

# The shaky partnership of politics and religion

Politics and religion have never made very popular bed-fellows, unless of course, the marriage of the two has served the interests of both.

In a sense the scenario is not unlike the marriages of many men and women. As long as each partner lives up to the expectations of the other the marriage is a happy one. If, on the other hand, either becomes a challenge to the other, separation is often seen as the easiest solution.

Partnerships are popular as long as they are convenient. Perhaps this is why we can ride easy with a clergyman blessing bombs, as if such an action gives them a kind of legitimacy, but when that same clergyman suggests that the very building of bombs carries with it certain moral considerations we insist that religion has no place in politics. Rather, the two must be put asunder.

THE WORLD OF politics has always courted religion when such a courtship has been to its advantage. The occasion

may be the invocation requested for an inaugural ceremony or it may be as simple as the local chamber of commerce pointing to the lively number of churches as evidence of an upright community.

The window dressing of religion is readily used when it stands the chance of turning customers to the counters of a particular cause.

However, this same window dressing is quickly dismantled when the people of religion dare to challenge such issues as nuclear madness or even the right of the unborn to see the light of day.

Again the situation is not unlike marriage as it is perceived and practiced by some where wives are expected to be seen but not heard from, unless, by way of affirmation and agreement. Such a wife can do little more than feed the neurosis of an insecure husband.

This is no less true when the bridegroom happens to be a political party



## moral perspectives

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or the prevalent policy of an entire nation. High priests have always been more acceptable than prophets, but any religion worthy of its name will do more than confine itself to matters of the sanctuary.

IT WOULD SEEM that the challenge falls into the laps of the secular and the sacred alike.

While the politico-social arena often stands in need of challenge and reassessment, those of us connected with

religion would do well to reassess our own platforms and practices.

Do we consider ourselves to have exclusive domain on the whole of truth or can we be humble enough to see ourselves as a group of believers helping each other to discover the fullness of the kernel of truth we have been given?

When our brand of religion fits the politics of the present, we sit comfortably. When our politics fit the popular notion of religion the situation is equally tranquil.

However, tranquility is seldom growth-producing. As a people who live our lives in the spheres of politics and religion alike, we have much to learn about the kind of priorities which lead to the quality and the equality of life which these two domains profess as their goal.

In this regard we stand in need of being as willing to listen as we are to speak — a rather necessary balance for any marriage that is going to make it.

## Rabbis lecture at area schools

Two resident lectureships, accredited courses in Judaism, have been endowed by the Jewish Chautauqua Society in the Detroit area.

The lectureship at the University of Detroit will be held by Rabbi Richard Hertz of Temple Beth El, Birmingham.

The lectureship at Oakland University, Avon Township, will be held by Rabbi Harold Loss of Temple Israel, West Bloomfield.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society is the educational project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Its aim of fostering improved inter-faith relations is accomplished, in part, through the endowment of courses in Judaism at universities throughout the U.S.

The Oakland University lectureship represents one of 13 new ones established for the 1980-81 academic year.

The lectureship at University of Detroit continues into its 11th year. Nationwide, 116 resident lectureships have been endowed for the upcoming year.

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WEDNESDAY - School of Christian Education  
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COFFEE HOUR 9 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM  
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CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM  
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Church School 9:30 & 11:00

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Worship Service

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