

Clark to Rome

AMERICAN protestants are up in arms over the proposal that General Mark Clark be sent to the Vatican as an ambassador representing this country officially instead of just as a personal representative of the President as has been the case since 1939.

These people are dismayed at what they call "a violation of the American Constitution which calls for a separation between the church and state."

Why is it that Europeans are so often much more realistic about things, even our affairs, than the American people? Most of the European people, according to the news reports, think of the move as one of political expediency and with little if any religious significance.

The Vatican can't help but be a storehouse of information from all the countries of the world and it could be extremely advantageous for us to have an ambassador there to gather the information.

The question of why we should have an ambassador there to gather the information instead of just a representative is simple. Even though they be church authorities, the men there are human, and as humans they appreciate recognition, they will be more favorably disposed toward us and perhaps help us even more than they have done in the past.

As for the separation of church and state, does the fact that we have an ambassador to Russia presuppose that Russia will have a hand or say so in the running of our government? The same reasoning would apply to this case. Just because we have an ambassador to the Papal City does not mean that we will now be subject to a church-state.

With people dying all over the world, it would seem that we could, for a while at least, forget that we are Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Moslems, or what have you and try to be just Men fighting for the same decent things that each of us wants for ourselves and our children's children.

Our Great Congressmen

ONCE Representative John E. Rankin of Mississippi has demonstrated his complete ineptness to be a public official in a speech he made on the floor of the House of Representatives on Oct. 9, 1951.

An excerpt from the Congressional Record of Oct. 15 reads, "One of the first real victories of communism in this country was the beastly treatment meted out to the white children in the District of Columbia when the administration wiped out segregation and drove them from their playgrounds and swimming pools."

"One of the most vicious communistic movements ever instituted by any administration was that wiping out segregation in the Armed Forces. It has done more to demoralize our Armed Forces than anything else that has ever been accomplished. It is subjecting our white boys, and especially the ones from the South, to the most beastly treatment ever imposed on white Americans anywhere; . . ."

"What Stalin wants is race riots all over the country, and all this agitation, all these crazy movements to reverse the laws of nature by Executive edicts, orders, and regulations is likely to result in race riots, not only here in the District of Columbia, but throughout the country."

Rankin goes on to say in the concluding paragraphs of his speech that reversal of these policies at the polls is "the only way to get us out of this horrible mess we are in today, and save America for Americans."

It is an indictment against the American people that we allow such men as this to hold a responsible public office. The main reason that such men ever get in office and stay there is because you and I and the Jones down the street are too lazy and indifferent to get out and exercise our rights at the polls.

Luckily for us, we, as a people are beginning to show signs of awakening to the fact that we have to put forth a little effort to make a democracy work or face the consequences of allowing such men to make the laws of our nation.

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'A Few Hundred' Telegrams Critical On Vatican Plan

Washington, Oct. 23—(AP)—The White House said today that "a few hundred" letters and telegrams—most of them critical—had come in since Mr. Truman announced plans for diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Presidential Secretary Joseph Short revealed this information, in response to questions. Other White House sources said it is unlikely that Mr. Truman will give a recess appointment to his choice for the ambassadorship to the Roman Catholic church state, Gen. Mark C. Clark.

A recess appointment, made when Congress is not in session, would permit Clark to begin serving before the Senate acts on whether to confirm his nomination. However, it was said that the prevailing opinion is that Clark could not be given such an appointment unless he retires from the Army.

Mr. Truman nominated Clark for the post Saturday, just before Congress adjourned. The Senate took no action on this, nor on a companion request from the Pentagon that Clark be exempted from a law forbidding Army officers from holding civilian government posts.

The United States has not had diplomatic representation to the Roman Catholic Papal state since 1868—it has never had a full ambassador there—but Presidents Roosevelt and Truman had a personal representative there from 1940 until January this year. He was Myron G. Taylor, an Episcopalian.

Various protestant ministers and organizations today denounced the appointment of Clark on the ground that it was a violation of the American concept of church and state. Catholics generally took the position that it would be in the interests of world peace and welfare.

At Vatican City, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said Clark's nomination "Marks the happy resumption of relations already established under a different form in 1939." This referred to Taylor's appointment that year by Mr. Roosevelt.

How Green Were Their Gills

Basic Freshmen Get ABCs During Early Days Here

By CARL POSEY BATTALION STAFF WRITER

After the fish's upperclassmen had changed from a Sergeant Jeckyll, to a Sergeant Hyde, with a mere twist of the sneer, they, the fish, knew they had joined the ranks of the living dead.

They settled down to that routine which makes them, rather than obnoxiously prompt, fashionably tardy for their first class. And, by this late date, they have learned the A B C's of meeting upperclassmen. In this ritual, the freshman must solicit more information than a Senate investigation committee on a paper work binge.

The freshmen learned about what happens to bad little boys who leave pockets unbuttoned. An upperclassman will ask if the fish in question wants the ram or the button, and when he gets the word, will whip out a sabre, Nicholson file, or blunt instrument and proceed to not only remove the button, but pocket, pants leg, or extremity.

The first yell practice was instrumental in inoculating the freshmen with the Twelfth Man spirit. Sophomores, those kindred souls, helpfully showed the way to more successful yelling, hump-

Cairo, Oct. 23—(AP)—Egypt's prime minister called the British in Egypt "the enemy" tonight and declared, "we are about to bring him to a severe accounting."

Traveling from Alexandria to Cairo and speaking before cheering crowds at each railway station, Prime Minister Mustapha El Nahas Pasha held his audience at Damansour.

"We have studied all possibilities and all aspects of the situation so that we may reach our aim without enabling the enemy and usurper to dominate us.

"The enemy has lost his head and has been overwhelmed with a wave of madness and fear.

"He has thus committed aggressive attacks about which we will not keep silent and we are about to bring him to a severe accounting."

The prime minister's progress through northern Egypt came at the end of a day in which his government took several more setbacks from the British forces in the Suez Canal zone.

British Army tanks tonight seized the Egyptian state railway's workshops just outside Suez, southern terminal of the canal. Egyptian residents of the town feared they soon would be entirely cut off from the rest of Egypt.

Egyptian Interior Minister Foad Serag Ed Din said 20 tanks took the shops and 25 locomotives. An Associated Press dispatch from Port Suez reported 10 tanks were involved.

Serag Ed Din also said a British Military policeman shot an Egyptian

dead and that the policeman said he fired because the Egyptian passed too near a British military camp.

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The railway does not pass through the Port City but goes around it. The city is out-of-bounds to British forces.

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held canal zone has been far below normal since last Monday. Royal Navy men have been put to hard labor on the docks replacing the absentee Egyptian workers.

British troops moved into Aekud railroad station, five miles from Port Suez, today to tighten the check on Egyptian passenger movements and intercept agitators from outside the zone. The Egyptians abandoned the station and train service stopped.

There were new reports of a guerrilla buildup and infiltration movement into the canal zone to harass the British out of Egypt with cut-throat tactics. Such methods might trouble the British considerably in congested canal areas where civilian laborers are numerous and know British ways well.

Egypt continued preparations for general mobilization of troops and industrial manpower.

In the Sudan, a British-appointed constituent commission of Sudanese cabled the United Nations asking urgently for an international commission to take over the government until a decision for the future can be made.

Pro-Egyptian factions, campaigning for union now with Egypt, advised the U.N. by cable to ignore the request. They contended the British had been outlawed in the Sudan, as well as the Suez, by Egypt's breaking her treaties with Britain.

The first ballad of the Cheshire Regiment was identified as already having arrived in the zone.

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Class '31 Plans Reunion Here November 3-4

Final reunion plans have been outlined by Class Agent C. R. Conaway for the 1931 class gathering scheduled to be held on the campus Nov. 3 and 4.

The 20th anniversary reunion of the '31 graduates will get underway at 8 a. m. Nov. 3, with registration in the main lounge of the MSC. At 11 a. m., members of the class may participate in either a golf tournament on the college greens or make a guided tour of the campus on buses provided for that purpose, Conaway said.

From 2 until 5 p. m., the class will gather in the Social Room and the Ballroom of the MSC to listen to the A&M-Arkansas football broadcast. The reunion open house is scheduled to get underway in suites 333 and 334 of the MSC at 6 p. m.

An hour later, the class banquet will be held in the Ballroom, with "special guests and no speeches," Conaway reported.

Dr. Wing Returns From Wildlife Meet

Dr. Leonard Wing, professor of wildlife management, has just returned from a meeting of the American Ornithological Union in Montreal.

He presented a paper on the evolution of the grouse of the world entitled "The Family Relationships of Old and New World Grouse."

Mrs. Wing, who accompanied her husband to the meeting, also presented a paper on "The Musical Elements of Birds' Songs."

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These particular limitations are detailed on page 30 of the current Graduate School bulletin. Not more than 6 hours each of extension courses or resident weekend courses may be accepted. Not more than 8 hours each of research, thesis, special problems or research methods nor more than 12 hours of any combination of these.

Seminar credit is restricted to two hours. Finally, there is a limit of 15 hours on the use of any combination of the courses individually restricted above.

While probably not all of those special courses will appear in any one student's proposed graduate program, care should be taken to watch these regulations and see that they are building a program which can be approved and accepted for the degree sought.

WTAW Program

- 4:00 John Vandercook
4:15 This is Holland
4:30 Brad Steele
4:45 Uncle Remus
5:00 Record Rack
5:25 Party Line
5:35 John Flynn
5:45 Spotlight on Sports
6:00 Sign Off
WEDNESDAY
6:00 Texas Farm & Home
6:15 Uncle John's Jive
6:30 News
7:00 Liberty Jamboree
7:30 News
7:45 Hebrew Christian
8:00 Open House
8:30 Breakfast in Phoenix
9:00 Freedom Is Our Business
9:15 Hollywood Editor
9:30 Polka Time
10:00 Major Lively
10:15 Dan Malloy
10:30 Drifting Playboys
11:00 News
11:15 Country Visitor
11:30 Chuckwagon
12:00 News
12:05 Bryan News
12:15 White House Conference
12:30 News
12:45 Keys to Music
1:00 Platter Party
1:30 Strike Out the Band
2:00 News
2:15 Bandstand
3:00 Advertising in Action
3:30 Carousal
3:45 News
4:00 John Vandercook
4:15 Stars on Parade
4:30 Brad Steele
4:45 Uncle Remus
5:00 Storybook Lady
5:15 Record Rack
5:25 Party Line
5:35 John Flynn
5:45 Spotlight on Sports
6:00 Sign Off

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