

**Catholicism-Political Issue?**

# Clancy Cites Problem as Cultural

By LYNNE CEREFICE  
The question of whether or not a Roman Catholic should be elected to the presidency constitutes a major intellectual and cultural issue but not a major political issue, according to William Clancy, editor of "Worldview."

In his talk last night on "The Catholic Issue in American Politics," Clancy said, "A symbolic problem of a Catholic for president exists among the non-Catholic community."

He also said that the two basic causes of this problem are (1) a deep distrust of the long-range intentions of the Roman Catholic Church as well as a misunderstanding of the Church's authority over its members, and (2) an ideal of the presidency as a Protestant symbol.

among non-Catholics is that a real contradiction exists between loyalty to the Catholic Church and commitment to the American experiment," he said.

Clancy said that non-Catholics are bothered by the question of whether a Catholic of tradition can be trusted to advance the spirit of religious tolerance characteristic of our American heritage. This question does not arise with a Protestant president.

Clancy said the non-Catholic attitude has some justification but "not enough to make the Catholic problem a real problem."

He explained the American Catholic population "has developed a kind of super-patriotism" as a result of its historical experience.

Clancy said that the memories of their ancestors coming into an alien Protestant situation and the memory of the defeat of Al Smith in 1928

have caused a feeling of rejection of the American Catholic.

This feeling, he explained, has manifested itself in many ways, the foremost being the block vote and the move toward super-patriotism.

Clancy said that the resulting non-Catholic image of the Catholic Church as a "monolithic monster" is a false one.

He said, "We must ask the American non-Catholic to view things in a more historical and theological context." Clancy added that non-Catholics often take the doctrines of the Catholic Church more seriously than Catholics.

"There is as sharp a division of thought among Catholics as among any other American community," Clancy said.

"The documents of the Roman Catholic Church are largely irrelevant to American politics and it is unfair to ask a politician to explain them away," he said.

The prevalent opinion

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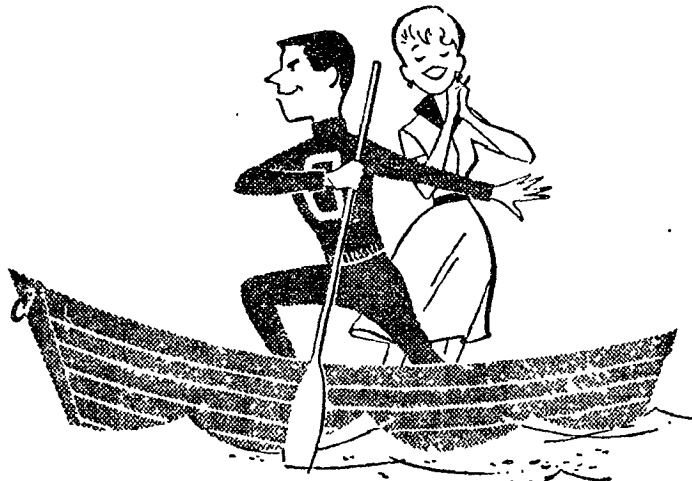
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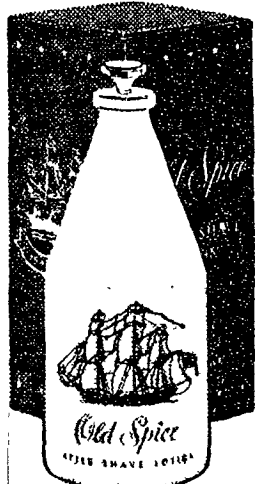
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