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 wom-the the server of the other the server the expectations of the other the marthe structure of the other the mar-the expectations of the other the mar-riage is a happy one. If, on the other hand, either becomes a challenge to the other, separation is often seen as the easiest solution.

other, separation is often seen as the casiest solution. Partnerships are popular as long as they are convenient. Perhaps this is why we can ride easy with a clergymen blessing bombs, as if such an action gives them a kind of legitimacy, but when that same clergymnan suggester with it certain moral considerations we make the considerations were consideration with the certain moral considerations were sistenated to the consideration with the certain moral considerations were stated in the consideration with the certain moral consideration with the consideration with t

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.

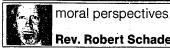
The window dressing of religion is readily used when it stands the chance of luring customers, to the counters of a particular cause.

However, this same window dressing is quickly dismantled when the people of religion dare to challenge such is sues as well-enternched economic priorities, the human value component of nuclear madows 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 bride-

This is no less true when the bride-groom happens to be a political party



Rev. Robert Schaden

or the prevalant policy of an entire na-tion. 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 lans of the secular and the

Do we consider ourselves to have ex-clusive domain on the whole of truth or can we be humble enough to see our-selves as a group of believers helping each other to discover the fullness of the kernal of truth we have been given?

falls into the laps of the secular and the sacred alike. When our brand of religion fits the sacred alike. When our brand of religion fits the politics of the present, we sit comfortabilities of the popular stands in need of challenge and reassessment, those of us connected with the popular seessment, those of us connected with the popular seessment, those of us connected with the popular seessment and the popular sees the pop

However, tranquility is seldom growth-producing, As a people who low 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 equity of life which these two domains profess as their goal.

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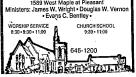


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