

Moslem Prayer Called Not Hostile To Others

EDITOR:

All members of the Federation of Islamic Associations in the United States and Canada, we are more than a little disturbed by the statements reported in Observer Newspapers attributed to U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Douglas in an address before the National Newspaper Association convention in Washington D.C.

Justice Douglas was asked "How come my children can't pray in our schools?" In the subsequent answer, he was quoted as saying, along with statements about other religious groups, "Now I've been in Moslem schools. And they have prayers there. They read the first verse of the Koran. And you know what it says."

"It pledges every Moslem believer to go out and kill all the infidels (non-Moslems). Now it seems to me that's a heck of a way to start the school day with a prayer."

As Moslems, we take offense to such reported utterances. Nothing in the first verse or even in the first chapter of the Koran Qur'an is related to any kind of hostility. On the contrary, the Qur'an speaks of mercy and kindness and the blessings of God. Nowhere in the Qur'an is advocacy or animosity to non-Moslems advocated.

On the contrary, Christians and Jews are referred to by the Moslems as "People of the Book" and like Moslems are promised good reward and assured a good conduct.

The opening chapter of the Qur'an reads as follows: "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Merciful-giving. 'I Praise be to God, Lord of the universe. '2 The Merciful, the Merciful-giving. '3 Master of the day of repayment (or religion). '4 You do us serve and from you do we seek help. '5 Guide us along the straight path. '6 The path of those whom you have favored, with whom

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you are not angry, nor who go straying." We find nothing there that would give anyone an idea that pledges our members to go out and kill all infidels. MICHAEL KAROUB, Farmington, President of Federation of Islamic Associations in U.S. and Canada

Another Slap At Pursell

EDITOR: Many voters, the writer included, will be interested in just how State Sen. Carl Pursell (D-Plymouth) will explain his failure to cast an "aye" or "nay" vote on the critical question of the state school aid formula last week in Lansing.

I am sure that school administrators, school boards and teachers all across "Senator Maybes" district will be thrilled by his response to this question.

You will recall that earlier this month I was critical of the senator for failing to vote on the state income tax increase. His response was that when he voted "no" his voice was of such a timorous tone that the clerk of the Senate failed to record his vote. In a gesture of senatorial courtesy, his fellow senators - those who heard him and those who could not - voted that he had voted "no."

Could it be that the senator's obligation to oppose the Michigan Jaycee proposal to

modernize the Legislature through a unicameral legislature in far away Marquette prevented him from giving the citizens of the 11th District a voice in the school aid formula?

Perhaps "Senator Maybe" has an acceptable alibi for this one too. ROBERT E. DWYER, Member of the Democratic State Central Committee, Plymouth

In addition, the zoo is extremely well-maintained, the young people in attendance are respectful and well-mannered and the food at the refreshment stands is good and not over-priced. Also there is no entrance fee, and the price of the long train ride is only 15 cents.

I am very hopeful that all citizens of the greater metropolitan Detroit area will always be strongly supportive of the City of Detroit's excellent zoo.

REV. LOUIS B. GERHARDT, Senior Minister at North Congregational Church, Southfield

Detroit Zoo Wins Praise

EDITOR: My family and I returned early this month from a most

AREA DEATHS

JOSEPH GALLI - Services for Mr. Galli, 78, of 2030 E. Road, Livonia, were held recently at the Heerwy-Sundquist Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with Magr. Thomas P. Beshan officiating. Burial followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Galli died Aug. 22 at Greenbrier Convalescent Center in Howell after a long illness. Born in Italy, he had been a self-employed ceramic tile contractor in Livonia for many years. He was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Survivors include: his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Arno Galli of Dearfield Beach, Calif. and Charles Galli of Brighton; and seven grandchildren.

MATTHEW BRETT SPEARS, Services for Matthew Spears, 18, of 28910 Riverwood Drive, Farmington Township were held recently in the Heerwy-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Robert L. Miller officiating. Burial followed in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

The youth died Aug. 20 in Grand Bend, Ontario after he was trapped in a sand cave-in on the beach. He was a senior at North Farmington High School and a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Farmington. Survivors include: his parents, William A. Spears of Farmington Township and Mrs. Rena Doran of Livonia; two brothers, Randy Spears and Gregg Spears, both of Farmington; a sister, Cindy Spears of Farmington; and three grandparents, Mrs. Mable Georgoff of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Gibbons of Pontiac.

SUSANA V. HATCH, Services for Mrs. Hatch, 70, of 8249 Ravenna Drive, Westland, were held recently in Schriber Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. William A. Ritter and Rev. Benjamin Bohmstedt officiating. Burial followed in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Hatch died Aug. 23 at Huron View Lodge in Ann Arbor. She was a member of the Newburg Methodist Church, the Plymouth Chapter 118, O.E.S. and the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Survivors include: three brothers, Worthy Wood of Nebraska, Harry E. Wood of Colwell, Idaho, and Ernest B. Wood of National City, Calif.

EDWARD J. BOGAS, Services for Mr. Bogas, 48, of 34870 Versailles Court, Farmington were held recently in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington with Magr. Thomas P. Beshan officiating. Burial followed in Glen Eden Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Bogas died of a stroke Aug. 21 at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit. He was formerly part owner of Johnson Dairy Shops and B's Party Store in Detroit. Mr. Bogas is past commander of Escalante Post American Legion 440, a member of Monaghan Council K of C 2890 and a member of the 1st Marine Division of the U.S. Marine Corps in WWII.

Survivors include: his wife, Eleanor L. Bogas; two daughters, Margaret K. Bogas and Kathleen Bogas both of Farmington; a son, Mrs. Cita Clavin of Clawson; and a brother, Joseph Bogas of Clawson.

BESSIE FROHMAN, Services for Mrs. Frohman, 70, of 16378 Edgewood, Livonia were held recently in the R.G. & G. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Burial followed in Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Born in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Frohman died Aug. 24 at Annapolis Hospital after a long illness. She was a member of St. Constantine's Roman Catholic Church.

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Open to the public, the forum is sponsored by the Livonia Jaycees and the League of Women Voters from Livonia and Plymouth.

The format for the forum includes a question and answer period and a two-minute discussion by each candidate.

THE EIGHT candidates for the two-year terms (two elected) will be asked to state their reasons for seeking election in the two minute discussion and then will answer questions from the audience.

Following the hour-long discussion, the nine candidates for the six-year terms (three elected) will be asked to give their qualifications for the position and then will answer questions for one hour.

Refreshments will be served. Planning the forum are Kenneth Kelsey from the Jaycees and Margaret Thomas from the League.

SC Celebration Set

A celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of Schoolcraft College is planned for Oct. 23.

A dinner recognizing 400 of the persons who helped found the college will be held in the Waterman Campus Center. The time has not been set.

Meet 4 SC Candidates

A coffee klatch with four of the candidates for the Schoolcraft College trustees election on Sept. 13, will be held at 8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dumsick, 3520 Hammer Lane, Livonia.

The purpose of the meeting, which is open to the residents of the college district, is to acquaint voters with George Shirley and Paul Kadish, candidates for two-year terms, and Mrs. Rosina Raymond and Rev. Ivan Smith, candidates for the six-year terms.

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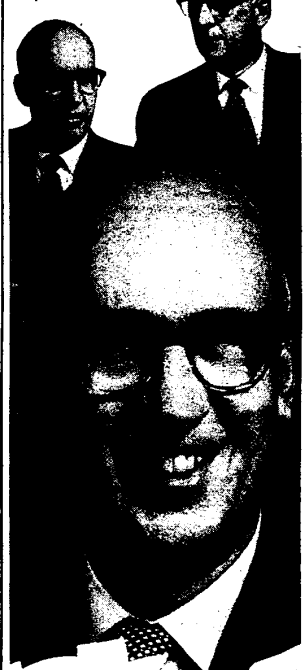
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