

**Oxford Priest
Deplores Riot**

Oxford, Miss. — (NC) — The chaplain of the Newman Club at the University of Mississippi joined the clergy of Oxford in appealing for a day of repentance in this city torn by racial strife.

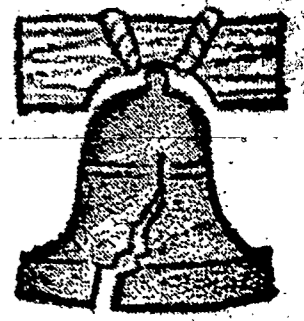
Father Walter Maloney who is also pastor of St. John's church here was among clergy of various denominations who urged Mississippians to make Sunday, Oct. 7 "a specific time for repentance for our collective and individual guilt" in the riots at the university and in Oxford. The racial incidents accompanied the enrollment of James H. Meredith at a Negro at the university.

**U.S. Action
Commended**

Arlington, Va. — (NC) — The Catholic Interracial Council of Northern Virginia has commended the Justice Department for its successful effort to enroll James Meredith at Mississippi University.

The council in a telegram to Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy, said: "The commendation to love thy neighbor requires equality of opportunity and treatment among peoples of all races even as the Constitution demands for all Americans equal protection of law."

Armed Forces Oath
Washington — (NC) — President Kennedy has signed into law (Oct. 6) a measure adding the phrase "so help me God" to the oath taken by armed services enlisted personnel.



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Negro Nun Psychiatrist

Passaic, N.J. — (RNS) — A West Indian Sister of Charity of St. Elizabeth, much to her surprise, has been returned to the professional field she thought she had sacrificed to her religious vocation five years ago.

Sister Louis Marie, a social worker in the Virgin Islands for eight years, has been appointed psychiatric social worker at the Child Center operated by St. Mary's Hospital here.

SHE IS believed to be the only nun doing social work in a clinical setting.

Sister Louis Marie divides her time between the two clinics which comprise the center—the Child Guidance Clinic for emotionally disturbed youngsters and their families, and the Retarded Children's Clinic. Her work consists of taking social histories in an interview setting with the patients and their parents, and participating in consultations on each case with the centers' psychiatrists and psychologists.

"The therapist and the patient have to hit it off," she says, explaining the basis of psychiatric case work.

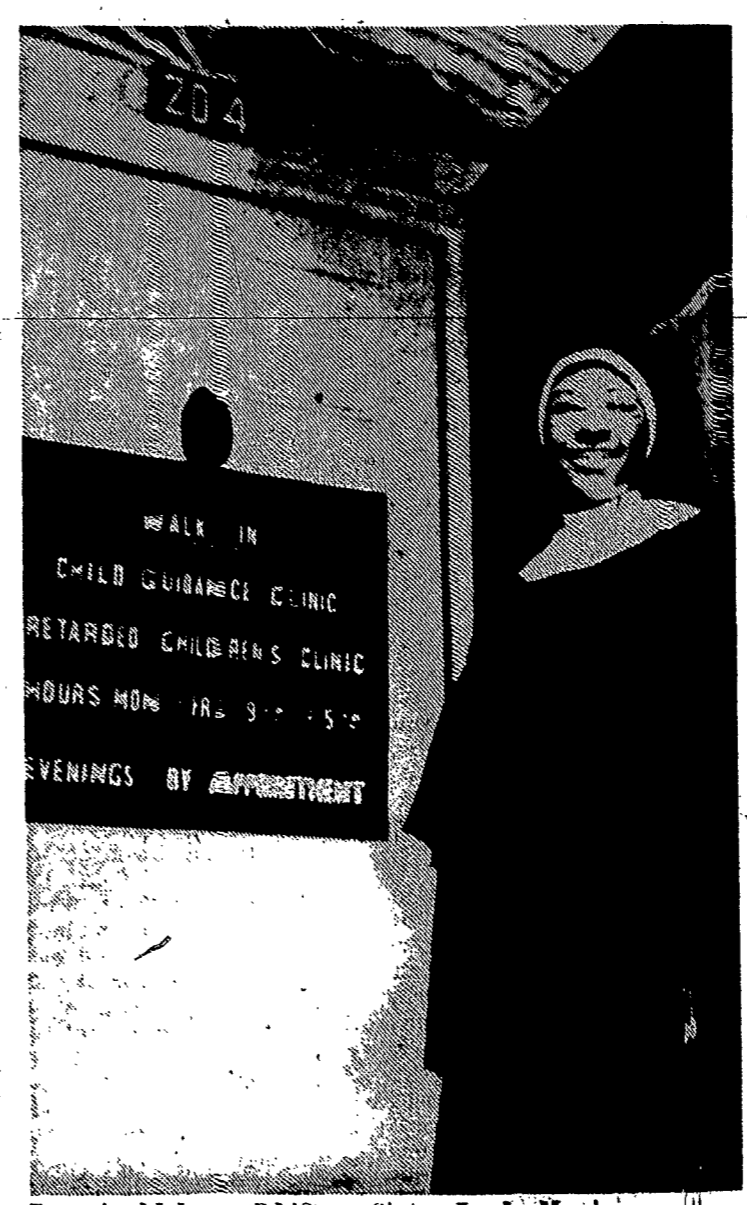
"There will be some people who will not be able to work with me," she admits. "First because I am a woman, second because I am a Negro, and third because I am a nun."

But Sister Louis Marie has a pleasantly outgoing personality, a warm smile, and a tremendous enthusiasm for her work.

A native of Charlotte Amalie, capital of the Virgin Islands, she was a professional social worker for the Virgin Islands Department of Public Welfare before joining the Sisters of Charity in 1957 at the age of 28. She had been a supervisor of public assistance, a psychiatric caseworker, and children's recreation leader. She had even studied social services and agencies in Denmark at the University of Copenhagen under a Fulbright grant.

When she joined the Sisters of Charity, primarily a teaching community, Sister Louis Marie imagined she was giving up social work forever. For four years she was assigned to the faculty of the congregation's college for women, St. Elizabeth's in Convent Station, N.J., where she served as an instructor in sociology but missed the element that had drawn her into social work — children.

The clinics are non-sectarian and derive their support from a combination of St. Mary's Hospital, and state and private agencies.



Passaic, N.J. — (RNS) — Sister Louis Marie, a native of the Virgin Islands, smiles as she reports to the Child Center of St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, N.J., for work as staff social worker. She will do psychiatric social work among emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children.

**Chicago Clergy Linked
To Ease Race Tension**

Chicago — (RNS) — Racially dominated Negro North Lawndale, which once flared into violence and predominantly white South Lawndale, on Chicago's southwest side, that summoned hundreds of Chicago police into action, has been eased in the city's Lawndale section through the efforts of Christian clergymen.

Now they have formally organized as "Lawndale Clergy in Christian Action." At their recent meeting, they released the text of "A Letter to the Christians in Lawndale," reporting on their progress and explaining their dedication to work together for community peace and progress.

The clergy — Protestant and Catholic, Negro and white — have been organized here for more than a year. The effect of their cooperative program has been dramatic. Lawndale, where a Negro student and a white woman met death in racial violence, had a relatively peaceful summer this year.

Priests and ministers united in summer, 1961, to serve as a "bridge of communication and cooperation" between the pre-

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Radio Interview This Sunday Noon

What happens when a northern Negro Catholic priest is assigned to a sharply segregated spot in the south? — that's the story Josephite Father Charles Hall of Rochester tells to Father Leo McMannus in a taped interview to be broadcast by radio station WHAM Sunday, Oct. 14, at 12:15 noon. Father Hall, a teacher at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, came to Rochester this week to speak Tuesday evening at St. Bernard's Seminary Mission Day.

Pope Tells Experts

**Science Gains
Confirm Faith**

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, at a solemn audience to members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, said the Church "follows with the closest interest the problems that attract men of this age and the Creator, Who is also the Redeemer of our souls."

Prior to his talk, Pope John presented the Gold Medal of Pius XI awarded by the Pontifical Academy to Dr. Bengt Erik Andersson, professor of physiology at the Royal Veterinary College in Stockholm, Sweden.

The medal, named in honor of the founder of the Pontifical Academy, was awarded for the first time last year to Professor Robert Burns Woodward of Harvard University for "original research in the field of chemistry."

The Church, he said, encourages all research aiming at greater knowledge of the universe, and this is in keeping with the mission entrusted by God to Adam in the first book of Genesis.

He cited a passage from his speech of Aug. 14 dealing with space travel in which he extended good wishes to the modern astronauts and expressed the hope that their conquest would lead to peaceful progress and greater cooperation between peoples.

"Thanks to God," he said, "we have entered a period of history in which, we hope, discussions concerning the supposed conflict between the conquests of knowledge and the tenets of the faith may become less frequent."

**Notre Dame Retreat House
Lists Open House Oct. 14**

Father Michael Downing, C.S.S.R., Rector of Notre Dame Retreat House announces the annual open house at the retreat house, 246 Alexander St., Rochester, will be this Sunday, October 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Notre Dame Retreat House is the Official Retreat House for Catholic Laymen. Retreatants and their families as well as all men of the Rochester Diocese are welcomed to inspect facilities at the retreat house.

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**Senegal Pres.
Visits Pope**

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII received Leopold Senghor, President of the Republic of Senegal in Africa, in a special audience here.

President Senghor, who is a Catholic, was warmly welcomed by the pontiff who spoke of the excellent relations which the Holy See enjoys with Senegal.

"We are pleased to greet your active and courageous fellow countrymen," Pope John told the African chief of state. "Your country loves freedom and life is happy there. The Church is aware of this and she is enjoying a prosperous development there together with other spiritual families."

"We shall not forget that Senegal was one of the first independent African states to establish diplomatic relations with the Holy See," said Pope John. "We recognize in that action a desire to collaborate with the Church and we are duly gratified."

**Postal Stamps
On Council**

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican City postal authorities announced they will issue a special series of eight stamps on Oct. 30 to commemorate the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The stamps will be of varying designs and values.

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