

# Clergymen Ignore Politics Tradition

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An old American tradition holds that clergymen should not meddle in politics.

This time-honored precept was ignored during the 1960 presidential campaign by some Protestant ministers who thought that election of a Roman Catholic would be a national disaster.

There are indications that it will be even more widely defied in this year's campaign. Judging by the rash of statements which have already appeared, many clergymen feel an irresistible compulsion to take sides in the contest between Lyndon B. Johnson and Barry Goldwater.

Johnson may attract more clerical comment now that he has been officially nominated. But most of the statements to date have come from religious leaders who feel strongly — pro or con — about Goldwater.

## Embezzlement Charged Ex-Union Secretary

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Malcolm Randolph, 28, Anderson, former secretary-treasurer of Local 357 of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees Union, was arrested Wednesday on embezzlement charges.

Randolph was indicted recently by a federal grand jury here on charges of taking \$2,012 of union funds by cashing 42 checks on the union account in 1963.

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By DICK WEST  
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — I read the other day that America's backyard barbecueurs have spent about \$500,000,000 this summer on cook-outs which certainly isn't surprising.

I must have spent close to \$2,000,000 myself.

Once you get hooked on barbecue sauce, there is no limit to what you will do to gratify this craving. Cook-outs have become one of the leading causes of divorce and broken homes. And yet the problem is little understood and seldom even discussed.

Most compulsive cooker-outs begin as social barbecueurs. You invite a few friends in for spare ribs. Or the neighbors come over for hamburgers. It all seems harmless enough.

The trouble is that many men cannot take cooking-out or leave it alone. There comes a time when one or two cook-outs a week aren't enough.

You come home in the evening and say, "Let's have a cook-out." Your wife says, "I've already got a roast in the oven." You say, "It will keep until tomorrow, won't it? I wanted to try barbecueing a wild boar tonight."

The first thing you know, this is happening six or seven nights a week. If you are not cooking out, you feel moody and depressed. But you don't really know what's causing it.

Your wife usually will be tolerant up to the point of having 10 cold roasts in the refrigerator. Then she starts putting her foot down. Finally there is a big scene. The children are torn between you.

Half of them are in the house with her having roast for dinner. The other half are out on the patio with you having barbecue'd ram's head.

Among the tell-tale signs of cook-out addiction are: (1) cooking-out alone; (2) starting fires in the grill before breakfast, and (3) cooking-out in the rain.

In the advance stages, you start bringing home new equipment. One night it's an electric charcoal starter. Another night it's a set of ivory-handled tongs. The bills are piling up, your family is in rags, and you come home with a \$5,000 outdoor rotisserie.

It was my father who made me realize I had to stop. My father lives in a small town in

Texas. He is 82 years old, but sometimes acts 150. Here on a visit, he discovered a little bag under the grill and asked what was in it. I told him hickory chips.

"You paid 79 cents for a few chips of wood!" my father exclaimed.

I nodded, shame-faced.

"How many times have you bought the Washington Monument?" he asked.

I didn't have the nerve to tell him I had been thinking that the monument would make a wonderful skewer for shish-kebabs.

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**CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY** — The 1939 graduate class of the Decatur high school recently held a reunion to celebrate the 25th anniversary of graduation. Open house was held at the Decatur Youth and Community Center on a Saturday, and the anniversary dinner was held at the center the following Sunday. Pictures are: Front row, left to right — Martha Myers Davis, Mary Jane Beery Hornbacher, Flora Marie Lankenau Spahr, Gladys Miller Edmunds, Nina Elchar Brown, Virginia Shady Hazelwood, Annabelle Doan Heller, Ruth Grether Gress, Lucy Ann Terrell Call, Betty Hunter Fager, Betty Hamma Basso, Kathryn Yager Fenimore, Marjorie Drum Tavanas, Florence Brandyberry, Anna Jane Tyndall Rucker, Barbara Burk Farnham, Kathryn Affolder Somers, Betty Drake Knittle, Marjorie Masonne Bolinger, Eileen Odle Miller, Mary Steele Dellinger. Back row, left to right — W. Guy Brown, James Highland, Hubert Zerkel Jr., Wm. J. Spahr, Max Moser, John E. Acheson, Robert Owens, Guy Koos, Kenneth Gaunt, John McConnell, Raymond Hakes, Raymond Franz, Darwin Leitz, Clarence Stapleton, Richard Schafer, Robert Schnitz.

—(Photo by Anspaugh)

## Esther Peterson Aids Consumers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of three dispatches on women in government.

By HELEN THOMAS  
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — "What have you done for the consumer lately?"

That is President Johnson's standard greeting to Esther Peterson, his special assistant on consumer affairs.

Mrs. Peterson is trying to do a lot for the consumer — which represents just about everybody — by spotlighting obvious abuses and by urging Congress to sharpen up laws affecting safety labeling and packing of products.

Most of her help comes from irate customers. The happy ones don't write letters. But she welcomes the consumer gripes because they educate her.

Her assistant Bel Rubinstein says all of the letters are answered and Mrs. Peterson has read "a fantastic number." Some are passed on to other agencies which have the power to do something like the Federal Trade Commission or the Food and Drug Administration.

In her thank you replies, Mrs. Peterson says: "Your letter and many others I've received give me a clearer picture of matters which need to be explored and abuses which must be eliminated. I hope something can be done to improve the situation."

A West Allis, Wis., woman wrote: "I wish you all the luck in the world in your job of getting a fair shake for the housewife." She complained about the amount of fish skin and bones in an 89 cent can of salmon.

The letters run the gamut. Some are very articulate; others are ungrammatical, but they get their point across. A share-cropper took offense at finding a piece of wood in his chewing tobacco and he sent it along to show her.

A number of housewives are upset by the "deceptive" pre-packaging of meat. They think

they are buying five chops and when they get home they found only four.

### Men Complain Too

It's not just the homemakers who have a bone to pick with poor products. Men write a lot about the "demons" they bought for cars and the "extras" they got "gypped on."

"Who took the clams out of clam shoveler, I would like to know," said a housewife. Another noted an ad for a vitality tablet in which "all the ingredients are produced by nature." She wrote "so is the poppy but I'm not eating it."

The high cost of dying also is a big subject in Mrs. Peterson's mail bag. An editorial sent to her describing the woes of the typical consumer said: "It costs as much to bury me as it would cost to send a boy or girl to college for a year."

Mrs. Peterson believes some manufacturers have begun to shape up under the tougher scrutiny of government protected consumers.

One homemaker said "already I have noticed in the field of food that cereal and other dry goods boxes come practically full, instead of about two-thirds full."

While her office is not set up as a complaint department, Mrs. Peterson feels that the protests are her best clue to what's happening to the consumer.



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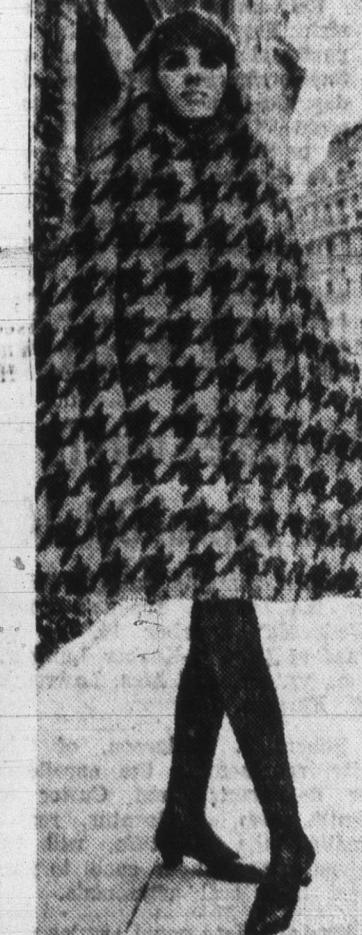
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