

Merry-Go-Round**Hate Campaign
Against Kennedy****Drew Pearson**

JOHN F. KENNEDY was scheduled to speak this week in Philadelphia before the National Council of Churches. Simultaneously General Edwin A. Walker, severely reprimanded by the Army under Mr. Kennedy, was scheduled to speak against both Mr. Kennedy and the National Council of Churches.

The coincidence of the two speeches was no accident. General Walker's speech, later canceled, was deliberately planned by the so-called Rev. Carl McIntire, who some time ago was defrocked by the Presbyterian Church, as part of the hate campaign which he and other extremists waged against the late President and which had made it increasingly difficult for Mr. Kennedy to put his program through Congress. It may also have contributed to the atmosphere of hate and suspicion in Dallas.

Aligned with McIntire and General Walker have been such other individuals and organizations as Dan Smoot of Dallas, the Rev. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa and the National Indignation Committee, whose leader, Frank McGehee, insulted Adlai Stevenson in Dallas.

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Churches before which President Kennedy was scheduled to speak includes all the leading Protestant churches of the United States and stands for better understanding with the rest of the world.

Five Catholic observers are attending the Philadelphia conference. The council also advocates coexistence, technical as-

sistance to the underdeveloped countries, collective bargaining in labor relations, reduction of armament by international agreement, and the propagation of Christian responsibility in Africa.

The contrast between the council which sponsored Mr. Kennedy's appearance and the organization which planned to attack him is vivid in the extreme.

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AFTER McINTIRE was defrocked by the Presbyterian Church, he set up the so-called "American Council of Christian Churches," a name which has confused many people.

McIntire, through sermons and literature, has charged that "the Catholic Church is the harlot church and bride of the anti-Christ"; that the National Council of Churches is "apostate, Communist and modernist," "the strongest ally of Russia"; that Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is "a gross perversion of Christian teachings."

His weekly publication described Roman Catholicism as "the great enemy of freedom and liberty the world has had to face . . . one would be better off in a Communist society than in the Roman Catholic Fascist set-up."

But most of all, McIntire and his stable of propagandists were against Mr. Kennedy's policy of coexistence. The McIntire literature and radio broadcasts made it appear that the late President was about to sell out to Moscow.

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