

## Seek To Bury Religion As Vote Issue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three Democratic presidential candidates sought today through separate moves to bury the religious issue as a factor in the 1960 campaign.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) took steps to keep the issue of Kennedy's Catholic faith out of the West Virginia primary where they clash May 10.

Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), another avowed presidential candidate, said "this country cannot afford bigotry." He promised he would do everything in his power to eliminate the religious issue from the campaign "by writing and talking about how wrong it is."

Symington, who is not entered in the primary, said voters in West Virginia should choose between Humphrey and Kennedy on the basis of who would make the better president.

**Reasserts Church Views**  
Kennedy reassured his views on the separation of the church and state in a message to Harold Glen Brown, Portland, Ore., minister and president of the Oregon Council of Churches, a Protestant organization.

Humphrey wrote West Virginia Democratic leaders and members of his campaign committee there that the state's Democrats should vote for the man who can best lead the party, "regardless of religion."

After a holiday in Jamaica, Kennedy returned to West Virginia Sunday night for three days of campaigning in preparation for his second contest with Humphrey. Kennedy defeated Humphrey in Wisconsin on April 5.

Not "Front Man"  
Humphrey planned to spend

most of this week campaigning for the May 3 District of Columbia primary, in which he is matched against Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.), and to return to West Virginia early next week.

His letter to West Virginia Democrats said he was running for the presidential nomination on his own and not as a "front man" for anyone else.

There have been reports that supporters of Symington and Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson would support Humphrey in an effort to stop the front-runner Kennedy. Symington also denied he was connected with any such move.

### Four-Inch Snowfall

#### In Midwest Areas

**United Press International**  
An April storm dumped up to four inches of snow on Iowa, Nebraska and the northern Great Lakes during the weekend.

The unseasonable weather knocked out telephones, cut visibility to zero and piled up huge snow drifts.

The snow got so heavy in central Iowa that the Des Moines radio of the highway patrol was put out of commission for nearly two hours. Driving conditions also were hazardous in northern Michigan, where three inches of snow fell during the night.

Thunderstorms accompanied by tornados and hail lashed a wide section south of the snow belt. At least five persons were killed.

Two teen-aged girls and a 21-year-old man were killed early Sunday when their car skidded on a blacktop road near Chester, Ill., in a heavy rainstorm and hit a concrete abutment.

One man was killed near Washington, Iowa, when a tornado raked a highway truck stop, tipping a semi-trailer truck over on a car. Another tornado swirled over Tulsa, Okla., and a 10-year-old boy was killed when lightning accompanying the twister struck his home.

Winds of nearly 50 miles an hour puffed thunderstorms through northern Indiana. Two funnel clouds were seen in the Kokomo area but did not touch ground.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said a cold front bringing the violent weather continued to stir up thunderstorms from New Orleans to northeastern Ohio as it moved eastward.

The forecast for today called for mostly fair weather over a large portion of the nation except for parts of the East.

There are no railroads in Laos.

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Senior Merry Maids



Junior Merry Maids

Officers of the Senior and Junior Monmouth Merry Maids were installed at recent meetings of the 4-H clubs.

Officers of the senior club are Connie Bergman, president; Janet Fuelling, vice president; Janice Franz, secretary; Kay Stevens, treasurer; Betsy Schnepp, song leader; Sally Schnepp, news reporter; Marsha King, health and safety leader; Dianna King and Judy Flifer, recreation leaders; Sharon Harkless, parliamentarian; Cynthia Boerger, assistant parliamentarian.

Officers of the junior club are Roberta Kunkel, president; Shelia Caston, vice president; Joye Strouse, secretary; Connie Fox, treasurer; Donna Strahm, song leader; Kristine Fuelling, news reporter; Kay Fuhrman, health and safety leader; Linda King and Karen Kunkel, recreation leaders; Bonnie Caston, Sandra Miller and Mary Ann Alberding, scrap book committee.

### Rock, Roll Singer Eddie Cochran Dies

**BATH, England (UPI)** — The body of young American rock and roll singer Eddie Cochran probably will be flown back to the United States Wednesday, his manager said today.

Cochran, 21, was riding to London airport to catch a plane home to Buena Park, Calif., Saturday when his hired car smashed against a lamp post. He was hurled to the pavement with his

guitar.

He died in a Bath hospital Sunday without regaining consciousness.

The accident came after one of the most enthusiastic receptions of his short career, climaxing a 12-week tour of Britain.

Three other Americans were injured in the crash.

Cochran had recorded two golden (million seller) records. They were "C'mon Everybody" and "Summertime Blues."

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### St. Lawrence Seaway

#### Opened For Business

**MONTRÉAL (UPI)** — The 14,300-ton Canada Steamship Lines freighter Lemoyne opened the St. Lawrence Seaway for 1960 business today when it started through the waterway that links the Atlantic with the Great Lakes.

About 35 other lake freighters and ocean-going ships in or near Montreal were to join the parade behind the Lemoyne, which entered the seaway at 8:27 a.m. bound in ballast for Ashtabula, Ohio, to pick up a cargo of coal.

Seaway authority officials listed the Norwegian freighter Sunny Girl as the first ocean-going ship which opened three days late because of ice conditions. The Sunny Girl was expected to clear the St. Lambert locks, first, in the 135-mile system, later today.

Immediately behind the Lemoyne were the lakeships Hastings and Teak Bay. They were among 10 ships due to be processed at the seaway's eastern terminal this morning and afternoon.

The seaway opened its second season with business entering the locks at both ends.

A Canadian ore carrier, the 715-foot Menihak Lake, was the first to clear the Iroquois locks, downbound for Montreal, with about a

dozen vessels behind her. She moved through the Iroquois locks at 8:44 a.m. and was expected 2½ hours later at the Eisenhower locks at Massena, N.Y., where high winds were reported roughing the waters.

Seaway officials hoped the new season would provide a clearer indication of the waterway's future traffic patterns. Increased traffic would do much to justify nearly \$30 million dollars spent by Canada and the United States on the seaway which was opened last June 24 by Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower.

The season was expected to be quieter and more businesslike than last year, which was plagued by lack of necessary equipment and inexperience of seaway employees in handling ocean-going ships.

Financial results of the first year of operation were less than encouraging but officials were hoping the second season could justify the efforts made by such men as Lewis H. Castle, United States administrator of the seaway and Lionel Chevrel, former Canadian Seaway Authority president.

Among the Hopi Indians of Arizona, the girl traditionally takes the initiative in proposing marriage, according to the National Geographic Society. She announces the betrothal by combing the young man's hair in public.

The last doc. is thought to have died in 1689.



PARISIENNE — Francoise Roche apparently wearied by the flight from Chicago to New York, sits on the plane steps. The native of Paris, France, sang in Chicago bistros.

### Greencastle Man Is Crushed By Tractor

**CARLISLE, Ind. (UPI)** — Virgil Stafford, 47, Greencastle, was crushed to death Sunday when the tractor he was operating on his father's farm overturned on top of him. Authorities said Stafford was attempting to pull another tractor from a mudhole at the time of the accident.

### Kokomo Woman Killed Early This Morning

**PLAINFIELD, Ind. (UPI)** — Mrs. Ruth Straughn, 63, Kokomo, was killed early today when a car driven by Ralph Everhart, 65, Kokomo, side-swiped a bridge along U.S. 40 near Belleville and plunged over an embankment. Everhart was hurt critically and taken to Indianapolis General Hospital.

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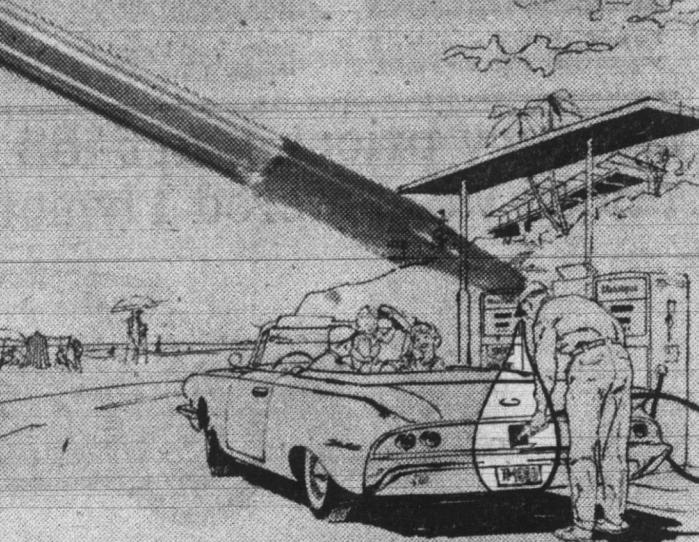
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