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Church and President

President Kennedy has now come into head-on collision with the American hierarchy of his church over the question of aid to education. At his news conference last week he reiterated his opposition to granting such aid to parochial elementary and secondary schools.

THE President was right when he pointed out that "the Constitution clearly prohibits aid to parochial schools—I don't think there's any doubt of that."

This was a 5-to-4 decision in which a narrow majority upheld the use of state funds for bus transportation of parochial school students.

Four justices vigorously disagreed about bus transportation. But a unanimous court stood behind Justice Black's opinion that any public aid to religious schools as such would be definitely unconstitutional.

JUSTICE Black interpreted the "establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment to mean, among other things, that "no tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion."

The First Amendment, he added, "has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve the slightest breach."

IS THERE any question that a parochial school is a religious institution, in which religious activities take place? There may be some question about a church-operated college or university, where the primary object is general education rather than the inculcation of particular religious beliefs.

No tax can be levied, said the Court, for the support of such a school—which, if it means anything, means support by grants or support by loans.

Conceivably the Court could change its interpretation of the First Amendment. But that is most unlikely because this interpretation accords with the whole history of the constitutional doctrine of church-state separation.

It also accords with sound public policy, for to tax one man for the support of another man's religion is unfair, undemocratic, and a sure source of social mischief.

THE President is right. In taking this stand he is making good on his campaign pledges and deserves the fullest public support. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is entitled, of course, to urge before Congress its own views on aid-to-education legislation.

But it will be making a serious error if it tries to destroy the President's program because its own views are not followed. We hope the cardinals and bishops will think better of a policy which seems to say "public funds for our schools or for none."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Teaching Machine

Readers of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" and George Orwell's "1984" will be immediately suspicious of the automated branch of learning known as "teaching machines."

These devices present written or pictorial subject matter to a student and then immediately question him on what he has just learned. Skeptics will do well to hold their tongues, however, because most educators are convinced the teaching machine represents the wave of the future.

WHAT becomes of teacher? According to the educators, the classroom teacher will be freed "from some of the drudgery of teaching facts and skills," and can devote her hours to "helping all students acquire the abilities to solve problems, think critically, appreciate art and literature, and develop their creative and inventive talents."

Of course, there is some danger that the student will become too dependent on the machine and less able to cope with the "inefficient presentations of lectures, films and real life."

A word of reassurance. Most students in one experimental program reported that they acquired more knowledge from the machine in less time with less effort than by conventional means.

But it may be some years before the use of the teaching machine is widespread. One expert in the field of automated teaching recently advised school boards against the purchase of teaching machines until the devices overcome present limitations.—E.R.R.

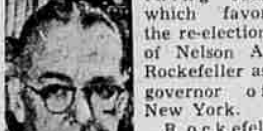
Dennis the Menace



*I THINK I'LL SWITCH TO COFFEE, MR. WILSON DRINKS MILK AN' HE'S GOT A ULCER!

Kennedy Trying To Patch Demo Party Feud in New York To Defeat Rockefeller

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington (UPI)—President Kennedy is making a bold try to shorten the sure thing odds which favor the re-election of Nelson A. Rockefeller as governor of New York.



Rockefeller's re-election project is favored by feuding with the Democratic Party in New York City and state. Kennedy is making a power play to calm the party ruckus. The President generally is acclaimed as a master politician, a graduate cum laude of the rough school of Boston politics.

The Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) left wing choice of a nominee to run in that year for senator, Tammany forced the nomination of its own favorite, who was licked.

DeSapio Ouster Sought Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and Thomas K. Finletter, who served in the Truman administration, are trying now to oust DeSapio on charges of bossism.

More importantly, however, DeSapio has offended the President politically. Kennedy has intervened to oust DeSapio from party office.

He is using patronage and persuasion. From Patronage, DeSapio is out of County. DeSapio is out of County.

He will need a master's sure touch to resolve the New York situation.

This situation began to develop in 1950 when Tammany boss Carmine DeSapio vetoed

less they boot out Pendergast. It is unusual for a President to intervene so aggressively in a state political situation in any state other than his own.

FDR was not always bound by that. He barged into several states in the second year of his second term.

Although Roosevelt also was counted a master politician, his various interventions in the late 1930s did not pay off. He sought primary defeat of Democratic senators in Georgia, South Carolina and Maryland and failed in each.

Precedent Not Good The precedents are not good, therefore, for Kennedy's intervention in New York. But he probably is a better politician than was FDR.

However that may be, the young President is moving fast to improve the Democratic Party situation in New York before the party must contend again with Rockefeller, who will be up for re-election next year.

Rockefeller properly is counted now as an active candidate for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination. His candidacy needs the muscle which would be provided by his re-election as governor next year.

If Rockefeller were defeated next year, he would be finished for 1964. If barely re-elected governor he would remain among the possibilities but not among the probabilities for the Presidential nomination.

If Rockefeller is re-elected next year by a whopping majority, it will be difficult if not impossible to prevent his nomination for president in 1964.

Anything Kennedy may accomplish toward making it more difficult for Rockefeller to be elected in 1962 will somewhat reduce the obstacles against Richard M. Nixon's nomination for president in 1964.

But you shouldn't think Kennedy is planning it that way.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

Taxes and Trips To the Editor: I was looking through the newspaper the other night. I found a picture on one of the back pages of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Underneath she announces to the American people that she is the new chairman of the Communist party in America and that her job is to enlarge party membership as they only have 10,000 members at present.

I think anything so interesting, or should I say insulting to the American public, should rate the front page, or at least the society page.

I'll bet you dollars to doughnuts the Russians never see an American's picture in their paper announcing that they are the head of an American organization in Russia. The only thing they see are pictures of American pilots they have captured.

They say they can't do anything to a Communist until they do something wrong. But it is a well known fact that this party was organized to take over the White House and our entire country. So this is not a crime? How are we going to get rid of this ever-growing menace as long as our present laws protect them? If they are accidentally caught or apply for a government job they get the job and if they do put them in jail the judges turn them loose. The American people have to like it and if they don't, just tell me where they could go for help to combat this menace?

I guess all we can do is go on paying taxes and learn to like such trips. I'll have to pay taxes but I never did care for trips.

Helen B. Townsend Route 1, Box 820 Eagle Point, Ore.

From M-T Reader To the Editor: I have just read the interesting and well-written article by Mrs. John Dellenback on the duties of a secretary in the legislature. Being the husband of a busy secretary I can realize how fortunate I find John is to have her helping him.

I am the clipping bureau for my family and will see that my junior high daughter reads the article. I read only one paper—the Mail Tribune. It covers the news very completely. I believe the masthead says its policy is that of an independent Democrat. We have one of those in our family and I find them very fair.

Veldon J. Diment 213 Portland ave. Medford.

Editor's note: Not "independent Democrat"; just "Independent."

No Need for a Law To the Editor: Why make a law? One tired business man—so tired he couldn't sign his name—wants a law against trading stamps. Why? Every business, with out of state affiliations, drains money out of the state.

If trading stamps are paid for by the buyer—what of it? No one HAS to buy merchandise there they give stamps. This issue hits right at the heart of American freedom. If a man can think up a gimmick to sell his merchandise, if this gimmick is honest and in the open, if he wants to sell this idea to some particular merchant, are we gone so far that we will allow a law to be passed to put these people out of business?

If a man can't make it because people flock to the "trading stamp" stores, he will not be in business long anyway. You know people don't have to buy any place. At least, not yet. Let's everyone write to our state senator and representatives and tell them to keep out of the trading

stamp business. It used to be that when a business saw that its competitor was getting the business, they would hustle around and find some way to get it back. Now, the first thing they think about is a law. Let's make a law and put the competitor out of business.

We already have enough laws. We don't need any about trading stamps. Carroll Powell Box 621 Central Point, Ore.

Library Budget Supported To the Editor: Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter being mailed to the members of the Jackson County Court in support of the budget being submitted by the Library Board of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

I realize of course that this court is under pressure for funds from many worthy groups and causes, but considering the remarkable gains that have been made in such a short time by Mr. Bacon and his staff I am sure all would agree they should receive the fullest support and encouragement.

So believing, I also believe this matter should receive wide and adequate publicity. Lee E. Carson Star Route, Box 80 Prospect, Ore.

Members of the Jackson County Court, Medford, Oregon Gentlemen: This is to respectfully request, may urge, a liberal, even generous, consideration to the budget being submitted by the Library Board for the Public Library of Medford and Jackson Co.

Mr. Omar Bacon, Librarian, and his fine staff are to be congratulated and encouraged for their splendid work in bringing more books to more people than ever before, plus the other fine services they offer in such a friendly, helpful way.

I know of no other public activity, supported by public funds that offers so much to such a wide range of people. All age groups regardless of race, color or creed, the blind, the invalid shut-in, even the totally helpless, may enjoy the benefits of our fine library through the varied services offered, and augmented by The Friends of the Library.

I again respectfully submit, we can ill afford less, we should afford more. Lee E. Carson

Waste in the Navy To the Editor: I was greatly amused by your article on the editorial page of the Oregon Journal in re mail deal. It is so insignificant.

(Editor's note: The Mail Tribune editorial reprinted in the Journal described wasteful practices in mailing publicity releases to newspapers by the Navy's fleet hometown news center.)

When ships of the Navy are brought in for an overhaul or decommissioned—"put in moth balls"—or junked, the amount of supplies, equipment, etc., which are "dumped" instead of being salvaged to be reissued is morally if not actually dishonest. Those who have and are responsible should be "dumped" with this carelessness or inefficiency.

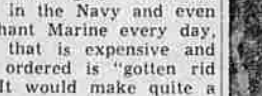
This waste has long merited some honest investigation and not just a white wash. One labor leader said that it was present policy to "make work." Wonder how many ramifications could be uncovered?

Who could you trust to get some of the details? I said

Foreign Notes: Macmillan Due For Trouble; Missile Exercises

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Notes from the foreign news cables:

Trouble Ahead for Macmillan Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is heading for plenty of trouble in the months ahead. He has been under increasing fire from members of his own Conservative party, with the criticism rising against his alleged appeasement policy in Africa. About 90 Conservative members of Par-



liament openly join in this view and they have been centering their loyalty around Lord Salisbury, Macmillan's chief opponent. Now, South Africa's exodus from the commonwealth has added fresh items to Macmillan's troubles. At present, there is no danger to Macmillan's position as party leader. But the growing criticism from his own followers is damaging his prestige.

Nationalist Missiles Nationalist China's missile firing exercises in May and June will give Chiang Kai-shek's government a chance to demonstrate that it is the strongest anti-Communist power in the Far East. The government on Formosa has invited to the show top military figures from the United States, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, South Viet Nam, Thailand, New Zealand and Australia.

Yugoslav Feud A feud is reported building up between Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia similar to the one the Yugoslavs have been carrying on with Red China and neighboring Albania. Iron curtain observers say the growing heat of the feud is reflected in newspapers of both countries. Yugoslavs say Czech leaders are building a hate campaign against their country aimed particularly against the Czech man-in-the-street. Albania and Red China

work this very day, and there is the insecurity of many more that are still hanging on to their jobs in fear of losing them. Think how far this money would go in providing jobs in government-owned industries of various kinds that would be well spent. Or if no better way, just give it to them as charity. But such is this "blessed" system of "capitalism." Stick out your neck again the next time when you have a chance to vote for this same old capitalist system. I never have heard of so many unemployed in Sweden or Russia.

In the meantime take your religion and your church membership to the grocery store to see if they honor it. J. P. Wirth 3022 Butte st. Klamath Falls, Ore.

Youthful Job-Seeker To the Editor: Will you please help me find a job? I am in the third grade and I like to make money to put in my bank to get a hot rod. I sure would like to hear some ideas. Thanks. Rodney Maddox 210 Ash st. Phoenix, Ore.

The Future To the Editor: What will life be like in these United States and in the world, 100 years hence? Scientists are assuring us that the desert will be made to bloom, sea water will be converted to fresh water, rain will be supplied to parched areas on order, winds will be controlled, and the snow and ice around the poles melted to furnish much needed water for the huge population of the world.

It is generally agreed that wars will be but bad memories of the cruel past, that people will live longer because of man's conquest of disease. A world government or strengthened United Nations will be a necessity.

Everything considered, the wisest people of our day are the advocates of birth control. David Frisch, P.O. Box 292 White City, Ore.

Pandora's Box? To the Editor: Well, have a look at the surprising angle emerging from the separation of church and state hassle we're in. For, if the age-old powers of Pres. Kennedy's church force him into betraying the people who elected him to his high office, and partitioning out state-aid monies to parochial schools by straight gift or "long-term" loans, both plainly unconstitutional as Kennedy has stated, take a long hard look at the gate it opens. Freedom for the court-dominated white people of the south to demand their part of state school-aid for their sorely pressed private schools where their children can have the inalienable, God-given right to mingle socially with those of their own race, the way the Great Maker intended it to be, evidenced by all other earth's tribes.

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country's long-run economic productivity. TOO, his short-term "anti-recession" program needed votes in Congress. Not un-

naturally, he did not exactly mute the bad news in his economic analyses. This program, however, is by now moving well, on the whole, through Congress. As to it, the remaining political difficulties are not likely to be too serious.

Every time the general business scene improves, however he may expect more and more resistance in Congress to his long-run economic proposals. When times are good—or, at all events, getting better and approaching the good—Congress is strongly inclined to let things be.

Wherever there is no spur of immediate concern, there is little relief for economic tinkering, good or bad. In such matters, as also on large foreign-policy programs, any administration needs at least a little bit of crisis atmosphere—genuine, that is, no president wants to create a phony crisis.

THE big problem of the Republicans, for their part, is different but no less subtle. How far they have followed Kennedy's policy of modified moderation. They have not offered general or basic resistance to the Kennedy anti-recession measures. When they have criticized or hung back, they have done so more as to details than as to principles.

They, too, however, are now feeling the warmth of the improving business climate. They, too, must now make vital decisions: Is it now time to begin to open up with something approaching all-out opposition to further Kennedy economic plans? Or would such a course endanger both the recovery movement itself and the public's regard for the soundness of Republican economic views?

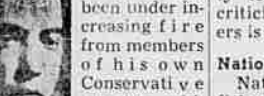
How much can they bet on the enduring strength of this recovery? How far can they go toward a return to more orthodox economic policies of their own without running the risk of seeming altogether too little at home on the new frontiers?

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

RECESSION-END QUALMS Washington—As the third month of the Kennedy administration now opens, there opens also a political phase of singular delicacy and danger as the recession of 1960-61 seems to be lifting into a brighter springtime.



Even the expert hard-heads here now are in fairly firm agreement that the recession has reached at least the beginning of the end. There is no Pollyannaism in this forecast. It is stoutly supported by several undoubted realities: One is the fact that an eight-month-long decline in industrial production came all but to a halt last month.

But if the business prospect is improving toward a point which might even be called good, the political problems for both the Democratic administration and its Republican opposition in Congress are made increasingly tricky by that very fact.

PRESIDENT Kennedy took up from the moment of his inauguration a deliberately reserved—almost a somber—view of the future of the recession. This he did for two reasons. First of all he thought it far wiser to err on the side of caution than on the side of hope. He believed his duty as a national sentinel against economic danger overmastered his privilege to tell his countrymen that everything was going to be better soon.

It was, moreover, an inevitable attitude. The luckless Herbert Hoover's slogan of the late 1920s, that prosperity was just around the corner, has left every national political leader since determined that whatever else he might do, he would never be caught looking through glasses having too much of a rosy tint.

In the second place, Mr. Kennedy realized that these early days of his tenure—the period of political honeymoon—would provide him the best opportunity he ever would have to make certain long-term reforms to improve the

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO March 20, 1951 (Tuesday) Columbia Utilities company, which provides a number of Jackson county communities with telephone service, has applied to the PUC for a rate hike.

The Medford contact office of the U. S. veterans administration will not close as previously announced, it was learned here today.

20 YEARS AGO March 20, 1941 (Thursday) The remodeled and enlarged "Coffee Pot" restaurant on North Riverside ave., will reopen for business tomorrow.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Like pugilistic foes of Heavyweight Champion Joe (Brown Bomber) Louis, after they have been scientifically flattened, Italy demands a return battle with Greece, while praying they don't get it."

30 YEARS AGO March 20, 1931 (Friday) The third prize winner in the Mail Tribune subscription contest, which had an automobile as first prize, has filed suit claiming that the first and second prize winners collaborated in getting subscriptions.

The Jacksonville school election has been postponed for two weeks, due to technical flaws in election notices; the election will determine whether high school students shall be sent to Medford schools.

40 YEARS AGO March 20, 1921 (Sunday) There is little hope the city can raise the necessary funds to purchase several acres of downtown property for park and auto camp purposes.

50 YEARS AGO March 20, 1911 (Monday) Eagle Point voters have defeated a local option prohibition law by a vote of 30 to 27. Governor Oswald West was in the valley during the week end and announced he will order a study to provide fish escapement at Ament dam here.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. What was the motto of the Three Musketeers?

2. Where did Solomon build his Temple?

3. Was Ellis Parker Butler an American dramatist, actor or humorist?

4. In what year was the Authorized Version of the Bible published?

5. What is another name for tetanus?

6. All of the sons of Pres. F. D. Roosevelt served in some branch of the armed forces during WW II; true or false?

7. To what geographical area does the term "down under" refer?

8. Who was the supreme commander of European Allied invasion forces in WW II?

9. Name the South American country that declared war on Germany in both World Wars.

10. A restaurant meal, with a set menu, is called T—d—? Answers: 1. "All for one and one for all." 2. Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem. 3. Humorist. 4. 1611. 5. Lockjaw. 6. True. 7. Australia and New Zealand. 8. General Eisenhower. 9. Brazil. 10. Table d'hote.