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Looking for the Lord

Campaign's Impact on One Voter

Fragmented thoughts as the presidential campaign winds down:

Complaint which doesn't excite me: The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights protested a Carter television spot which included a scene from the Pope's visit with the President.

Father Virgil Blum complained that the ad was demeaning to the Holy Father and insulting to Catholic voters.

I agree that it was insulting — but to the intelligence of all voters. The circumstances of the Papal visit were so publicized that no one with minimal intelligence could look on this scene as John Paul's endorsement of Jimmy for a second term.

Its use might make me doubt the competence of some of the Carter campaign planners, but it doesn't arouse my indignation as an affront to my religion.

Selective indignation: What happened to all those people who were so wrought up about Cardinal Medeiros' letter about politicians who supported abortion programs?

Just a week or so later, across the country, San Diego's Bishop Leo Maher warned Catholics of his diocese that members of the Ku Klux Klan and those who support them are "accomplices in the sin of racism."

The bishop's comments weren't prompted by the broadcasting of "Beulah Land." One of his area's candidates for congress is publicly known as a Klan leader.

Considering the worry expressed by the New York Times and other public voices about the separation of church and state, I felt sure there would be a public outcry in defense of the Klansman's rights.

I wonder how the Times would have reacted if Cardinal Medeiros' letter had warned people against voting for candidates who

wanted to cut off military aid to Israel.

Problems of Campaign Reporters: It's funny to see the embarrassment of reporters who find one candidate "likable" and the other showing a "streak of meanness." This time it's Reagan who is likable. Something happened to Carter's likability during the past four years. Many of the reporters have noticed this phenomenon. They, and I, seem to have trouble figuring out what it has to do with a person's qualifications for the presidency.

Fierceness of Candidates' Wives: Another common theme in campaign reporting is the steely determination, the unforgiving memories of Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan and Keke Anderson.

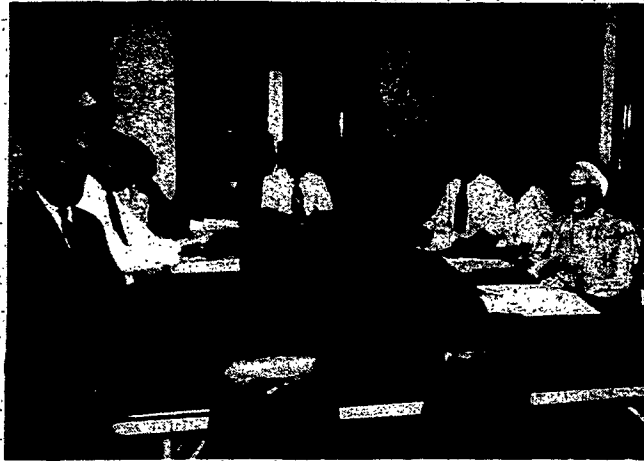
If these characterizations are true, do they tell us that it's really these women who propel their husbands into their strange ambition to become president... or does it say that there's something in the personality of an ambitious politician which draws him to a fierce, strong-willed woman?

And how did the country ever survive when Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower occupied the White House?

Most Overrated Story of the Campaign: In a couple of weeks I might be eating these words, but I have a hunch that all the attention given to the campaign activity of Jerry Falwell and other Evangelical spokesmen will evaporate with the first returns.

All the media attention is probably gratifying to these people, and it can probably be parlayed into higher ratings for their radio and television programs. But I suspect it's a pipe dream to think that the general concern about the moral tone of the country can be converted into unanimity on candidates and issues.

How Quickly We Forget: Does anyone know what ever happened to George Bush? And where is all that work Senator Kennedy was going to do for the Carter-Mondale ticket? How come the President is not campaigning on his fulfillment of that book of promises he compiled four years ago?



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A New Board To Direct Mercy

Sister M. Judith Heberle, Superior General of the Sisters of Mercy, and Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall, principal of Our Lady of Mercy, have announced the establishment of a Board of Governors. According to a news release the Board was an outgrowth of the Chapter Meeting held by the Sisters of Mercy in 1979. From this meeting a task force was set up between the Board of Trustees of the Sisters of Mercy and the administration of the high school to discuss the responsibilities of the order in relationship to Mercy High School. The Board of Governors was their recommendation.

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Following the service, I was able to return to school on the GI Bill.

Over the years, I have been blessed with parents who have instilled in me self-discipline, honesty and hard work, the love and support of a wife and a large family and the close friends who have helped me along the way.

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