

Catholic Editor Discusses Influence Of The Church

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How much political influence does the Catholic Church exercise over its members?

That question will come up in a great many private conversations during the next few months. It lies at the heart of the religious issue that has been raised in connection with Sen. John F. Kennedy's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Since the discussion is inevitable, many thoughtful Catholics as well as non-Catholics believe it should be brought into the open now, with the facts laid on the table as objectively and fairly as possible.

The distinguished Catholic editor John Cogley points out in Commonweal magazine that the facts can be obscured by two kinds of extremism.

One is that of the religious bigot who depicts all Catholics as puppets on strings pulled by the Vatican.

The other is that of well-meaning people who are "so imbued with the spirit of good will and tolerance" that they deny any difference between Protestant and Catholic attitudes toward the authority of the church.

There is a difference, says Cogley, and it is an "important" one: "Unlike the Protestant, the Catholic believes that the church is a visible body, hierarchically organized, which speaks with God-given authority on questions of faith and morals."

In other words, a Catholic, if he is true to his faith, regards his church as a divinely-established institution which has been endowed with infallible teaching authority in certain realms. A Protestant may subject any teaching of his church to the test of private conscience, accepting or rejecting it as he sees fit. But a Catholic who asserted such a broad right would be guilty of very grave sin in the eyes of his church.

Cogley notes, however, that the areas in which the Catholic Church speaks to its members with infallible authority are "very clearly defined." They are the areas of "faith and morals."

In applying the church's basic moral teachings to specific problems, Catholics can and often do disagree. Even when high prelates of the church have expressed forceful opinions on political issues, a Catholic office holder may continue to hold opposite views. This was demonstrated recently when the Catholic premier of Italy publicly took issue with Pope John XXIII, on the need for limitations on press freedom.

What all this comes down to is that a Catholic, while bound in principle to obey the moral teachings of his church, is free in practice to exercise a considerable degree of private judgment in deciding which moral teachings are applicable, and exactly how they apply, to specific public problems.

Or, as Cogley puts it, "the individual Catholic's conscience is formed by the teachings of his church" but his decisions on "concrete problems" are "not easily predictable."

It is pertinent in this connection to observe that individual Catholics may vary widely in their responsiveness to guidance by church authorities. Some—for example, members of religious orders—readily accept a very high degree of ecclesiastical discipline over their attitudes and actions. At the other extreme are nominal Catholics who ignore the teachings of the church even in areas—such as attendance at Mass and birth control—where it has been spelled out most explicitly.

The Catholic church has no monopoly on this phenomenon. It exists in every denomination. There are, for example, Quakers who ardently uphold their fellowship's traditional pacifism. And there are Quakers like Vice President Richard M. Nixon who do not subscribe to pacifism at all.

There is, in short, no pat formula for determining how much influence any church can exert over any one of its members. It all depends on the circumstances—and the man.

Senator Kennedy expressed his personal view of the matter in a Look magazine interview last year. He said:

"Whatever one's religion in his private life may be, for the office holder 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."



THEIR SHINING HOUR—As a microphone overhead picks up the sound, movie producer Michael Todd Jr. got an expensive shoe shine on a set in Hollywood. Requiring a shoe shine sound effect for his forthcoming Smell-O-Vision movie, "Scent of Mystery," Todd auditioned bootblacks. Leroy Daniel (left) and Henry Carrier proved to be the best cloth snappers and each got \$100 for the job.



Vern Owens To Preside Over League

New president of Cal-Ore Electrical League is Vern Owens, owner and operator of Cascade Home Furnishings, Klamath Falls. He was elected at the league's annual meeting last week and succeeds Dick Finch of Medford, of the Home Appliance Company's chain of retail stores.

THE LEAGUE, formed about two years ago, now has a membership of approximately 96 per cent of the electrical appliance and electronics dealers, distributors and retailers in the area.

"The league serves as a chamber of commerce and Better Business Bureau for the electrical industry in approximately 10 counties of Southern Oregon and Northern California," Owens explains.

"It was organized to promote fraternity and cooperation among all members of the industry, to foster better customer relations and satisfaction and to promote the sale and better use of all electrical and electronic equipment.

"Its purpose, also, is to promote adequate and safe electrical wiring in the home, on the farm, in the store and in industry," Owens stated.

GEORGE WEST, of Umpqua Hardware and Electric Company, Roseburg, was elected as vice president, filling the position occupied by Owens during the last year.

Chairman of the appliance division is Al Classen of Rogue River Hardware and Appliance Company, Grants Pass. Chairman of the electrical contractors' division is Harold Woll, who is associated with a Medford supply house.

Clarence Weaver of Medford was renamed as secretary manager of the group.

A meeting will be held in the near future to set the advertising budget for 1960, Owens said. The Medford office of William Dawkins and Associates will continue to handle the newspaper, radio and television advertising.

Gunman Identified

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A gunman walked into a grocery store here Thursday.

The proprietor, Anna Claycik, said: "Oh, I've seen you here before!" The gunman turned and fled.

Fireman Innocent

DETROIT (AP)—A second suburban Royal Oak Township fireman has been found innocent of charges that he kept funds collected in a Christmas charity drive for needy children.

Fire Sgt. James Anderson was found innocent Thursday night by a jury. He was one of 12 men, including several township fire and policemen, accused of larceny by conversion.

At earlier trials, Capt. William Ware, township police chief, was found guilty, but Fire Chief Sam Mitchell was found innocent. All of the police and firemen were suspended permanently by the township board.

State Police said they gave marked money to the 12 men Dec. 14. They said only a few dollars of the marked money was turned in when the charity drive was over.

Trap Observed By Tulsa Officer

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Police Commissioner Robert Mawhinney tells this one:

An unidentified Tulsa police officer was about to start his motorcycle. He reached for a traffic violation ticket which was resting on one handlebar. Just in the nick of time he spotted something camouflaged under the ticket—a rat trap, set to snap on his hand.

NO DOG'S LIFE FOR THEM

Atlanta (UPI)—The Atlanta police force has promoted its seven sentry dogs. Police Chief Herbert Jenkins said today he has ordered a patrol car remodeled so that the dogs can ride instead of accompanying foot patrolmen.

Couple Plagued By Phony Ads

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An anonymous telephone call was made to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Braunstein two days ago. Since then they have been deluged with unwanted flowers, medical supplies, taxis, bread, and even pizza.

Advertisements even appeared in three Pittsburgh newspapers offering the couple's home and car for sale.

After a fire truck appeared at the Braunstein home (there was no fire), police investigated. No officers helped themselves to some "gift" aspirins, saying the report gave them a headache.

DECLARE PORT INFESTED

SINGAPORE (UPI)—The Singapore Ministry of Health Thursday declared the port of Jambi of Sumatra, Indonesia, a smallpox-infested area.

State Solons Cool To Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Platitudes instead of programs," said Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.).

"A very ineffective swan song of a failing and dying administration," said his fellow Oregon Democrat, Sen. Wayne Morse.

Their comments on Thursday's State of the Union address by President Eisenhower contrasted sharply with that of Rep. Thor Tollefson (R-Wash.), who called it "the best of all," Eisenhower's messages.

Rep. Ralph J. Rivers (D-Alaska) took a middle ground.

"It was a very good speech," said Rivers, "except that it does not provide for the necessary expansion of public services, facilities and programs to meet the increasingly pressing requirements of our exploding population."

Added Porter: "The only definite impression I got was that the President would veto any aid to education measures."

WOMEN OPPOSE MICKY

EL CENTRO, Calif. (UPI)—An invitation to ex-gambler Mickey Cohen to speak at the Imperial Valley Press Club Jan. 16 met with opposition today from a local women's civic club. Fifty members of the women's Ten Thousand Club signed a petition protesting the visit here of "that character known as Mickey Cohen."

Labor Chief Raps Batista

HAVANA, (AP)—Cuba's trade union chief says the anti-communism issue is an unwelcome heritage of the Batista dictatorship and has no place within the ranks of the labor movement in revolutionary Cuba.

David Salvador, secretary of the Cuban Confederation of Labor, told a television audience Thursday night that his organization now is "democratic and admits all workers whatever their political thinking."

The Cuban Confederation pulled out of the anti-Communist Inter-American Regional Assn. of Workers last November, charging the association was a tool of "American imperialism."

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