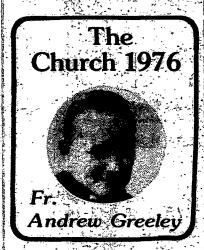


Trick-or-Treaters

Second-graders from St. Margaret Mary in Rochester display some of the masks they and their friends will be using to trick you this Halloween. So if you see any of these masks on your doorstep this Sunday night, Oct. 31, give them a treat, even thoughyou may recognize them. From the front: Mary Chris Rodenhouse, Barbara Piecuch, Jean Kuitems, Jim Opaczawski, and Wendy DiPasquale.



Ethnicity is still a subject that the nation's elites think merits nothing more than second-rate treatment.

The director of the Bureau of the Census has convened a "small meeting" of social science experts to discuss the possible rewording of the ethnic question the census will ask in 1980. Fair enough. The question used in the last several censuses was worthless because it was based on the assimilationist assumption that after two generations, national background was irrelevant. After a decade of research that showed it is about as irrelevant a predictor variable as educational attainment, the census people finally are getting around to thinking that, well, maybe there ought to be a different question.

They have not of course, got brave enough to resist the American Jewish Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union to ask a religious question; but that's another matter.

In the form letter he sent. Dr. Barabba, the census director, in-formed those of us he thought worth consulting that the meeting would be chaired by the distinguished ethnic expert "Dr." Michael Novak I would suggest that the Bureau of the Census

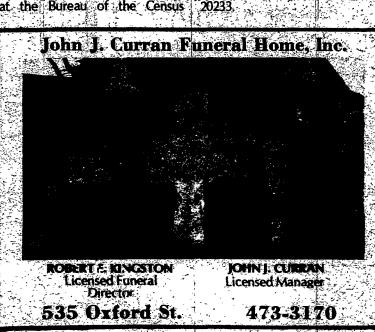
would not attempt such an insult on any other subject but ethnicity. You simply don't ask an amateur to preside over a imeeting of professionals unless you think that the subject matter is unimportant or that the professionals are incompetent.

The issue is not Mr. Novak's status as an ethnic expert nor his contribution to the understanding. of ethnicity in the United States. The issue is rather his experience in empirical social research and in survey question construction. Mr. Novak is not a social scientist, he has had no training in social science methods and no experience in large-scale data collection or analysis. He does not have an earned doctorate in social science. However insightful he may be, he is not qualified to preside over a meeting on a technical question of empirical research.

cannot, frankly, imagine why he would agree to such a role; but even less can I imagine why Dr. Barabba would so gratuitously insult the serious social scientists who have devoted their professional careers to the research on ethnicity. Scholars in no other field would be subject to such a

The pluralism team at National Opinion Research Center has asked ethnic questions in more surveys than any other research organization. We are the only ones who have published data on national estimates of ethnic distribution. To ask us to sit at the feet of Michael Novak is intolerable, especially when Mr. Novak has publicly ridiculed our research.

So once again ethnics get it in the neck from their government. If any of you don't like it, you might= write to Dr. Barabba at the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce: Washington, D.C.



Lercaro Dies

Bologna, Italy [RNS] — Cardinal Giacomo Lercaro, a pioneer in liturgical reform and a strong advocate of Christian social action, who battled first Fascists and then Communists for the allegiance of the working people, died here Oct. 18 at 84. His death reduces the College of Cardinals to 135

During his 16 years as Ar-chbishop of Bologna (he retired in 1968), and for five years previously as Archbishop of Ravenna — both areas in the traditionally anticlerical, "Red Belt" Emilia Romana region of northern Italy — Cardinal Lercaro achieved, a reputation, as perhaps the most progressive diocesan administrator in the

At the second Vatican Council (1962-65), Cardinal Lercaro gained recognition as a longtime student of the liturgy and was appointed to a commission to oversee im-plementation of the Council's liturgical-reforms:

He also spoke out forcefully on the need for improving ecumenical relations with Eastern Orthodoxy and on the need for a realistic approach to modern science and culture as well as on the need of reform of the Roman Curia, the central administrative arm of the : Catholic Church.

"The Church," he said, "must be ready continuously to renounce some things of the past and to support some new developments: Now is the time for the Church to free itself from identification with any one specific culture."

As head of one of the most Marxist diocesan areas in Italy, the Bologna cardinal distinguished himself for the vigor and imaginativeness of his efforts to maintain and increase the influence of the Church.

An untiring champion of social justice, Cardinal Lercato stressed the relationship of Christian social action to the liturgy, underscoring the need for widespread par-ticipation in both forms of Christian

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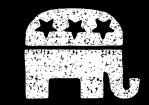
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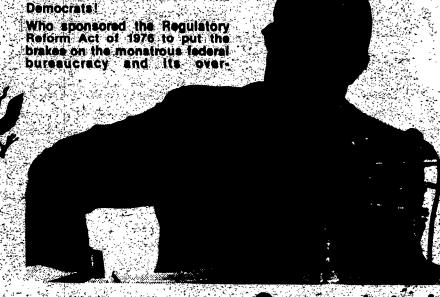
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