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NCCJ President Sees Danger In Single Interest Litmus Tests

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—The 1984 Presidential Campaign has witnessed the mixing of religion and politics in a new dimension and the question as to its propriety is an on-going issue.

Jacqueline Grennan Wexler, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was warned of the danger in the use of litmus tests on single issues in discussing her assessment of the "negative side" of religion in politics.

She recently joined Richard Outling of Time magazine, Rabbi James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee and Rev. Tim LeHay, an evangelical minister from California here on the Sherry Henry Show (WOR radio) to discuss whether religion was a proper campaign issue.

"I think, it's dangerous for a pluralistic democracy to judge our candidates on single interest litmus tests," Mrs. Wexler declared.

"If as a citizenry we are forced to plumb the depths of who it is we are voting for, whether we are voting for someone who has a reasonable good grasp of total issues and is a reasonably respected person of integrity. That should be the real issue.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with finding out a candidate's position on any issue. But the danger is that in the last two or three decades we have tended to form ourselves into groups and made our decisions or were compelled by others to make decisions on a single issue without putting it into a balance with all of the other kinds of issues on which a candidate decides.

"If you then join that with the official persons of a church, focusing on a single issue and seeming to say that the candidate's absolute, universal agreement with this church on that position is the litmus test on all persons in that faith community ought to decide, that becomes a kind of double jeopardy," she said.

On the question of separation of church and state, specifically the role of a cleric in politics, Mrs. Wexler said that there was no easy right or wrong but cited two examples:

"If a religious leader is involved in a drive to register voters with a spoken or unspoken commitment to get for a single candidate, I think that's clearly over the line, in a negative sense, regarding the division of church and state.

"If however, the religious leader is involved in a registration drive to get people to take their political franchise seriously without any great pressure about which ticket or candidate to vote for, I think that could be seen as a moral persuasion of the church and a right one.

"Whenever a pastor or one in a pastoral role in any religion believes that there is a moral issue, that person has not only the right but the responsibility to speak out on that issue, as many of our leading political figures have said.

"However, they go over the line when they (clergy) overtly or indirectly seem to be saying that you cannot vote for this person because he or she does not pass the litmus test on this single issue," she stated.

Responding to a point asserted by Dr. LeHay that candidates...
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STATE OF NEW YORK JOB TRAINING

The New York State Job Training Partnership Council held a hearing in Rochester on Tuesday, September 25. Those who administrate and participate in federally-funded training programs under the federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) were invited to testify on the impact of the legislation, which in 1982 replaced CETA with new programs stressing private-sector involvement.

The Rochester hearing, which is one of eight being held throughout New York State, was held at the Rochester YWCA, 173 North Clinton Avenue, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Moderator was William A. Johnson, Jr., President of the Urban League of Rochester. Johnson is a member of the state JTPA council and chairman of its Program and Participant Services Committee, which has called the hearing.

Johnson said the purpose of the hearings is "to give program participants, other eligible individuals, members of organized labor, representatives of eligible groups and community-based organizations an opportunity to share their experiences with and opinions of JTPA. The committee’s members are especially interested in hearing about how JTPA has affected decisions regarding participant training programs, supportive services, length of participation and other concerns.

They want to know whether hard-to-serve low income groups are being reached and whether the youth programs are effective.

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Department of Labor - Division of Affirmative Action Programs
The New York Job Training Partnership is interested in identifying available resources for those in need of literacy programs. It is my hope to enlist the cooperation of your organization in compiling information related to the following:

1. What programs do you now have in place and functioning that serve as "literacy programs" for non-speakers of English?
2. Are these programs available only to adults?
3. Are these programs available for both day and evening attendance?
4. What is the approximate number of persons in attendance in these programs as of last semester (and those enrolled for next semester, if available)?
5. What is the sex and ethnicity of participants (for Affirmative Action purposes)?

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy and cooperation in this effort.

Sincerely,
Dorothy E. Chunns
Coordinator
Job Training Partnership Council

FALL CAMPING FOR SENIORS

The YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County and the Regional Council on Aging, are hosting an economical fall "get away" for people over the age of 60. The three day camping vacation, planned for October 17 through 19, will offer traditional camp activities - Arts & Crafts, sing-a-longs, fishing, barbecues and nature study - as well as health education programs, dancing, and plenty of leisure time for relaxation and enjoyment of the natural setting.

Camp Onanda offers some of the best waterfront on Canandaigua Lake, a Glen, and wooded wilderness areas. Camp participants will be housed in Gorham Lodge at YWCA Camp Onanda, located 39 miles south of Rochester on the Western shore of Canandaigua Lake. Gorham Lodge is Onanda's modern dormitory and dining hall facility, equipped with a heated dining room/recreation hall, indoor baths and a second floor dorm. Regrettably the facility is not handicapped accessible.

Membership in RSVP Foster Grandparents or the YWCA is required for participation; a fee of $30.00 per person covers all expenses including meals and activities, lodging and transportation to and from camp from a central location. For a free brochure, complete with registration form, contact the YWCA, 546-5820, or RSVP, 651-3224. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 8, 1984.

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For more information about the MBE Program, please contact: Ronald C. Hopfer, Director of Procurement, City School District, 131 West Broad St., Rochester, NY 14608.
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<td>Martin Luther King, Jr.</td>
<td>Baptist minister, began the Montgomery Bus Boycott that inaugurated the modern civil rights crusade. He organized marches and protests on every aspect of discrimination in America, and won the Nobel Peace Prize. While planning a massive Poor People's March on Washington, he was assassinated in Memphis.</td>
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<td>Harriet Tubman</td>
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<td>From 1955 to 1977: Roy Wilkins served as Executive Director of the NAACP, was instrumental in the passage of every major piece of civil rights legislation enacted during that period, and was a quiet and forceful leader during the tumultuous 60's.</td>
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