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RELIGION UPDATE

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Religion Under Attack — Part 2

A destructive attitude toward religion has been in doctrine by government officials and agencies implicating religion as having no place in controversial issues, rather religion is to . . . be maintained or confined within the four walls of the church. "Great issues, from slavery to abortion, not only call for religious witness, the constitution demands that witness be allowed the fullest scope," said William Ball, a leader of constitutional rights. However, with court cases leading to million dollar judgments, convictions, bankruptcy and imprisonment, religious leaders are not only wary but cautious of taking any political stand for fear of the IRS or of the courts. Former U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy was quoted as saying, "We're moving to where we'll have to say that the religion of the people is the religion of the Internal Revenue Service."

What happened to Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification church, can happen to any church that grows too big too fast; where there is growth there is prosperity; where there is prosperity there is money; where there is money, there is the IRS. Rev. Moon was indicted on charges that he did not pay taxes on \$104,000 income from interests on accounts held in his name from 1973 through 1975 and \$50,000 in stock of a church-related corporation that he received in 1973.

The case began when Sen. Bob Dole (r-Kan.), one of the most powerful Republicans in the Senate, persuaded the Internal Revenue Service to audit the Unification Church. *The National Catholic Register*, June 17, 1984 publication reports, "IRS auditors spent five years going through Unification Church records. They discovered that Rev. Moon, like most Catholic Bishops and virtually all other religious leaders, had received money from Church members who wanted to support the Church's work. Moon used some of this money for his personal expenses and duly paid taxes on it. Some of it he used to finance various activities of the Unification Church. Some of it lay around for a while in interest bearing accounts until it was needed."

The government's case focused on this interest. Moon argued that he was not obliged to pay taxes on this money because he was holding it in trust for religious purposes. The government disagreed, and in 1981 charged him with criminal income tax evasion.

On the face of it, Moon seemed to have a good case to avoid paying taxes, a better case than the average taxpayer. The reason: The law reserves that money given to a religious leader is held in trust for the Church.

Nevertheless, the government threw the book at Moon. It mounted an elaborate prosecution in federal court in New York City, charging that Moon was simply a business man."

The fact is the conviction of Rev. Sun Myung Moon troubled religious leaders of all churches. What happened to Rev. Moon could happen to any Church be it Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic or Southern Christian.

Next week: Part III.



The word "volume" comes from the Latin word *volvere* meaning "to roll" because anciently, books were written on sheets rolled on a pin or roller.



Rev. Amos P. Massey and Family
New to First A.M.E. Zion
The Steward and Stewardess Boards of First A.M.E. Zion will officially welcome their new Pastor, Rev. Amos P. Massey, and his family on Sunday afternoon, August 11, 1985, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited.

IFCC Ethnic dance festival

The IFCC will present its Third Annual Ethnic Dance Festival on Saturday, August 17, 1985, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. The festival will be held outdoors in Patton Park, right next door to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, on Tri-Met Bus #5.

This year's festival features six exciting dance groups, each of which presents its own performance, plus opportunity for audience participation. Bring a blanket and picnic basket for a fun-filled day of music, dancing and face-painting for the entire family.

The festivities begin at noon with Opening Remarks from City Commissioner Dick Bogle. Featured during the afternoon will be the Spanish group Ballet Fiesta; the South Pacific Samoan Folk Dancers; Bow and Arrow, a group of Native American Indian dancers and drummers; the Filipino Folk Dancers; the Japanese group Bon Odori; and African drumming and dance by Obo Addy and Friends. Face painting and refreshments will be available all afternoon, provided by the IFCC's Student Production Company.

The IFCC's Third Annual Ethnic Dance Festival is made possible in part by grants from U.S. Bancorp and the Metropolitan Arts Commission. Admission to the festival is free. For further information, please call the IFCC at 243-7930.

Library schedule

The Multnomah County Library has recently released the following schedule of summer events:

Albina, 3605 NE 15th (phone 287-7147) — Thursday, August 15, 2:30 p.m., films — *The Cat in the Hat; Animal Actors*.

North Portland, 512 N. Killingsworth (phone 284-5622), Wednesday, August 14, 2:30 p.m., films — *Peter and the Wolf; The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Also, a winner will be chosen for the Bumpity TV show. Friday, August 16, 10:30 a.m. — Preschool storytime for ages 3 - 5.

How to choose a good child care center

"How To Choose a Good Child Care Center" is a topic that many parents are thinking about as they make plans for the Fall. And it's the subject of a free presentation available to any service club, community group, or organization in the Portland-Vancouver area. The presentation provides parents with information on characteristics to look for, questions to ask and factors to consider before making a child care decision.

To arrange for the presentation at your group function, call 658-5040 or 661-2974 or the Children's World Child Care Center in your community.

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Children's Theater summer festival

The musical play, "Ain't No Such Thing As A Bogle" will be the first children's theater presentation of the new Summer Festival Theater Company at Portland State University, opening August 8 and running Wednesday through Saturday until August 17, at 1:30 p.m., in the Lincoln Hall Studio Theater.

The show was written and directed by Karen Boettcher-Tate who has published more than a dozen children's plays as well as other dramatic works. The cast features PSU students and students from Benson, Central Catholic and Grant high schools and St. Rose grade school.

"Ain't No Such Thing As A Bogle" takes place in the mythical king of Chaotica and features a spoiled princess, a looney fair god-mother, a prince and the Bogles.

Boettcher-Tate earned the David Library of Freedom Award and a Lorraine Hansberry prize for her play, "Enemies; A Vietnam Journey," produced three years ago at the American College Theater Festival. Another of her plays, "Grandma Shot The Cat," received the ACTF Jane Chambers Award last year.

Tickets for "Ain't No Such Thing As A Bogle," at \$2, are available from the PSU Box Office, 229-4440.

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