

Troubled Voter Sure To Be Faced by Religion in Campaign

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington—(UPI)—The relationship of Sen. John F. Kennedy's religion to the 1960 presidential campaign has changed importantly in recent weeks, and for the worse.

The question posed immediately upon Kennedy's nomination by the Democratic national convention was this: Will Kennedy's religion become a significant issue in the presidential campaign?

Events have answered that question aggressively and in the affirmative.

The question now posed is: Will the issue of Kennedy's religion continue to build up



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steam in the next eight weeks as it has since the latter part of July? The answer to this second question seems likely, also, to be in the affirmative, and aggressively so.

Protestants Vocal

Both candidates have deplored the injection—past, present and prospective—of religion into this campaign. Elements among the Protestant clergy and laity, however, are thumping the drum at an ever increasing tempo. Persons who acknowledge publicly, as in print, that the issue is here, alive and poisonous, are variously assailed, most often on charges of enhancing the issue by discussing it.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon has been accused of condoning the issue as raised by others while renouncing and deploring it, himself.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE ABORTED CAMPAIGN

Mr. Kennedy has been trying, but as yet without much success, to make the central issue of the campaign the decline of American power and influence in the world. Almost certainly Mr. Nixon is himself worried about this decline. But for the purpose of the campaign he cannot admit that there is a decline, and consequently that there is any issue. For that would reflect on President Eisenhower under whom, it must be said, this country was never so prosperous, never so powerful, never so much respected and beloved.

Mr. Nixon's campaign problem is how to reconcile the claims of our pre-eminence with the facts in Japan, Okinawa, Berlin, Laos, Iran, The Congo, Cuba, and a lot more of Latin America.

The solution adopted is ingenious—if it works. All the troubles in all these places are due to the wicked machinations of the Communists. Against all these machinations we have protested regularly, frequently, solemnly, and softly. The President has protested, Mr. Herter has protested, the voluble press officer of the State department has protested almost every hour on the hour.

We have stood up stoutly to Mr. Khrushchev, and now look at him. He cannot leave Manhattan Island, and there is not a single one of his wicked machinations against which we have not protested. We have a long and splendid record of protest.

YET until he succeeds in raising this issue, which is the supreme issue before the country, the campaign will be frustrated and aborted. There is, as we all know, no great interest in the campaign. Why not? In the last analysis, it seems to me, because the country has not been made to feel that anything very big is at stake.

Kennedy has been trying to say that something very big is at stake and that much that is very important needs to be done. Nixon's answer is that nothing much is wrong, but that he will do all that Kennedy wants to do and that he will do it better. Kennedy is up against the tactics of frustration. They are designed not to clarify and resolve the issues but to fudge them and to smother them.

It will be interesting to see whether in their television meeting Kennedy can achieve a break-through, and can bring about a true debate on the issue of our power and influence in the world.

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Five Hop Kilns Burn at St. Paul

St. Paul, Ore.—(UPI)—Fire destroyed five hop kilns on the A. J. Ray hop farm northwest of here Tuesday afternoon.

The farm manager, Carl Harle, estimated damage in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The kilns in the kiln had been turned off and St. Paul Fire Chief Bernard Brentano said defective wiring apparently caused the blaze. Some 30 bales of hops were lost.

Firemen from St. Paul and Newberg prevented the blaze from spreading to a nearby storage barn.

Cuba Launches Bank Merger Plan

Havana—(UPI)—Ernesto Che Guevara has launched an "immediate action" program apparently designed to merge all of Cuba's banks into a single state-owned institute, it was reported today.

Preliminary efforts to put the Guevara plan into effect touched off heated arguments Tuesday between Communist and non-Communist bank workers, but no violence was reported.

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to the successes achieved by our adversary and to defeats suffered by ourselves. To raise it is to demand hard and stern action to halt the decline and to reverse it. Mr. Kennedy is telling the truth, indeed he is telling the saving truth, but it is unpleasant to be told it.

Best thing for a troubled voter would be to inform himself. The Democratic National Committee has been circulating a memo on the religious issue and, more especially, on Kennedy and his religion.

The troubled voter would be interested in that memo. The committee's address is 1001 Connecticut ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

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Kennedy has been accused of a subtle strategy to keep the issue alive by public reference to it.

More reasonably, it would seem that both candidates are felled by the impact already and the possibility that religion will be the prime issue in some areas on election day. It would be proper and decent to concede that neither candidate desires other than that the religious issue shall sink out of sight.

The Providence, R.I., Journal said in a recent editorial: "The religious issue... is imbedded in the campaign already. Moreover, the evidence suggests that it may become more of an issue as the campaign proceeds, no matter how much its presence is deplored... The religious issue, of course, cuts many ways. It can cause some Catholics to vote Catholic, some Protestants to vote Protestant, and others to vote an opposite way merely to prove their lack of prejudice."

"It is not necessarily an exclusive handicap for Mr. Kennedy. It could turn out to be even more of a handicap to Mr. Nixon."

So, John Kennedy's Roman Catholicism will remain in the news and in the campaign. That cannot be avoided. The Protestant clergy and laity so-minded will continue to make their contribution.

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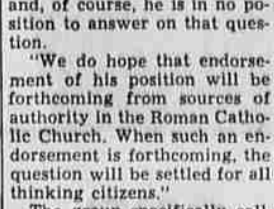
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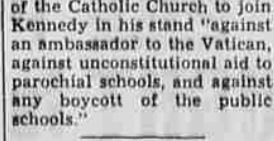
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Vernonia Buildings Burned for Movie Scene

Vernonia—(UPI)—The movie-makers burned up part of the town here Tuesday.

Three one-room shacks, along with an automobile and a pickup truck, were put to a torch in the movie "Ring of Fire."

A movie spokesman said a deserted lumber mill would be burned today if the weather permits.

Crash Victims Buried in Wilds

Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.—(UPI)—The bodies of five persons killed in a plane crash June 15 were buried Tuesday in a crater high above timberline on a peak in the wilderness of the southeastern corner of Yellowstone National Park.

The victims died when their blue and white Cessna 100 crashed during a summer storm. The wreckage was not found until it was seen from the air by a Montana pilot last Friday.

The victims were Jack Ferguson of Longview, Wash., the pilot; the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Thompson of Woodland, Wash., and the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wordsworth of Ridgefield, Wash.

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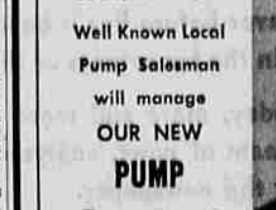
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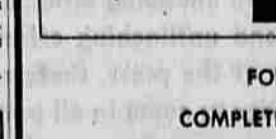
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Crop Injury at The Dalles Found

Corvallis—(UPI)—Indications of some injury to crops has been found at The Dalles from fluorine gases forming from the aluminum factory there, according to an Oregon State College official.

The study was started in 1953, the college said, when it was first announced that an aluminum factory was planned at The Dalles. Leaf samples of seven crops were periodically checked for fluorine content. Fruit samples were also analyzed in 1959. The fluorine content of plant samples has increased with fluorine burn on leaves of apricot and prune trees, especially in 1959, the school said.

Studies have indicated that fluorine is released in the reduction process of aluminum production, according to F. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture at the college.

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Four Persons Hurt In Two Accidents

Four persons were injured in two automobile accidents last night, state police reported.

Carol Lee Brantley, 19, of route 3, box 59B, Medford, suffered minor scratches on her face and head when she lost control of the pickup truck she was driving and it went over a bank along West Vilas rd. and rolled over, state police said.

She was traveling east on West Vilas road west of Table Rock rd. Four corners and pulled around a truck parked on the right shoulder when she lost control of the truck, police said.

About 25 minutes later, at 5:25 p.m., a car driven by Frank Dee Starkey, 28, of 620 Chestnut st., Ashland, went across the Jacksonville highway at the China Gulch rd. intersection and was struck by a car driven by Hallie Mae Parker, of Parker Nursing Home, Applegate.

Hallie Mae Parker was reported in fair condition this morning by Rogue Valley hospital attendants while being treated for possible rib injuries. Her passenger, Charlie Thomas Lester, 93, same address, was also reported in fair condition at the hospital

with possible back injuries. Jack Gale Starkey, 16, of 620 Chestnut st., Ashland, apparently was treated for minor injuries as an outpatient at Rogue Valley hospital.

State police said Starkey was driving south on the Jacksonville highway when he attempted to brake his car to a stop at the intersection. His brakes grabbed, and when applied again the brakes did not work, police said.

State Police Seek Man for Exposure

State police are looking for a man who allegedly exposed himself indecently to two girls late Monday afternoon.

The girls, one nine and the other eight, told their parents they were walking east on Valley View rd. about 8 p.m. when a car stopped and a man went around next to a roadside ditch and exposed himself to the girls. He left when another car approached, police said.

During the Middle Ages and until the Industrial Revolution in England, work from sunrise to sunset was customary.

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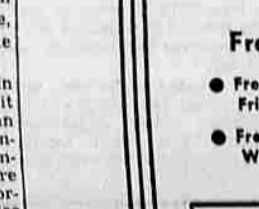
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Now that the children are back in school, take a holiday from household drudgeries and enjoy the relaxation of bowling on our modern, well-kept lanes. Bowling helps you to look better and feel better, while adding a fascinating new interest to your life.

Free Class Instructions For Beginners!

- Free classes for beginners every Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10 a.m.
- Free instruction clinic for advanced bowlers every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Attention Junior Bowlers!

All Junior Bowlers Come In and Register Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.

This applies to all bantam bowlers, ages 8 to 12, and junior and senior bowlers, ages 13 thru 18.

Medford Bowling Lanes

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Jacqueline Kennedy

What Kind of First Lady Would She Be?

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Mrs. John F. Kennedy, who may be the Nation's next first lady, is known to the public as "Jackie"—But not to her friends.

The public's image of this shy, studious, and beautiful woman differs in many ways from the real Mrs. Kennedy, the society girl who had to fight for independence, poise and self-confidence despite all her wealth...

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