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Where does our street fit into Cuomo's vision?

MARIO CUOMO, keynoting the Demo-cratic National Convention last week, saw a "Tale of Two Cities," not the "shining city on a hill" of Republican Ronald Reagan's view.

The New York governor's vision must have been affected by San Francisco's fog when he saw the nation divided "into the lucky and the left-out, the royalty and the rabble."

Where did my suburban neighborhood

CLEARLY OUR middle-class homes aren't "left out." The teen-agers may play their car radios too loud, but they're not what polemicists would call "rabble."

Lucky? Well, the folks in my neighbor-hood wouldn't take too kindly to that.

None, so far as I know, ever inherited anything. Some even helped out their parents in old age.

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They worked their ways through college, or at least held summer jobs to pay their way through.

Luck? Maybe I had a little. After graduation, I saved everything I could out of yifirst 185-a-week paychecks, carefully picked out a block of iron mining stock and plunked down my savings. Those were the Eisenhower years, and the stock quickly tripled in value. With tight budgeting, the capital gains bought me a master's degree.

Luck? I kind of resent that.

Tim Richard

out of sarcasm but because of the way be sweats over his yard — planting with trees, decorating with rocks.— and the year of night work he spent finishing his basement.

He boasts about it, but he has a right to. A middle-manager at Ford's, he did good work, nearly all by himself, with advice from the neighborhood electronics whiz.

Royalty? I have a hunch he gave Gov. Cuomo the Bronx cheer for that crack.

MY NEIGHBORHOOD has drawn a lot of salespeople. A couple have told me sto-ries about dealing with the city of Detroit.

In the attitude of its purchasing agents, in the literature on bidding, Coleman Young's administration has made it pretty uncomfortable for a white salesman from the suburbs, no matter what his product or

Gov. Cuomo talked about racism, but he didn't talk about the kind of racism my salesmen-neighbors encounter.

NO, CUOMO didn't talk about our sub-urban city.

He talked about a city where "the rich (got) richer, and what falls from their table will be enough for the middle class

Where are our crumbs? These chaps are signing up for payroll deductions and pumping \$2,000 a year into IRA's — independent retirement accounts. They're be coming capitalists by saving from their middle-class salaries and commissions and investing. Their wives shop the ada and hit K mart oftener than Saks.

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Last week I heard a lot about ERA, and
the Democrats deserve praise for champloning it. But my neighbors and I in our
invisible suburban city didn't hear a word
about IRA — unless that was what the
conventioners meant by "tax loophofes
for the rich."

Callers question mix of politics, priesthood

Today's Oral Quarrel question asked our readers what advice they would give to Michigan Roman Catholic priest the Rev. Robert Williams, who lost permission to perform his religious duties.

Archbishop Edmund Szoka admonished Williams because of his participation as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

Following are the responses:

Well, I would tell him to leave the church because he obviously wasn't much of a clergyman to begin with.

I would say, Father, think over very carefully what it is you want most, you're not going to change canon law. So, it you want to be a priest, then you'll have to give up the act of politics. If you want to

be in politics and do something to serve your fellow man that way, you have to make that choice. Either way, I don't think you're going to go wrong.

If Father Williams thinks so little of his vows and the instructions from his bishop, archbishop, then be definitely is not needed in the priesthood and should resign.

I do not agree with the canon law, but the Rev. Williams has a choice to make. It is very possible that he can be of better service outside the church. I wish him the

Father Williams obviously doesn't have his collar on right. When he took his relig-ious vows, he promised to respect the rec-

oral quarrel

ommendations of his bishops. All Christians are expected to keep their promises. Maybe Father Williams should start up a Democratic party parish. If he did, I bet that over half of his parishoners would be turned off. That's according to the latest according to the latest of the parishoners. political polls. Thank you.

I really have no advice for Father Williams. What upsets me most is the way the Observer seems to be slanding its questions lately to sitr up an anti-Catholic backlash among its readers. Recently you had one about a statement the Pope made, and you really stirred up a hornet's nest. It this were a Jewish or a black issue, I'm sure you would not even try it or get away with it.

As a Catholic, I think he has no business mixing politics with his religion because he uses that position of authority to con-done a certain political point of view which I do not share.

I don't see how he can support a candidate who's for abortion and against the family as a way of life.

I think you better find some new ideas.

I feel that we need priests like Father williams, and I hope that he will stay in the priesthood and continue to be involved in his church and in his country.

If Father Williams wishes to be a priest, let him be a priest. If he wishes to be in politics, let him be in politics. The two do not and should not mlx. The same goes for Jesse Jackson and others.

I feel that Father Williams has made I feel that Father Williams has made the right decision. He is young in the cler-gy and if he can't follow rules now, he never will. We don't need another Sister Agnes Mansour to upset the Catholic church. Thank you very kindly, and I will pray for him. I would say, "Father Williams, stick to your guns," You can still serve your church and your country, and we need more men like you to stand up for what is right. If the Catholics don't want you, Szoka doesn't want you, then us Prolestants will welcome you with open arms. That's all I have to say. Stick to it, boy.

I would advise the Farmington Observer or that unsolicited advice is even less beeded than that which is solicited.

I would advise Father Williams to con-sider carefully who it was who said "I have come to do the will of him who sent me, not my will but yours be done."

I would tell Father Williams to resign as a priest. One cannot be a political back and serve God also.

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