

Slums Need 'Gigantic' Mission

Washington — (NC) — A Catholic social action leader called here for a "gigantic missionary effort" aimed at bringing equality of opportunity to America's Negro citizens.

Sulpician Father John F. Cronin said that in most of the nation the battle for civil rights has been "largely won," but at the same time "the battle for equal opportunity is scarcely beginning."

"What we need above all is a gigantic missionary effort to our inner cities and to our rural slums, comparable to the great evangelizing efforts of Christians in Asia, Africa and the Americas."

"Nothing less can meet the challenge of true democracy, true opportunity and a true sense of Christian brotherhood," said Father Cronin, assistant director of the Social Action Department of the U.S. bishops' National Catholic Welfare Conference.

He spoke at Dunbarton College on civil rights and unemployment as part of a lecture series on "The Sociological Aspects of Contemporary Educational Problems."

Father Cronin said passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and of various local and state laws "marks the beginning of the end of a long struggle for equal rights."

"Most of us here today should live to see the day in which America has no second class citizens, no victims of racial discrimination," he predicted.

At the same time, he said, an end to segregated practices in public accommodations and housing will mean little to the typical Negro slum family. "Their problem is more elementary: to find a job that can pay enough for decent family living," he said.

Father Cronin noted that the struggle for equal employment opportunity "is gaining ground daily" and said there is "actually a shortage of skilled Negro labor today — many firms are looking in vain for such workers."

He said this is the fact that "the real problem is lack of education and often lack of incentive."

"Slum homes and slum schools," he said, "do not usually produce the drive for study and advancement. On the contrary they give us more than the normal share of dropouts and virtual illiterates."

He commended person-to-person efforts to improve education and create incentives among the poor, including tutoring programs conducted by college students, the new Volunteers in Service to America established under the war on poverty program, and neighborhood centers under the auspices of churches and other groups.



The Bishop, a Bricklayer

The Bishop is now a bricklayer—officially James L. Burke, head of union local number eleven of the bricklayers, masons and plasterers, presented Bishop Kearney with a gold membership card at the Chancery last week. The honorary membership was given in recognition of the multi-million dollar construction projects made at churches, schools, hospitals and other religious institutions during his 27 years as Bishop of Rochester. The Bishop denied he will now demand "time and a half" for his over-time work.

Sunday Shopping Blights Lord's Day

St. Paul — (RNS) — Something must be done soon about the increasing number of Minnesota stores opening for business on Sundays, a Catholic editor and a Protestant minister wrote in separate editorials.

Bernard Casserly, editor of the Catholic Bulletin, organ of the St. Paul archdiocese, said "the increasing litigation challenging the validity of Sunday sales bans in the Twin Cities metropolitan area is convincing proof of the need for a statewide Sunday closing law."

"The chickens hatched by Governor Rolvaag's veto of the comprehensive redraft of the state's ancient Sunday closing law passed by the 1963 state legislature have come home to roost," Casserly wrote.

"Litigation which prevents the enforcement of Sunday laws in one community builds pressure for Sunday sales in adjoining communities."

Casserly said the minority who want to shop on Sunday "can destroy the special qualities of the Lord's day for the majority, who want to keep one day apart from the commercial pressures of the rest of the week."

"The right of the individual to shop when and where he pleases must give way to the rights of those who want to preserve the more important values of an undisturbed day of rest, recreation and, not the least, religion."

"Laws are needed to protect this greater good from the thoughtless who want to shop any time they please and the unscrupulous whose only concern is a bigger share of the retail dollar..."

Dr. Philip W. Sarles, minister

of Mayflower Congregational church, Minneapolis, writing in that church's bulletin, warned that "unless something is done soon, all of the stores will be open for business as usual on Sundays."

"All of this is so ridiculous because there is only so much money to be spent in the community and when everyone opens on Sundays the money is just spread thinner and the merchants' overhead costs have gone up with a resulting loss in total profits," Dr. Sarles wrote.

Judge Sentences Youths To Read Bp. Sheen Book

Chicago — (RNS) — More religion and more education was the "sentence" given by a judge here to four white and three Negro youths for participating in a race riot last August in Dixmoor, a Chicago suburb.

Judge Nathan M. Cohen placed the seven on probation with periodic confinement in jail for thoughtful meditation.

All were ordered to read "Love One Another," written by Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York, and to prepare a "book report." One of the youths must attend church every Sunday for six months; all are directed to finish high school.

Five were placed on probation for five years — four of them for unlawful use of weapons and the fifth for hitting a peace officer. The other two were given three-year periods of probation for "mob action."

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Anti-Poverty

Father Donald J. Muteahy, director of Catholic Charities of the Rochester Diocese, is temporary chairman of Rochester's Action for a Better Community, local coordinating agency for President Johnson's war on poverty. He will head a committee whose members represent a cross-section of the city's social and racial groups to map a program of job-training, counseling and housing improvement.

Priest Speaks On Calvin

Zug, Switzerland — (NC) — The 400th anniversary of the death of John Calvin, French Protestant theologian and reformer, was observed at the Catholic Teachers Institute of St. Michael here.

It was highlighted by an address on Calvin by Father Nicolas Wally, O.P., of Paris "Revue de Theologie et Philosophie."

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Tax Funds for Colleges Face Court Challenge

Tax funds for church-related colleges will pass their first major constitutional test at a hearing in

Annapolis court next Tuesday. Circuit Court Judge A. Rowie Duckett will give a

final hearing to the claim that such expenditures are unconstitutional. It is expected he will give

his decision next spring. Whatever it is, it is expected to escalate to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Here in brief are issues of the case.

What's at stake?

Immediately, the constitutionality of state laws providing matching grants to four church-related colleges in Maryland. But the suit has national implications. Both sides forecast a Supreme Court hearing with a possible landmark decision regarding federal aid to church-affiliated colleges in the offing.

Who's suing?

The Horace Mann League, an association of public school administrators and trustees in Maryland, and Robert E. Allen Jr., who is suing the state, are the plaintiffs. They are joined by the American University, Washington, D.C., and the University of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. The defendants are the four colleges: St. Joseph's, Baltimore; St. Elizabeth's, Baltimore; St. Mary's, Baltimore; and St. Anne's, Baltimore.

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What do the laws appropriate?

\$500,000 for a school building and a dining hall at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., and \$100,000 for a science building at St. Joseph's, Baltimore. For a dormitory at Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., and a science building at St. Anne's, Baltimore. The suits are making the colleges have to use a like amount of their own funds to complete the buildings.

Can God's Work be Done?

Vatican City — As reports of slayings of missionaries by rebel forces in the Congo reached here, Gregory Peter Cardinal Agagianian, in a statement broadcast by the Vatican Radio, deplored the "martyrdom of the Church in the Congo" which he said had begun on New Year's Day in 1962.

Cardinal Agagianian heads the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, the Church's worldwide mission agency.

Recalling that the first murders were those of 21 Holy Ghost Fathers at Kongolo, he said they have been followed by other outrages, "involving the sacrifice of priests and nuns from various other religious institutes — the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the White Fathers, the Passionists, the Priests of the Sacred Heart, the Marists, the Combonian Sisters of the Holy Rosary, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary, and others."

The Leopoldville Radio this past week reported that rebels had slain two Catholic nuns, one an American and the other a Belgian, in the Isangi region north of Stanleyville.

The American nun, Sister Marie Antoinette, was Anna Lucy Donniacuo of Bellmore, Long Island. Her parents are deceased.

While in the United States for a visit in 1963, she said in an interview that nuns in her area were "not respected but tolerated."

"We get no thanks, not even from our own students," she said. "As we boarded the plane to leave Africa, several teenagers taunted us saying:



SISTER MARIE ANTOINETTE Congo Martyr from New York

"We're glad you're leaving. Stay away. Don't come back."

Asked why she planned to go back, she said: "If everybody pulled out of Africa, what would happen to the Church there? How could God's work be fulfilled?"



Press Award for Layman Author

New York — (RNS) — Mrs. Sidney Callahan, wife of Daniel Callahan, noted Catholic editor and layman, accepts on behalf of her husband the 1964 Press Award from the Catholic Institute of the Press at a dinner in New York. Making the presentation is Paul Gavaghan, president of the CIP (left), while Bob Considine, syndicated columnist, looks on. Mr. Callahan is an associate editor of The Commonweal, national weekly edited by Catholic laymen, and author of "The Mind of the Catholic Layman." Before the dinner, CIP members and guests attended an evening Communications Mass and Communion at Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Chapel.

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