

U.S. Bishops Rap Segregation

Student Seeks German Bible

Norman Kolb, a freshman student at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, is in need of a German Bible.

If any reader of this notice is willing to lend or give the young seminarian such a book, please contact his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kolb, 1200 Bay Rd., Webster, Phone BU 4-8206.

The Basilian student is a graduate of St. Ambrose school and Aquinas Institute.

BULLETIN

The following story was received after this week's Courier-Journal front page was already cast in type. The full text of the Bishops' statement will be printed in next week's issue.

Washington — (NC) — Enforced segregation cannot be reconciled with the Christian view of our fellow man, the Bishops of the United States have declared.

In a statement issued here the U.S. Bishops called on "responsible and sober-minded Americans of all religious faiths" to "seize the mantle of leadership from the agitator and the racist."

The heart of the race question is "moral and religious," the Bishops said, declaring that "it is vital that we act now and act decisively." They added:

"If our attitude is governed by the great Christian law of love of neighbor and respect for his rights, then we can work out harmoniously the techniques for making legal, educational, economic and social adjustments.

"But if our hearts are poisoned by hatred, or even by indifference toward the welfare and rights of our fellow men, then our nation faces a grave internal crisis."

The Bishops' views on segregation were contained in a statement on "Discrimination and the Christian Conscience" adopted during their annual meeting at the Catholic University of America here.

The statement was issued in their name in the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Bishops listed five reasons why enforced segregation cannot be reconciled with the Christian view of man:

1. "Legal segregation, or any form of compulsory segregation in itself, and by its very nature imposes a stigma of inferiority upon the segregated people."

2. "It is a matter of historical fact that segregation in our country has led to oppressive conditions and the denial of basic human rights for the Negro."

In elaborating the first point, the Bishops asserted that even had the "separate but equal" doctrine been carried out in practice, the existence of segregation would still have remained a violation of "the Christian view of man's nature and rights."

The "oppressive conditions" created for the American Negro by segregation are evident in education, job opportunity and housing, they said.

"Flowing from these areas of neglect and discrimination," they added, "are problems of health and the sordid train of evils so often associated with the consequent slum conditions."

"Today we are told that Negroes, Indians and also some Spanish-speaking Americans differ too much in culture and achievement to be assimilated in our schools, factories and neighborhoods."

"Some devotees back the same charge was made against the immigrant, Irish, Jewish, Italian, Polish, Hungarian, German, Russian, in both instances differences were used by some as a basis for discrimination—and even for bigoted, ill-treatment."

"The immigrant has achieved his rightful place in American society," the Bishops said, "but Negroes still seek the same opportunities."

"They wish an education that does not carry with it any stigma of inferiority," the Bishops said. "They wish economic advancement based on merit and skill. They wish their civil rights as American citizens. They wish acceptance based upon proved ability and achievement. No one who truly loves God's children will deny them this opportunity."

THE BISHOPS CONCURRED that "prejudices and misunderstandings" will make it difficult to reach a solution to the problems which result from racial discrimination.

Working for a solution, they said, "will take courage." But quiet and persevering courage

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The November 20th meeting of the Rochester Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will feature a demonstration on "Christmas Decorations" by Mrs. Catherine Ziegler. Members may bring their own for practice in gift wrapping.

Prayer Day For Ladies Society

Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira are sponsoring a Day of Reflection to be held on Sunday, Nov. 30.

The day of meditation will open with members receiving Holy Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, Nov. 16 — Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; St. Jerome, East Rochester; St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls; Mercy Hospital, Auburn; St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira.



Turkey Dinner At St. Anne's

THE ANNUAL turkey dinner sponsored by the grade school parents of St. Ann's Parish, Brighton Park, will be held Saturday Nov. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. Planning the event are Arthur Lalonde, arrangements, Mrs. Joseph Mancini, standing, and Mrs. Fred King, co-chairmen of the event.

Parish Festival In Canandaigua

Canandaigua — First festival of the Youth Club, Sue Hill New in several years will be conducted by St. Mary's parish, Friday and Saturday evening, Nov. 21 and 22 according to Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmins.

booths are being constructed under the supervision of Frances McKay.

This will be the first parish event of the autumn which is nearing completion in the new school addition.

The presidents of four parish organizations form the general committee: Holy Name Society, Arthur Carmichael; Rosary Adoration Society, Mrs. Edward Coltray; The Marianas, Kathleen Wade and

has always been the mark of a true follower of Christ.

"The problems we inherit today," they added, "are rooted in decades, even centuries, of custom and cultural patterns. Changes in deep-seated attitudes are not made overnight."

"The Bishops examined both 'a gradualism that is merely a cloak for inaction' and 'rash impetuosity that would sacrifice the achievements of decades in ill-timed and ill-considered ventures.'"

Men of good will, they said, "must act quietly, courageously and prayerfully before it is too late."

Working for a solution, they said, "will take courage." But quiet and persevering courage

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