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How The Romans Have Grabbed Our Lands - at Give-Away Prices And Sacrificed Our Taxable Properties

CITIZENS MITCHELL FIELD COMMITTEE CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNMENT GIVEAWAYS TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Terming it "scandalous" that a small group of Federal bureaucrats should have the power to give away to their own church millions of dollars' worth of public land, the Citizens Mitchel Field Committee has asked through Long Island Congressmen and New York Senators that a Congressional committee investigate the activities of the key Federal officials responsible for the disposal of surplus government property — Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; Bernard L. Boutin, Director of the General Services Administration; John S. Gleason, Jr., Director of the Veterans Administration; Joseph B. O'Connor, Regional Director of the DHEW in New York; and George V. O'Brien, Assistant Regional Director of the DHEW in New York, all of whom have been involved in giveaways of public land to the Roman Catholic Church at a fraction of its fair market value or without charge.

Referring to it as a national pattern and citing specific instances in Seattle, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and New York where in nearly all cases Jesuit institutions have been favored, as well as the current hassle affecting Mitchel Field, the Citizens Committee suggested that Senator McClellan's Committee on Government Operations, if it is re-constituted as seems likely, might be the proper group to undertake the investigation.

M. V. Little, Chairman of the Citizens Committee, said that "it is especially repugnant to Americans of all faiths that this favoritism to the Roman Catholic Church is being shown by public officials who are nearly all of that faith — Messrs. Celebrezze, Boutin, Gleason, Brickfield, O'Connor, and O'Brien. The monopolization of all appointive Federal offices having to do with the disposal of surplus government property by Roman Catholics apparently has led to widespread abuses. The records show that government giveaways to the Roman Catholic Church exceed all others by far".

"Under urban renewal projects, prime areas in the cities of Seattle, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, New York, and elsewhere are being taken over by Jesuit institutions. In one instance — that concerning the government gift of 60 acres adjacent the Hines Veterans Hospital in the Chicago area to Loyola University — when the General Counsel of the Veterans Administration, Fred B. Rhodes, Jr., a Baptist, balked at the giveaway and refused to approve it, he was ousted and replaced with a Roman Catholic, Cyril E. Brickfield, who promptly issued an opinion favorable to the giveaway."

Pointing to the recently announced 8 billion dollar government deficit, Little asked, "why the government should give away public assets to a religious group at a time when the taxpayers must at least foot the bill for interest on deficit financing. Doesn't this, in effect, constitute involuntary taxpayer support of the Roman Catholic Church to the extent that the revenue from the sale of such property at its fair market value, but which actually is being given away at 20% of its value, would have reduced the amount of the national deficit?"

"The Supreme Court has made it abundantly clear in various decisions that the First Amendment forbids government to aid, support, or show preference to one religion. In the *Everson vs. Board of Education* (New Jersey bus) case (1947) the Supreme Court ruled that 'neither a State nor the Federal Government can. . .pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another' and that 'no tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions'. In *Zorach vs. Clauson* (1952) the Court also held that 'Government may not finance religious groups'."

Congressional investigation might cast doubt on the fitness to continue in public office of some or all of the officials involved who have been altogether too charitable to their own church with the taxpayers' property and a change in the law to prevent future giveaways of public assets, property or otherwise, to any religious group."

Little added, "it seems obvious that such government giveaways are in violation of the First Amendment as interpreted by the Supreme Court,

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which bans government support of or preference for one religion, no matter what the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as implemented by regulations 'having the force of law' issued by the Secretary of HEW, provides. It may be necessary to take legal action in the Federal courts to obtain an injunction preventing further giveaways of public land free or at a small fraction of its fair market value to religious organizations."

"It has not been denied that the East Meadow Public School District No. 3 was refused 'suitable and necessary Mitchel Field acreage for educational (public school) purposes' by the DHEW and/or GSA, nor that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, already the largest landowner in Nassau County, has owned for years an unused tract of 21 acres centrally located within a few miles of Mitchel Field in Hicksville, which is suitable for a high school. Why should the government give the Diocese an additional 22 acres of public land when it has failed to use what it already owns? If the Diocese prefers the Mitchel Field location, why does it not offer to exchange its presently owned parcel in Hicksville for the Mitchel Field site?"

Little asked "why the Roman Catholic Diocese should not pay the fair market value for the acreage they wish to acquire as did the Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Greenbelt, Maryland, which last month paid the fair market value for 12 acres of surplus land being disposed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare? There seems to be one standard for Roman Catholic institutions and another standard for Protestant institutions when it comes to government property giveaways, although we oppose them all." He pointed out that "every acre of land permanently removed from the tax rolls increases the taxes of citizens of all faiths".

"Public opinion on Long Island has been aroused by these multi-million dollar giveaways to religious groups by the Administration in violation of the First Amendment through disposition of public property at 20% of its fair market value for the support of religion. Repercussions of such favoritism here on Long Island, following hard upon the urban 'take-overs' in other parts of the country will not be overlooked by the public generally".

ACTION AGAINST CIGARETTES

The Air Force has become the first United States Government agency to take definite action to try to discourage cigarette smoking and the Navy has indicated it will follow suit. No ban has been placed on smoking as such and Air Force personnel are still free to buy their own cigarettes and smoke as much as they please. But the distribution of free cigarettes to patients in Air Force hospitals and clinics has been halted, as has been the inclusion of cigarettes in packaged lunches for personnel on long flights.

The directive issued by the Air Force Surgeon General's office asserts: **'The ever-increasing evidence linking cigarette smoking with lung cancer, pulmonary diseases,** cardiovascular diseases, etc., **can no longer be ignored."**

The scientific debate over this question is still not ended, and a few months ago the United States Public Health Service announced it was inquiring into the matter. The results of its investigation are awaited with interest and impatience. Meanwhile, the **high probability that immoderate smoking of cigarettes** can and does have injurious effects warrants such moves as those of the Air Force to discourage the cigarette habit by means short of prohibition.

WHAT WE BELIEVE!

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.