

Controversy Over Place of Religion In Public Schools Likely To Boil Over

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 Washington—(U.P.)—What do you want the public schools to teach your child about God? Should they simply ignore his existence, as many of them are doing now? Can a tax-supported school offer objective instruction about religion without getting involved in sectarian controversy and without violating the constitutional separation of church and state?

Time To Start Thinking
 If you haven't decided where you stand on these questions, this might be a good time to start thinking about them. A controversy over the place of religion in the public schools, which has been simmering quietly for several years, seems likely to boil over in 1956 into a nationwide public debate that could have tremendous consequences for the future education of American youth.

The first steps toward bringing the issue to a head have already been taken in recent pronouncements by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders and by other groups such as the White House Conference on Education.

These statements reflect fairly general agreement on two broad principles, but they also have defined a rather sharp area of controversy between these principles.

Two Points of Agreement
 Here are the two points on which virtually all parties agree:
 1. Public schools cannot legally teach—or in any way aid in the teaching of—sectarian religious doctrines. This rule was laid down in a series of Supreme Court decisions since World War II, notably in the famous McCollum case of 1948. In that case, the court held it was unconstitutional for public schools in Champaign, Ill., to release students from their regular classes in order to receive religious instruction, on school property, in the faith of their parents' choosing.

Public schools in some states—Virginia, for example—have continued to offer "released-time" religious instruction programs that are similar but not identical to the outlawed Champaign experiment. But in thousands of school districts across the nation, the practical effect of the court decision has been to banish any kind of formal religious instruction or exercises from the curriculum.

2. Public schools can and should teach "ethical behavior based on a sense of moral and spiritual values." This was one of the school goals unanimously approved by the 2000 delegates to last month's White House Conference on Education.

According to Dr. Ebelmont Farley, official spokesman for the National Education Association,

Reward Offered For Girl's Killer

London, Ont.—(U.P.)—Angry citizens offered \$1,000 in rewards today for a tall, thin, unshaven man who assaulted five-year-old Susan Cadieux and left her to freeze to death. Police rounded up all known sex offenders in a search for the man, described as wearing a brown overcoat, black galoshes and a "Russian type" hat, who was seen talking to Susan just before she was kidnapped, ravished and left to die in freezing temperatures.

Susan's body, with her tears frozen to her face, was found Saturday lying next to the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks in a lumber yard. She disappeared at about 3 p.m. Friday while playing with her two brothers in the yard of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church.

Susan's brothers, Pat, 10, and Mike, 9, told police they saw their sister talking to an unshaven, thin stranger shortly before she disappeared. They said he spoke with an accent and heard him say he lived only a block from the Cadieux family in the heart of the London boarding house district.

A special Mass of the Angels will be celebrated for Susan today in St. Peter's Cathedral. Neighbors of the Cadieux family held special prayer services for the girl at St. Peter's Saturday morning.

Russia Accepts First German Ambassador

Bonn—(U.P.)—Russia finally accepted West Germany's choice for first ambassador to Moscow Saturday after West German President Theodore Heuss officially received the first Soviet envoy here.

It was announced that the Soviet government approved Bonn's appointment of career diplomat Sihelm Haas to open the West German embassy in Moscow. He is now ambassador

tion, the great majority of public school teachers are already trying to achieve this goal.

Big Question
 The big question, which the White House conferees largely sidestepped and which is at the crux of the developing controversy, is whether schools can effectively teach "moral and spiritual values" without reference to the religious beliefs which underlie and sanction these values for most Americans.

In other words, does it do much good for teacher to tell Johnny that it's morally wrong to lie and steal, if she can't even mention the Ten Commandments?

In recent statements, major Christian bodies have vigorously deplored the effort to teach a Godless morality in public schools, and have urged educators to make provision in school programs for forthright but objective and non-sectarian religious instruction.

Jewish leaders, on the other hand, have viewed this movement with outspoken alarm, and have warned that it is bound to lead to bitter denominational dispute over the content of the "objective" instruction.

Here, in brief, are the positions that have been taken by various religious groups:

Protestants

The general board of the National Council of Churches, representing 30 leading Protestant and Orthodox denominations, adopted a resolution last month asserting that public schools should "teach that religion is an essential aspect of our national heritage and culture, that this nation subsists under the governance of God, and that our moral and ethical values rest upon religious grounds and sanctions."

Catholic

The Catholic Archdiocese of New York, in a statement that has been widely quoted and endorsed by other Catholic groups, listed seven "fundamental truths that American children should be taught in the public schools." These were: The existence of God; man's condition as creature dependent on his creator; God as the source of the inalienable rights of man; the protection of these God-given rights as the fundamental purpose of our laws; the basic equality of men under God; the dignity of man and sacredness of human life; and man's responsibility to the moral law as formulated in the Ten Commandments.

Jews

The Jewish position has been spelled out in the past few

weeks, principally in response to a controversial report issued by the board of superintendents of the New York City public schools. The superintendents' report declared that the values accepted by Americans "presuppose the existence of a supreme being" and that the public school program therefore "must reinforce the program of the home and church in strengthening belief in God."

The New York Board of Rabbis took sharp exception to this proposal and on Dec. 3, sermons were preached in several hundred New York synagogues simultaneously, deploring any move to introduce religious instruction to public schools.

The general theme of the sermons is reflected in the following remarks by Rabbi Edward E. Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue of New York:

"If faith in God is to be inculcated in the schools in such manner as to do no violence to the beliefs of Catholic, Protestant and Jews, it will be so pallid and anemic as to be meaningless. Let our homes, our churches and our synagogues ground moral values in our own traditions . . . but let the children in our classrooms not bear dogmatic identification tags."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Since we parted yester eve,
 I do love you, believe,
 Twelve times dearer, twelve hours
 longer,
 One dream deeper, one night
 stronger,
 One sun surer—thus much more
 Than I loved you, love, before.
 —Bulwer-Lytton.

What branch of the United States Armed Forces features the most glamorous and smartest uniforms for women? I think it is the Navy. I could be wrong, though. Maybe it just seems that way because the Navy girls have the best figures. Incidentally, it has been suggested that if more glamorous uniforms were originated for registered nurses, that would attract more young women to the profession. I doubt that. The only thing that will interest more young women in a nursing career is higher salaries.

Please Note
 Many dentists maintain replanting of teeth is not practical. At St. Mary's hospital, Paddington, England, quite a few patients have had teeth extracted, which are then treated and after that replanted. The results have been reported to be successful. St. Mary's hospital is where Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.

Dangerous Age
 What is the dangerous age for women? Dr. Frederick Barnado once observed, "39 is the dangerous age for women. Either they get middle-age spread because the thyroid gland fails to work or else they go out, buy a new hat, have their hair done and, if they are not otherwise engaged, take on a new lover."

Office Wives
 Office life proceeds more smoothly when the signs of an executive and his secretary are compatible. For example, executives born under Aries (March 21-April 20) should have secretaries born either under Leo (July 24-Aug. 22) or Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22). Young women born under these signs have what it takes to handle an Aries boss. That is extreme patience, broadmindedness, diplomacy, tact, endurance and a sense of humor. Especially endurance and a sense of humor. Or, so say the stargazers.

Asking
 Queries from clients. Q. Is it "Feed a cold and starve a fever" or "Starve a cold and feed a fever?" A. Neither. The original saying is "If you starve a cold you will get a fever." . . . Q. In the original New York stage production of "Rose Marie," who sang "Indian Love Call"? A. Mary Ellis. . . . Q. What is the so-called "Four Browns Diet"? A. The diet you refer to is one which New Englanders maintain is a great aid to long life and good health. It is as follows: beans, brown eggs and brown sugar.

Horses and Women
 The current style of longer skirts has made women better automobile drivers. When featuring the more abbreviated attire they were constantly taking their hands off the wheel and

their eyes off the road to pull their skirts down over their knees. There would be a further improvement in automobile handling by women if they wouldn't wear such tightly fitting girdles and corsets. With looser foundation garments they would have more freedom of movement and could park their cars better.

Almost Confidential

"What is the most beautiful word in the English language?" When asked that Chauncey Depew immediately replied "Home." . . . A traveling man who claims to have been in every town in the United States of over 10,000 population says the most beautiful girls in this country are in Beaumont, Tex.

Forgotten Favorite
 Spumoni ice cream is frequently seen on restaurant menus, but what became of the Neapolitan ice cream? That is an old favorite of mine. Neapolitan, a three-flavored ice cream, should always combine strawberry, vanilla and pistachio; after the colors in the flag of Italy.

OPERATION VETO

Red exploitation hit behind Iron Curtain

MUNICH—In the one-party, one-press police states of Soviet Satellites Europe much of the impetus of opposition must come from the free world. Early in 1954 Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press launched the powerful Operation "Veto" by saturation radio broadcasts and balloon drops. It concentrates on 10 specifically attainable, limited demands for the Czechoslovakian "People's Opposition."

Messages of gratitude from the people and agitated protests from the Communists testify to the tremendous effectiveness of the campaign from the start. You can help keep it up. Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press are privately operated and supported. For maximum effectiveness they must remain that way—speaking the truth freely and unofficially.

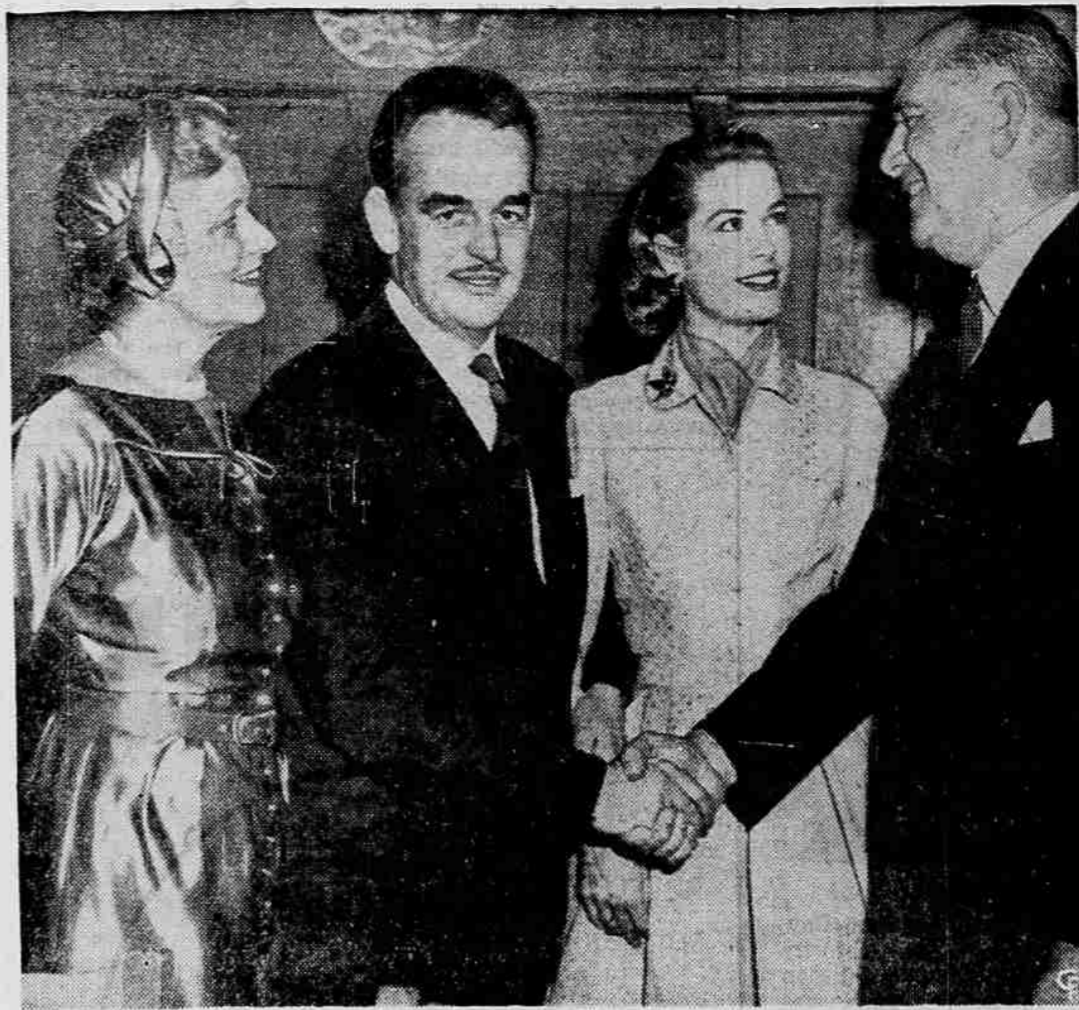
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There are nearly 500 species of humming birds and they are found only in the New World. The U. S. makes an acceptable summer home for about 16 species.

Minnesota fishermen took 2,500,000 pounds of fish from the Lake Superior in 1951.

to Turkey.

The announcement came on the heels of the accreditation of the first Soviet ambassador to Western Germany, Valerian A. Zorin, here Saturday morning.



WARM HANDCLASP is given Monaco's Prince Rainier by John Kelly, Sr., millionaire Philadelphia contractor and onetime bricklayer, whose daughter, Film Star Grace Kelly is to wed prince in April. Mrs. Kelly is at left, next to prince. (International Soundphoto)

4-H Club News

Central Point Clubs
 Central Point Pig club met at the M. L. Frink home Dec. 26. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Frink. We had reports on different breeds of hogs. Next meeting is at the Walter Foote home, Third and Cherry sts. in Central Point, Jan. 23. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Frink.

Central Point Dairy club held a meeting Jan. 2 at the Walter Foote home in Central Point. President John Anhorn called the meeting to order. We had more discussion on demonstrations and David Foote and Jim Frink had a demonstration on safety.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6 at the M. L. Frink home when Willie Debrick and Todd Caster will put on a demonstration. The meeting was adjourned and after an interesting game, refreshments were served by Mrs. Foote.

Russell and Jim Frink,

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Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 137,128,687.41
United States Government Obligations, Direct and Fully Guaranteed	230,125,152.27
Obligations of United States Government Agencies	12,917,746.51
State, County and Municipal Bonds and Warrants	83,354,164.54
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500,000.00
Loans and Discounts	420,674,522.65
Of this total \$88,959,106.74 is wholly guaranteed or insured by the United States Government or its agencies.	
Accrued Interest Receivable	3,587,018.98
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults	10,306,316.09
Customers' Liability on Accounts of Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Endorsed Bills	2,954,855.38
Other Resources	886,581.27
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 903,435,045.10

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 20,000,000.00
Surplus	30,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,074,619.77
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$ 64,074,619.77
Reserve for Possible Loan Losses	3,981,980.95
This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future; it has not been allocated to any particular loans or type of loans.	
Deposits: Demand 506,845,481.80	821,125,576.01
Savings and Time 314,280,094.21	
Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor, Endorser or Maker of Acceptances and Foreign Bills	2,954,855.38
Interest Received in Advance	5,843,039.94
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, Dividends, etc.	4,972,192.07
Other Liabilities	482,780.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 903,435,045.10

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