

Kennedy Attempts to End Religion Issue

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Los Angeles—(UPI)—In his speech accepting the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. John F. Kennedy did two things to reassure Protestants who entertain misgivings about a Catholic for president.

First, he pledged himself unequivocally "to reject any kind of religious pressure or obligation that might directly or indirectly interfere with my conduct of the presidency in the national interest."

Second, he quoted scripture including a passage from the Old Testament both of Isaiah that is particularly dear to

the hearts of Evangelical Protestants.

By displaying a familiarity with the Bible, Kennedy probably surprised and pleased some Protestants. Part of the folklore of American Protestantism is a notion that Catholics never read the Bible.

While Protestants and others also will applaud Kennedy's pledge to resist "religious pressure," he may incur some criticism from members of his own church for the way he phrased it.

Several Catholics at this convention remarked, after hearing the speech, that it would be easy to draw an inference that Kennedy expected an attempt by the Catholic hierarchy to bring "pressure" on him.

A close reading of Kennedy's text shows no actual implication that he anticipates any ecclesiastical pressures.

But American Catholics have become sensitive about Kennedy's efforts to ally Protestant suspicions. In March, 1959, Kennedy drew a chorus of rebukes from the Catholic press for stating in a Look Magazine interview:

"Whatever one's religion in his private life may be, for the officeholder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all its parts—including the First Amendment and the strict separation of church and state."

Catholic publications said Kennedy seemed to be sending over backwards to "appease bigots." Some Protestant clergymen joined them in deploring Kennedy's suggestion that a President's religious convictions are irrelevant to the great decisions a President must make.

Safety of Green Is Confirmed

A letter and a telephone call during the week end have confirmed the safety of Lee A. Green, a teacher in a mission primary school in the Congo area, Africa, according to his mother, Mrs. W. L. Green, Medford.

She reported that Saturday evening she received a long distance telephone call from a Mrs. Adeline in Pennsylvania. She, also believed to be associated with missionary work, had reportedly seen and talked with Green while on a trip to the Congo about a week ago. She added that the local man had taken his family to another area called Ruanda, northeast of the Congo.

A special-delivery letter Saturday night further confirmed her son's security. The letter, dated July 4, was written by Mrs. Green's son, but mailed by Henry Sonneveld in the United States. Sonneveld, president of the missionary board in Chicago, Ill., had talked to Green several days earlier, and offered to mail his letter after his return home.

According to the letter from Green, no mail was being dispatched since planes were being loaded with passengers to be evacuated. As of earlier this month, however, he wrote that they were "all fine" and they were to stay at the other locality until things quieted down.

Bodies of Lightning Victims Discovered

Boulder, Colo. — (UPI) — The body of a Colorado university graduate student was found today, a few hours after his wife and a companion were found dead near the summit of South Arapahoe peak, apparently the victims of a lightning bolt.

A rescue party with pack-horses set out to bring the three bodies down from the 13,500-foot mountain, on the Continental Divide 35 miles west of here.

The victims were David Knox Cowperwaite, 22, his wife, Karen, 19 and Richard Raymond, 21, Denver, a summer school student at the university.

JIMMY BOYD TO WED
Hollywood — (UPI) — Actress Yvonne Craig and singer Jimmy Boyd, who became an overnight sensation at the age of 11 with "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," plan to wed.

Quotes From the News

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United Nations—U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, replying to Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa's request for assurance that the United States has no aggressive intent against Cuba:
"Unnecessary though it most certainly seems to me, let me here and now give him that assurance, heaped up and overflowing . . ."

Aston Rowant, England—The son of British radar pioneer Sir Raymond Hart, telling how his father was killed when he picked up the live end of an electrical connection while barefooted:
"It was the sort of mistake even a chap who could not change a fuse would be unlikely to make."

Fort Worth, Tex.—Judge J. C. Duvall dismissing assault charges brought by Mrs. Betty Hanshaw against her husband:
"I am not going to let a big woman like you prosecute a little man like your husband for slapping her."

St. Paul, Minn.—Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, who escaped unhurt when the Milwaukee Road Hiawatha crashed into a semi-trailer truck, derailling 12 cars and injuring at least 33 persons:
"The Lord took care of me."

Utah Mother, Son Killed in Crash

Haines, Ore. — (UPI) — A two-car, head-on collision took the lives of a young Salt Lake City, Utah, mother and her eight-month-old son three miles southeast of here Monday.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Luann Virginia Shimmion, 20.

Driver of the vehicle in which the woman and boy were riding was Patrick Alan Shimmion, 19, husband of the dead woman.

Medford Girl Signs For Show at Dunes

Las Vegas, Nev. — Margaret Ann McCoy, daughter of Mrs. Louise A. McCoy, 804 East Main st., Medford, has recently signed a \$15,000-a-year contract with the Dunes hotel here, it was reported today.

A 1959 graduate of Medford High school, Miss McCoy is to appear with the Diana Dors show, and beginning Aug. 5 will participate on the Frankie Lane show.

She reportedly turned down another offer to appear on a show in Rome, Italy. While with the Dunes, she will sing and dance on the show.

Insanity Plea Entered by Accused Killer

Salem — (UPI) — James Bird Borden pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to a first degree murder charge in Marion county circuit court here Monday.

Circuit Judge George R. Duncan held over until today a decision on a request by Borden's court-appointed attorney for a speedy trial.

Borden, a 35-year-old parolee from the Oregon State hospital, was accused of strangling his girl friend, Maxine Spratt, because she changed her mind about their proposed marriage.

Since the slaying nine days ago, Borden has been confined at the state hospital in the ward for the criminally insane.

TO ENTER POLITICS

Athens, Greece — (UPI) — Gen. George Grivas, the former Greek-Cypriot underground leader, announced Monday night that he will enter Greek politics. The Greek-born soldier who led the EOKA underground army during the four years of the Cypriot independence war against Britain said he intends to form a "new national political movement" to achieve a political change for Greece.

TIBBETT SERVICES HELD Riverside Church for baritone New York — (UPI) — Memorial services were held Monday at Lawrence Tibbett who died Friday at the age of 63.

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GOP CHAIRMAN—Republican National Chairman Sen. Thorton B. Morton of Kentucky, now in Chicago for next week's party convention, has attacked several phases of the recent Democratic convention during the past few days. He referred to the Kennedy-Johnson ticket as the "most incompatible in the history of either party." Morton is shown at a press conference shortly after arriving in Chicago. (UPI Telephoto)

Father Opposes Bible Readings, Prayers in School

Miami — (UPI) — Agnostic Harlow Chamberlain, testifying in a lawsuit attacking religious practices in Dade county public schools, said Monday a teacher's talk "about angels and the devil" disturbed his 7-year-old daughter emotionally.

Chamberlain is one of five persons who have brought suit in circuit court to halt such practices as reading the Bible, reciting the Lord's Prayer, and singing hymns in the public schools.

Whether children are compelled to take part in such activities is expected to be a key issue in the trial, which opened Monday and is expected to last one week.

Father of Three
Chamberlain, father of two daughters and a son, said his children would be "set apart" from other pupils if they were to ask to be excused from the observances.

In the schools, Chamberlain said, "I object to the Bible being read; I object to the Lord's Prayer; I object to the prayers before lunch and in short, I object to everything I have had included in my complaint."

Courtroom Packed
The courtroom overflowed with a group of Bible-carrying boys from a local Baptist church among the estimated 200 persons finding space inside. Outside another 100 were unable to get seats. Bailiff Frank Gottwald followed a policy of admitting one person any time someone inside left.

Outside the courtroom, 30 young people at Shandoah Presbyterian church announced the beginning of a 24-hour-a-day "prayer vigil" for the duration of the trial.

Hefty Wife, Little Hubby; Case Closed

Fort Worth, Tex. — (UPI) — County Criminal Judge J. C. Duvall is a firm believer in prosecution but not persecution.

That's what Mrs. Betty Hanshaw, who weighs over 200 pounds, found out Monday when she brought her husband before the judge charging that he slapped and bit her.

Benjamin Hanshaw, 43, a carpenter, looked like he weighs about 135. His wife waits on tables in a restaurant that advertises it has the huskiest waitresses in the world.

"Do you mean your husband actually slapped you?" Duvall asked.

"I was lying down, judge," Mrs. Hanshaw said. "It wouldn't have happened if I had been on my feet."

"Well, you are on your feet now and I am not going to let a big woman like you prosecute a little man like your husband for slapping her," Duvall said. "Case dismissed."

Sinatra Asked To Appear on Charge

Los Angeles — (UPI) — A deputy city attorney wants to see Frank Sinatra before determining whether the skinny singer should be charged with assault and battery.

Deputy City Attorney Edward L. Davenport Monday said after a five-hour hearing he would file charges against Sinatra's friend, John Hopkins, as the result of a scuffle May 14 with a Hollywood parking lot attendant.

Sinatra failed to show at the hearing, and Davenport said he would have to make his decision on evidence now available if the singer did not appear soon.

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