

Analysts Agree Politics Cleaner

By PAT DYER

Political analysis seems to agree that the past campaign which resulted in the election of a Roman Catholic to the presidency has been remarkably free from bigotry or smear tactics.

On election night, NBC newscasters, in commenting on the state-by-state returns, said that they found far fewer states in which religion was a decisive issue, than had been expected. President-elect John F. Kennedy carried both South Carolina and Texas, states in which the religious issue was expected to be a strong factor.

Professors in classroom analysis found that in many cases in which religion was a factor, the number of voters who cast their ballots against the Massachusetts Senator because of his religion might be negated by the number who would vote for him for the same reason.

"This has been a remarkably clean campaign," Dr. Vernon V. Aspaturian said in one such analysis before the election. In spite of a certain amount of campaign literature and sporadic flare-ups of religious issues, the campaign has not been notable for religious bias, he added.

American elections have become cleaner both in terms of name calling and in terms of under-handed tactics, according to Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, professor of political science.

This can be attributed to the fact that the mechanics of the election are better handled and the electorate is more sophisticated, better educated and better informed, Brewster indicated in an interview on the afternoon of the election.

Smear tactics have had a long history in American politics. Ever since the election of Thomas Jefferson in 1800 when Timothy Dwight, then president of Yale College, accused the candidate of atheism, smears have been a character-

istic of American elections.

For example, in 1798, almost two years before the Jefferson-Hamilton election, Dwight declared that if Jefferson were elected "the Bible would be cast into a bonfire, our holy worship changed into a dance of Jacobin frenzy, our wives and daughters dishonored, and our sons converted into disciples of Voltaire and the dragons of Marat."

Brewster found another reason for the decline of the use of smear tactics in the lack of seriously decisive issues.

"Today the differences between American political parties are not fundamental," he said. "There is no basic clash over the traditional principles of American constitutional government, the private enterprise system or the importance of the individual," he said.

At times, however, serious issues have existed, he pointed out. Issues such as an industrial versus agricultural economy, "aristocracy" versus the "common man," slavery, post-Civil War reconstruction, trusts and monopolies and the "great depression" naturally tended to bring out better feelings, Brewster said.

Although today party disagreements are not basic, there are significant differences between them, he said.

"These differences are largely a matter of the temperament and basic economic interests of those making up the backbone of the respective parties," he added.

Suggestions Plans May Convert Carnegie, Pavilion Studied By AWS Group

By DAVE RUNKLE

Members of the Association of Women Students Senate met yesterday with the Residence Community Coordinators to discuss recommendations made by the reorganization committee at the AWS Executive meeting of Wednesday night.

The six recommendations listed in the reorganizational report plus one new one were evaluated by the group. Ideas arrived at during this meeting will be incorporated into a revised report to be presented to the AWS Senate next week.

One recommendation of the report states that all judicial offenses should pass through AWS Judicial. At present, all offenses are reported to the coordinator who refers the problem to AWS Judicial, the dean of women's office or handles it herself.

Coordinator's comments on the other five recommendations included the following:

- Numbering sign-out sheets every day with each room number would speed up the sign-out process and provide a check to see that women sign out.

- Buzzer systems on doors are not feasible.

- AWS should confer with food service and housing about confusion over specific disciplinary actions in this field.

- There should be one sign-in time for both freshmen and upperclassmen.

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Sketch plans for the conversion of the Stock Judging Pavilion into a theatre and for changing Carnegie into a communication center have been submitted to the General State Authority.

Present plans, according to Walter H. Walters, head of the Department of Theatre Arts, call for the Stock Judging Pavilion to be converted into a theatre-in-the-round seating about 350. It will be used by the theatre arts department and the University Players.

The stage will be in the center of the arena-shaped building with one end a lobby, the other end an area to be used for preparing sets for following scenes and the sides being the seating area, Walters said.

The entrance will be located, according to present plans, a little higher than the last row of seats, thus the audience will have to go down to take their seats, he added.

Carnegie will be changed into an Education Communication Center to be used by the School of Journalism, the Division of Academic Research and Services, and other departments in the University, according to Leslie P. Greenhill, associate director of the Division of Research and Services.

Besides changing the building,

an addition will be added to the back of it for a motion pictures laboratory, Greenhill said.

Facilities for television broadcasting, motion picture filming and processing, still photography and for the graphics department of the University will be available in the revamped Carnegie Building, Greenhill continued.

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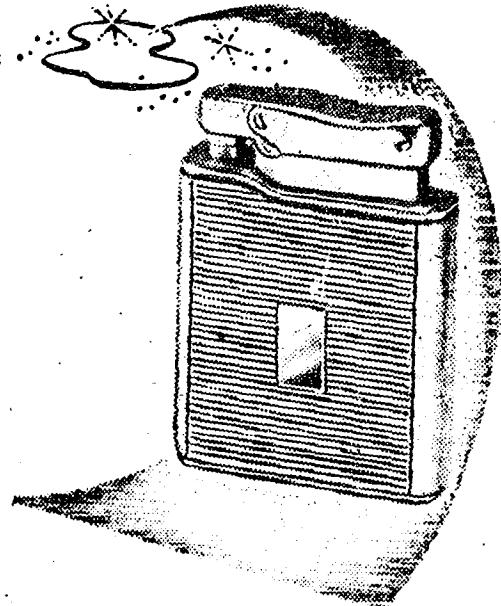


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