

Census Bureau Debates Including Question Of Religion In Poll

By LOUIS CASSELS
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Washington—Would you be offended if a census taker asked "What is your religion?"

The Census Bureau is debating whether to include that question on the forms that will be used by its 200,000 enumerators when they call at every home in America in 1960.

Dr. Conrad Taeuber, assistant director of the bureau, said "vigorous discussions" are still underway within the bureau staff, and "no final decision has been reached."

He said some census officials feel strongly that the bureau should collect factual data on the religious affiliations of Americans, while others are con-

vinced that "it would be a bad mistake."

One problem that has particularly concerned census officials, he said, is how the average American is likely to react to a question about his religion. No such question has ever been asked in a nationwide census.

Orders Trial Runs

To sound out public sentiment, the Census Bureau ordered two "trial runs" of the religion question. One was conducted last fall in four Wisconsin counties. The other test was held this spring, and involved a random sample of about 35,000 Americans in all parts of the country.

In both tests, Taeuber said, the census-takers found "very few" people who protested the question or seemed reluctant to answer it.

The main argument for including the question in the 1960 census is that it would provide, for the first time, reliable official figures on the size and distribution of various religious groups. Present statistics on church membership are notoriously inadequate. In many cases, they are little more than estimates by denominational officials.

It is significant that among those urging the Census Bureau to include the religion question are two men who probably know more about church statistics than anyone else in America. They are Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the Protestant-sponsored Yearbook of American Churches, and Thomas B. Kennedy, editor of the Official Catholic Directory.

Accurate Figures Valuable

Accurate census figures on America's religious population would be of obvious benefit to religious bodies in determining their areas of strength and weakness, and in planning the location of new churches.

But Taeuber said many groups besides churches have asked the Census Bureau to collect religious statistics. Among them, he said, are governmental planning agencies responsible for lo-

calation of schools and hospitals; social welfare groups; housing agencies; and business firms whose markets are affected by religious holidays or dietary customs.

Opposition to the "what is your religion?" question has been registered by the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Jewish Congress.

The Civil Liberties Union, which previously had endorsed the question, did an about-face early this month. It asserted in a letter to Census Bureau Director Robert W. Burgess that it would violate the First Amendment to the Constitution "to ask anyone questions about religion or membership in a religious body."

Cites Amendment

The First Amendment says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The American Jewish Congress pointed out in its protest that refusal to answer official census questions is a federal crime. It said the Supreme Court has "expressly and repeatedly held that under the First Amendment, the government has no power to compel any person to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion."

Burgess said he has referred these complaints to government legal experts for a ruling. He said his own reaction, as a non-lawyer, is that there is no constitutional problem if purely factual information is sought, and the question is properly worded.

Paul Blanshard, author of several books on church-state relations, and the Christian Century Magazine have suggested that the Census Bureau eliminate any hint of compulsion, giving each person his choice whether to answer the question about his religion.

Census officials said it might be necessary to ask Congress for special legislation to put a census question on a voluntary basis.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL Several Visitors in News

By EVALYN P. WATSON
Shady Cove-Trail — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanderson of Trail entertained at their home with a potluck dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Loper and children, Dennis, Danny and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barlow and children, Sheryl and Kitty; Mr. and Mrs. Rod Perry and children, Larry and Debbie; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Cuddy and children, Patty, David and Marilou; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hawkins and children, Elvin, Duane, Donna and Patricia, all of Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carlton and children, Jacque and Lorraine, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Campbell of Elk creek, Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas and family of Salinas, Calif., are visiting John Peterson of Shady Cove.

Mrs. Claude Hunt of Shady Cove spent several days in Medford visiting her grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Durbin.

in Seattle on a three-day pass. The Trusty's have had their grandchildren, Paul and Philip Trusty, spending a week with them at the home on Elk Creek.

Mrs. Dale Sawyers, president of St. Martin's Guild of Shady Cove-Trail, announced that Episcopal church services at the schoolhouse in Shady Cove will be at 9 a.m. Sunday. This Sunday will be Communion Sunday. The Rev. Bruce McHenry of Oklahoma is the new pastor and with his family is now living in Prospect. He will conduct his first service in Shady Cove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sohler of Mountain View, Calif., have been house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Del Logan of Shady Cove.

The Elk-Trail PTA will hold their first meeting of the new school year Tuesday, Aug. 27, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Ragsdale of Trail. Plans for events for the coming year will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Worock and daughter of Mesa, Ariz., have been visiting Mrs. Worock's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waltz of Shady Cove.

Mrs. J. O. Rorie, visiting evangelist, attended the WMC meeting Aug. 20 at the Assembly of God church in Shady Cove. She talked on her work in the organization. Mrs. Rorie will lead revival services here nightly for 10 days beginning Thursday, Aug. 21, starting at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of Monday, Aug. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayse of Tulsa, Okla., have been visiting Mrs. Mayse's cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Oliver of Trail.

The Oliver's also have their daughter, Mrs. Robert Francis of Washington, D.C., visiting them for a month.

Billy Eastin of Trail was the honor guest at a birthday party on his ninth birthday. Present

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were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Eastin; grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Eastin; and grandfather, William Miller, of Trail. Also present were out-of-town guests, Robert and Nancy Weiss and Gregg Turner of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Roy Anderson of Trail is planning to leave on a trip to La Moure, N.D. about Aug. 28. She will accompany her mother, Mrs. Regina Torcher, and brother, George Torcher, of Sacramento on the trip back and they will visit with relatives and friends.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley of Shady Cove have been Mrs. Kelley's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hettlinger and sons, Henry, Leo, Dickie and Marvin of Redding, Calif.

Robert Pope and daughters of Fair Oaks, Calif., have been visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morehead of Trail.

The meeting nights of the Shady Cove Grange 931 have been changed from Wednesdays to the first and third Saturdays of the month. Plans are also under way for a turkey dinner Sept. 22. Booster night for the Grange will be held the third Saturday in October.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frampton of Trail have received word they are great-grandparents with the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman of Portland. The baby weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and has been named Thomas Jr.

Douglas Hubbell of Fort Yates, N.D., spent a week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hubbell of Trail. The Hubbell's also have heard from their daughter and family, Master Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Seltro that they are now settled at Ft. Lewis, Wash. The Seltros are former residents of Trail as Mrs. Seltro and the children lived there while her husband was on overseas duty in Iran.

Mrs. Rose Laun of Covina, Calif., is visiting her sons-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Grow, of Shady Cove.

Evening Mass Set For Vacationers To Be Held Through Sept. 1

Mass for fishermen and vacationers in the Prospect area will be held Aug. 23 and Sept. 1, according to the Rev. Nicholas Deis of Sacred Heart Catholic church, Medford.

The 5 p.m. Sunday Mass was first held June 23 with the mass read by one of the priests from the Medford church. The weekly service has been well attended. Father Deis said, with 85 attending last Sunday. It is held in the Community hall in Prospect.

METHODIST SERVICE

Soloist, Mrs. Milton Snow, will sing, "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say" at the 9:30 and the 11 a.m. services, at the First Methodist Church, Medford. Dr. George G. Roseberry will preach, bringing the sermon: "A Church Genius". The youth choir will sing at the 9:30 service. "Onward Christian Soldiers," tenor solo will be by Everett Stricklin. The chance quartet will sing, "God so Loved the World", at 11 a.m.

SPEAKER

Guest speaker in the Sunday morning worship service at the Pilgrim Holiness church Aug. 18 was David Eaton. A graduate of Medford High school, Mr. Eaton is a student at Western Pilgrim college, El Monte, Cal., where he has finished his freshman year. He is a son of Mrs. Wally Groleau, 310 North Barnburg rd.

TOPICS

Phoenix—The Rev. Perry M. Johnson will speak on "Whose Son is He?" at the 11 a.m. morning worship service of the First Baptist church, Phoenix, Sunday. At the evening worship hour at 7:30 p.m. the topic will be "The Pre-eminent Christ and Human Responsibility."

SUBJECT

"Invincible Unbelief" will be the sermon subject Sunday at the 11 a.m. service of the Ascension Lutheran church. Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the church council will meet at the home of Oscar Larson, 1015 Murray ave.

HOLY COMMUNION

At both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services of Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale, the sacrament of the altar will be administered this Sunday. The sermon by Pastor G. H. Hillerman will be "Judgment Turned Into Salvation."

ASHLAND YOUTH

Ashland — Thirteen senior high school youth from Ashland Methodist church are registered to attend Institute at the Methodist camp at Dead Indian Soda Springs. The Rev. Ross Knotts is director of the camp and Mrs. Knotts will be on the camp staff.

MONTHLY PICNIC

The monthly picnic of the Sams Valley Gospel church will be held following the morning service at the Wyce Surgeon home on Agate road, route 1, box 120, Eagle Point.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

Vacation Bible school at the Central Church of Christ will end this evening with a demonstration program. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. and all parents and friends are invited to attend.

ASHLAND TOPIC

Ashland — "Keeping Your Faith in God's Care" is the sermon topic for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. morning worship services Sunday at Ashland Methodist church. The Rev. Ross Knotts will preach.

INCORPORATED

Articles of incorporation were filed in Salem for the Chapel in the Pines, Ashland. They were signed by Oletha Abbott, Carlton B. Abbott and M. D. Bunnell.

GUEST SPEAKER

Eagle Point — Dr. Howard M. Ferguson will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service at the Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventist church.

TRAINING CLASS

Sunday school teachers' training class will be held Wednesday Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Free Methodist church, 1294 South Peach st.

Newsmen Authorized To Travel In China

Washington — The United States at last has decided to authorize 24 American newsmen to travel to Red China for a six-month experimental basis.

The next question is whether Red China will let the newsmen enter their country.

Because the United States has no diplomatic relations with the Communist Chinese government, it has no hint as to what will be Red China's reaction.

The state department, in a reversal of previous policy, announced Thursday it would immediately authorize 24 American news organizations to send one reporter each to Red China for the six-month trial period. This period is likely to be extended if the newsmen are admitted.

Old China hands in the state department said they could not predict Peiping's reaction to the state department's move.

Year in Decision

The United States took a year to make up its mind to let the limited number of newsmen travel to the China mainland which fell under Red control in 1949. Therefore, there was some speculation the Red regime might follow the American pattern and take its time in giving an answer.

The Chinese Communists last August offered to lift their seven-year ban on U.S. reporters to admit a selected group for a visit. Three American newsmen accepted the invitation in December over state department objections. Last week 41 American students accepted a Red Chinese invitation to visit China, despite vigorous American efforts to halt the trip.

Officials said the state department's flat ban against letting Chinese newsmen enter this country might spell trouble.

Others thought the Communists might forget about reciprocity and let the Americans in quickly.

Agencies Authorized

Agencies authorized by the state department to send a reporter are the United Press, American Broadcasting Co., Associated Press, Baltimore Sun, Chicago Daily News, Chicago Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, Columbia Broadcasting System, Copley News Service, Fairchild Publications, Inc., International News Service, McGraw-Hill News Service, Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Mutual Broadcasting System, National Broadcasting Co., Newspaper Enterprise Associates Service, Inc., Newsweek, New York Herald Tribune, The New York Times, Reader's Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, Time, Inc., and U.S. News and World Report.

Grant County Court Agrees to Meeting

Canyon City — Grant county court agreed Thursday to enter into a conciliation meeting with employees of the Grant county road department. It also agreed to have a special state conciliator appointed to look into the facts behind the labor dispute.

Employees have been asking for a shorter work week with no reduction in pay and one week's paid vacation plus accumulated sick leave of one day per month.

Grant county court has offered to reduce the work week from the present 55 hours to 50 and offered seven paid holidays plus two weeks paid vacation.

The offer was turned down on the basis that it did not raise the hourly pay scale.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Walls and Mrs. Wall's mother, Mrs. Violet Ditsworth, formerly of Green Meadows ranch, Prospect, spent a week recently at Diamond lake.

Newcomers to Shady Cove are Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton of Astoria, who have purchased a home from Mrs. Alma Lindquist next to the Don Harmon's residence.

Mrs. Alberta Hughes of Trail, mother of Mrs. Walt Messer, also of Trail, has returned from a vacation trip to Santa Barbara, Calif., where she visited her sister, and in San Luis Obispo she visited her son, James Hughes, and her son, Albert Hughes, in Los Angeles.

Millie Haynie of Morgan Hill, Calif., former resident of Shady Cove, is spending a few days visiting her friend Phyllis Briggs of Shady Cove, and friends in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Kimbrough of Monrovia, Calif., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Shady Cove.

Mrs. John Dickenson of Shady Cove is confined to Sacred Heart hospital following major surgery. Mrs. Dickenson under went surgery there a short time ago. She is taking care of John Dickenson's girl while Mrs. Dickenson is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lindow and family of Klamath Falls spent Wednesday visiting Mrs. Leona Hinkle of Trail.

Ruth Ann Harmon of Crescent City is visiting Carol Scott of Trail. They are attending the Senior Bible camp at Lake of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Trust of Elk creek, Trail, made a trip to Klamath Falls over the week end where they attended a birthday dinner for their son, W. R. Trusty. Their grandson, Billy Trusty, was home from the Navy

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