

McCormack Qualifies For Federal Funds

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Ellen McCormack, the anti-abortion candidate for President, has raised the required \$5,000 minimum in each of 20 states and has applied for matching federal campaign funds.

Mrs. McCormack, a Long Island housewife, is running for the Democratic nomination on a pro-life, anti-abortion platform. Her campaign is supported by the Pro-Life Action Committee, which seeks to repeal laws allowing abortion.

If Federal Election Commission auditors find no discrepancies in the ledgers of the Pro-Life Action Committee, Mrs. McCormack, a Roman Catholic, may be certified for more than \$100,000 in matching funds.

Mrs. McCormack's campaign has aroused strong opposition. She has been labeled a "one-issue candidate" who is campaigning simply to publicize the anti-abortion position. She has been charged with perverting the new federal campaign financing law, and devising a clever scheme to promote the anti-abortion view. The Catholic Church has also been accused of giving Mrs. McCormack financial support.

All of these charges are vigorously denied by Mrs. McCormack, 49, a mother of four and wife of Francis John McCormack, a

New York City deputy police inspector.

Mrs. McCormack holds that her campaign has national grassroots support, and that abortion is not a religious issue, nor a Catholic one. "We have Jews and Protestants working with us," she said. "We have atheists who stand up at rallies and say, 'I am an atheist. This is a matter of right and wrong, not religion.'"

"I am a serious candidate," Mrs. McCormack said in a news interview. "I stand for the rights of the unborn. I don't see why that one issue can be overlooked."

"I want to educate the people on the rights of the unborn and the dangers of abortion. I don't think we've got a balanced picture," she said.

Mrs. McCormack said she is entering the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania primaries, and her name is on the ballot in at least 13 other states.

SPECIAL SERIES

"Out of Work," a series focusing on how the unemployed can help themselves and on how the rest of us can help the jobless, will be seen on Channel 21, WXXI-TV, beginning Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. The programs will repeat the following Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

choose to resist. (The list contains only a fraction of those writers, historians, journalists, editors and religious who have signed the Humanist Manifestos.)

Issac Asimov, Ph.D., Russian born author, "the multiplicity of children is on the point of destroying us all... it is absolutely crucial for fewer children to be born... women must be given something else to do." Paul Blanchard, author, "How far may parents go in indoctrinating, molding or brainwashing their children?" Joseph Blau, professor of Religion, Columbia University, "Humanism sets forth principled goals for self- and species-improvement." Miriam deFord, author, historian, journalist, "There are no Gods, no soul... monkeys pounding on typewriters will finally emerge with the works of Shakespeare." John Dewey, the "Father of Progressive American Education." James Farmer, Ph.D., former Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Nixon administration. Norman Fleishman, vice president, Planned Parenthood World Population, Los Angeles. Joseph Fletcher, Ph.D., professor of Medical Ethics, University of Virginia, a leading spokesman for euthanasia, and author of Situation Ethics, the New Morality. Ms. Betty Friedan, founder of NOW. Alan Guttmacher, M.D., the late president of Planned Parenthood. Lester A. Kirkendall, Ph.D., former professor of Family Life at Oregon State University, co-founder of SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Council of the United States) and now on the advisory board of SIECUS. B.F. Skinner, Ph.D., behavioral psychologist.

Among those who have received the Humanist of the Year Award: Margaret Sanger 1957; Linus Pauling 1961; Benjamin Spock M.D. 1968; B.F. Skinner 1972; Mary Calderone, M.D. (president of SIECUS) 1974; Joseph Fletcher 1974; and Betty Friedan 1975.

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The Winter Olympics continue to dominate the tube in a most entertaining fashion.

Turning to Channel 13 and ABC at 9 p.m. and weekends has become habit forming and rewarding. The only event which inspires little interest at our house is hockey as played by the Russians, their professional tour prior to the Olympics lifting them out of the realm of the amateur factually if not technically.

All the other sports, however, from luge to dance skate pairs has engrossed and at times enthralled us.

If there is a more dangerous and thrilling sport than men's downhill skiing as demonstrated at Innsbruck I have not seen it. To rush pell mell over curves of ice at speeds ranging up to 70 miles per hour seems not so much sporting as suicidal. And indeed before the competition, announcers and cameras took us over the run to show where various skiers had lost their lives over the years.

The pairs skating, a great deal less dangerous and infinitely more beautiful, captivated everybody and the Americans, Thai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, while not winning a medal demonstrated a symmetry and grace that leaves an impression akin to that one might

feel upon seeing a painting by one of the old masters or hearing a concert by a Cliburn or Stern — a rare fulfillment.

Producers of sporting events in this country who promise to grab an even greater share of prime time with each successive season might take a chapter from the Olympics staff when it comes to building interest in the athletes.

The brief vignettes which included interviews with the players and showed a little of the way they train year around and some of their private lives generated far greater interest in the young men and women than might otherwise been given them.

Among the capsule sketches I saw were those on downhill ski champion Franz Klammer, Russia's gold medalists in pairs skating, Irina Rodnina and Alexander Zaitsev, the U.S. three-medal speed skater Sheila Young and silver medalist women's down hill skier Cindy Nelson of Minnesota.

Why the ABC producers chose Pierre Salinger for the marshmallow job of doing feature stories on the town and countryside is anybody's guess.

I would have thought it the perfect job for some attractive, vivacious young woman rather than a politically battle scarred cigar-chompin' veteran of smoky back rooms.

Anchor-man Jim McKay in his "official" Olympic sweaters and hair piece tended to remind me more of Star Trek and its Spockish denizens than of a sportscaster but that's my problem as is his recurring image of the reporter in the 'old soaper "Day in Court."

On the whole, however, ABC has done itself proud with its coverage.

COMMEMORATION

Survivors of the Battle of Iwo Jima will hold their annual reunion and memorial service at Stouffer's Restaurant in Garden City, Long Island, tomorrow noon, Feb. 19, the thirty-first anniversary of the battle. Reservations may be made by calling George V. O'Haire (516) 938-7500 or Joseph E. Roberts (516) 798-2197.

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[Conclusion]

"Father forgive them

They must have thought Him strange (if indeed they even heard Him) to pray for them as they ridiculed and mocked and crucified Him, for His was the first God to insist not on violence but on prayer for enemies. The soldiers' jeers were audible over the confused silence of the mob which had only moments before screamed for His death. Their brief moment of triumph contrasting with the horror weighing the little group of devoted, exhausted at the foot of His final tree. But His prayer bore immediate if bitter fruit as the soldiers and the mob realized too late truly He was the Son of God.

Thus Christ died. And thus Christ taught. And thus began the beauty of the Resurrection, the truths of Christianity.

But nowhere does Christ teach that we must ignore, encourage or follow the mob which attacks, ridicules and replaces Him. Prayer, yes; but at the same time watchful lest we be tempted to join the mockers. And we are wise to identify those who do attack. For as Christ's promises and glories are ours, so too are His frustrations and His enemies.

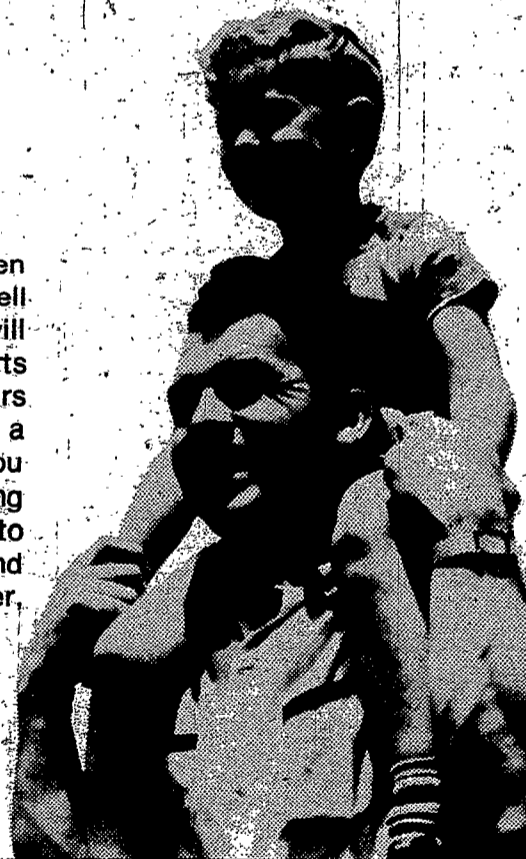
By their spoken and printed words the following people (many of them leaders in the social, literary, educational or scientific worlds) openly support Humanism, openly replace the Ten Commandments with Situation Ethics, and openly stress self-liberation, free sex and abortion, euthanasia, and a world commune. They may deserve respect for their intellectual achievements; they certainly deserve the right to teach as they please; but on questions of a moral order, Christians will be wise to identify and avoid following the Humanist thrusts. We can

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