.

Cardinal Spellman told a throng of 125,000 at the Washington Monument that "constant, devout prayer is as necessary as military might in the battle for freedom."

Protestant theologian Dr. John C. Bennett told the annual meeting of the Catholic Association for International Peace that "failure of confortable nations to realize the depth of the neglected social problems of half the world is the chief ally of communism and unless this is understood, our military power and alliances will be of little avail."

Thousands of American women on Wednesday staged protest meetings to appeal for a halt to nuclear tests and the arms race — a race which threatens to end with a "death day" of "annihilation" for mankind, according to the New York Cardinal.

The Cardinal spoke at a Friday afternoon Mass to climax a monthlong Crusade of Prayer for World Peace held in all 178 parishes of the Washington archdiocese. The throng at the Mass was one of the largest ever to attend a religious rite in the capital city.

Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi presided at the Mass attended by Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle and scores of diplomats and government officials.

Addressing the vast throng of worshippers, Cardinal Spellman said, "You are the symbol of the indomitable power of perpetual prayer implemented by the strength of people united by common principles and purposes."

"On this Feast of Christ the King, we have gathered here in the capital of our free and beloved nation to thank Almighty God for America's manifold blessings," said the prelate, "and to beseech Him to stem the surging tides of terrors and enmities which are leading man to the brink of another war and to destruction of the whole world."

The Cardinal said, "It is my fervent belief that only if America is united in mind and heart in a prayerful partnership for peace can we survive Moscow's mad determination to conquer or carbonize the world, a gruesome plan mapped decades ago, which we are now experiencing in the next-to-final chapter, with the pollution of God's very air and earth which are the common property of all people now alive and of all generations yet to be born."

He warned, too, of the extreme seriousness of the Communist threat to Latin America, saying: "Festering poisons of hatred [illegible] to replace democracy with [illegible] be as powerful as "a country fortified by God-revering, faith-loving people." And "by the spiritual standard of survival," he said, "no nation is mightier than our own — a nation dedicated to the defense of its free life and protection of peace."

DR. BENNETT, dean of Union Theological Seminary, New York, declared that "one of the greatest obstacles to the success of the free world in upholding its own against communism is the fact that the United States is a 'status quo' nation."

"It is fearful," he added, "of radical change and influenced by a large body of opinion that is still committed to an uncritical capitalistic ideology."

The theologian's remarks were contained in an address to the Catholic peace group whose conference brought together about 130 government officials, members of university faculties and others concerned with international relations.

Communism, Dr. Bennett asserted, is able to win followers through the power of an idea and of a promise and not through the might of Soviet rockets.

Dr. Bennett warned Americans against the "covert idolatry" of assuming God is always on the West's side in the cold war.

He said this attitude is a "temptation" to overlook "the extent to which communism itself is a judgment upon the sins and failure of the middle class world, upon the Christian world."

"The very atheism of Communism," he declared, "is a judgment upon the Churches which for so long were unconcerned about the victims of the industrial revolution and early capitalism and which have usually been ornaments of the status quo, no matter how unjust it has been."

The seminary head called attention to what he termed "the utterly self-defeating character of the intransigent forms of conservative anti-communism in this country."

"As a Protestant," he added, "I hope that the influence of the Pope's recent encyclical, Mater et Magistra, will help to change the American mind at this point."

Clothing Drive To Aid Needy

At the request of Bishop Kearney, all 150 parishes of the Rochester Diocese will join some 16,000 other Catholic parishes of the nation in this month's Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection.

Bishop Kearney has appointed Rev. E. Leo McManus of St. Bernard's Seminary to head the diocesan drive for usable clothing during Thanksgiving week, November 19-26.

The annual nationwide clothing collections, directed by Catholic Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, have amassed a total of 135,000,000 pounds of clothing, shoes, blankets and bedding supplies since the first such collection in 1949.

In the 12 previous collections the parishes of the Rochester Diocese have contributed a total of 2,940,186 pounds of usable clothing.

"The record of the generosity of the clergy and laity in this important cause is an enviable one," said Father McManus. "Last year the people of our Diocese contributed 222 tons of clothing, the largest amount ever given in any of our clothing collections."

Individual parishes will establish their own collection centers to receive the donated clothing during Thanksgiving week. Subsequent distribution overseas will be supervised by Catholic Relief Services, the world-wide relief and rehabilitation energy of the American Catholic bishops.

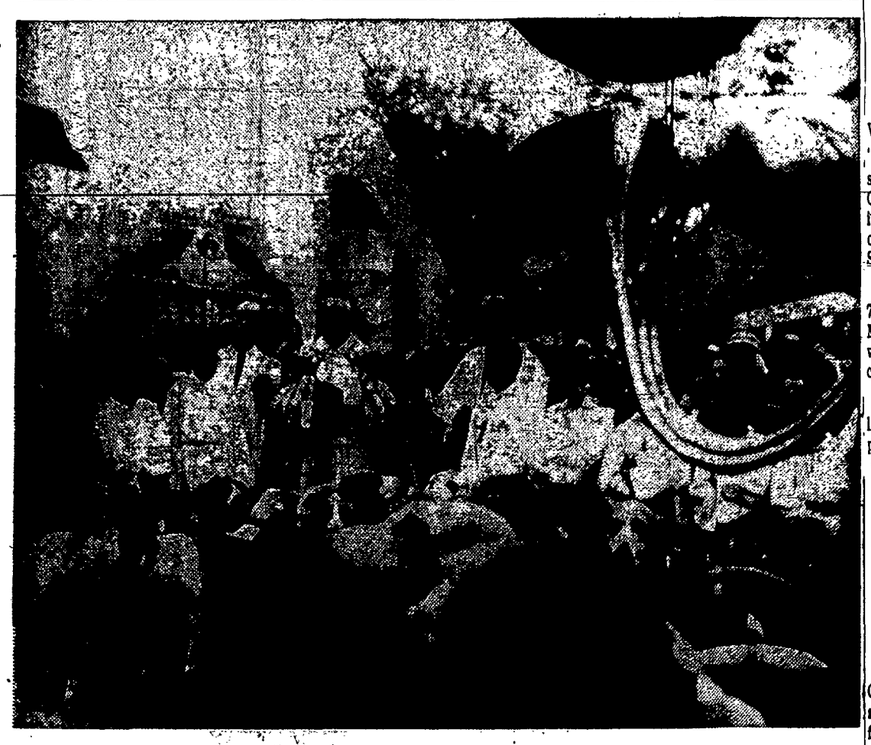
6 Million Unchurched

New York — (RNS) — This year's 13th annual Religion in American Life campaign will be aimed particularly at the estimated 60,000,000 Americans without religious affiliation, it was announced here.

The drive seeks to increase worship attendance at all churches and synagogues and to strengthen the moral and ethical character of America. Theme for the 1961 effort is "Worship Together This Week — You Need Not Walk Alone."

Beginning in November, observed across the country as Religion in American Life Month, this message will be promoted by appeals in thousands of billboards, posters, and car cards in buses, subway and commuter trains.

There also will be thousands of filmed and spoken messages on television and radio and numerous advertisements in newspapers and magazines.



Blessing of the Hounds

Sully-Sur-Loire, France — (RNS) — In annual ceremony on the feast of Saint Hubert, patron of huntsmen, today, Nov. 3, deer hounds are blessed by priest at the town of Sully-sur-Loire, France. Huntsmen with their curling French horns play a fanfare at the traditional event.

Three Masses In Moscow

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican Radio reported with "satisfaction" that the Rev. Joseph F. Richard, A.A., Roman Catholic chaplain to the American community in Moscow, celebrates Mass three times on Sundays.

The station said that between 75 to 100 people attend the Masses in the priest's residence where one large room has been converted into a chapel.

Most members of the chaplain's congregations are employees of the U.S. embassy in Moscow, the broadcast observed.

Vatican Radio Raps Soviet Atom Blast

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio was quick to condemn Russia's testing of a 50-megaton nuclear bomb over the Arctic as revealing "more dramatically than ever before the true merciless and Godless face of communism — a face without love and with only the tension of hate."

A broadcast soon after the greatest man-made explosion in history declared that the test showed that Communist Russia is "heedless of the laws of God, the needs of humanity and the rights of man."

With the blast, the radio said, all protests from religious groups, governments, institutions, scientific institutes, the United Nations and individuals "have received their cynical replies."

Pilgrimage To Moscow To Honor Our Lady

London — (NC) — The Catholic Times, national Catholic newspaper, has proposed an international Catholic youth pilgrimage to Moscow.

The Times urged such a demonstration in honor of Our Lady of the Kremlin—now usually called Our Lady of Vladimir—who has long been venerated in Christian Russia.

The newspaper noted the success of a recent San Francisco-to-Moscow "peace march" by a nuclear disarmament group and said Catholics ought to be willing to make a similar gesture in honor of Mary.

The Catholic Times commented that "only God and the intercession of Our Lady can save the world from the catastrophe that faces it today."

Negro Mother's Plaint

Talents, Skills Don't Count

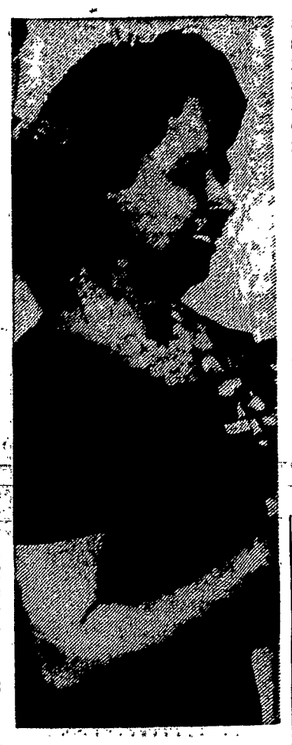
New York — (NC) — A Catholic Negro mother described graphically here the difficulties she encounters rearing her children in a racially biased community.

Mrs. Albert Spurlock of Indianapolis, social worker and mother of two, told the story as she and Ralph E. Fenton, Norwood, Mass., fire insurance firm official, were presented with the 1961 James J. Hoey Awards for Interracial Justice.

"As a mother, I am not satisfied with surveys of how much better conditions are today for minority groups than they were 10 or 20 years ago," Mrs. Spurlock said.

"I am concerned about the fact that today my children do not have equal opportunities, that today they meet discrimination when they want to eat, when they want to go skating or bowling — that their choice of vocations is dictated not by their talents and skills but by their race," she added.

Mrs. Spurlock said she has struggled for years to instill self-respect, aggression and initiative, "the things needed for success in America today," in her son and daughter against a community seemingly determined to strip her children of such qualities by such terms as "you're not wanted," "you can't go here" and "you can't do this."



MRS. SPURLOCK
color taxed

"As a Negro mother, I must think in terms of more than the usual four years of college for my child," Mrs. Spurlock continued. "The field of social work, teaching and the professions are the only ones open to Negroes in our town. So if my children's interest and skills do not lie in teaching I must be prepared to send them to graduate school. This we call the color tax: Unseen expenses Negroes have to bear simply because they are Negroes."

Mrs. Spurlock said that outside of government service less than one per cent of Negroes are employed in white collar jobs.

She is vice president of the Indianapolis Interracial Council and an alumna of Hunter College, New York, and Atlanta (Ga.) University. She is the first Negro and the first woman to serve on the Board of Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Ind., and is vice chairman of the Mayor's Human Rights Commission in Indianapolis. She is the wife of Albert C. Spurlock, an Indianapolis high school teacher.

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