

Moment of Truth

Jolt For Nation in Riot Report

By JOHN R. SULLIVAN (NC News Service)

Washington - The President's Commission on Civil Disorders held its final two meetings this week in the Capitol to put the finishing touches on a document which is frankly designed to jolt white America severely.

The jolt will be given March 3, when the commission's report on the nation's urban riots is to be made public. In the words of the commission chair-- Gov. Otto Kerner of



Illinois, who paradoxically has been preparing the public for the shock for several weeks now - the report will single out "racism, not poverty or cynicism," as the root cause of Watts, Newark, Detroit and other urban disorders.

Although the report itself is still secret, testimony released by the commission and pressconference statements by its members indicated that it will be deeply pessimistic.

Racism - coupled with the contention that Negro Ameridiffers more in appearance than in effect from that of South Africa — will be its theme.

And the single most important "solution" offered by the commission will be that Americans accept this judgment and work to rid themselves of the racist feelings which have relegated the Negro to an inferior place in American society.

Drastic Action Sought

The major doubt about the report is not what it will say, but how it will say it. Some members of the 11-member commission feel that_unless the country receives a heavy shock ly that drastic action is needed immediately—the United States will polarize into two hostile camps with hard black-white animositites.

And these members would like to see the report reflect the urgency and gravity of the problem with language and recommendations to suit.

The sense of division in American society is strongly indicated by the testimony which has been released so far.

Negroes and whites working with Negroes to a man have expressed attitudes bordering on despair. Several told the commission, in effect: "I don't know why you asked me to come here. because I can tell you what all Negroes have been telling you

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In classic script this dignified document, a papal brief issued under the seal of Pope Pius IX, established the Diocese of Rochester on March 3, 1868. Latin scholars will note that it specifies only eight counties as included in the diocese; the other four were added later in a redistricting ordered by Pope Leo XIII. First big event in the centennial observance of the Rochester Diocese will be the consecration of auxiliary bishops-elect Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty on Thursday, March 14 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Due on April 15

Lenten Season Is Here

This scene was re-enacted in Catholic churches throughout the world last Wednesday as the Lenten season began. Blessed ashes were distributed with the always thought-provoking words: "Remember, man, that you are dust; and unto dust you shall return."

New Paths To Lenten Growth

The winds of change wafting from Vatican II Council are breathing new ideas into the Lenten programs in many areas of the Rochester diocese.

Many parishes are using the Lenten season's impetus to provide serious formational programs for their members. Recent Courier stories and this week's "What's New in the Parishes" items proclaim lectures on scripture, theology and some of the more topical problems of the day.

In some instances, parishes are combining their facilities_ and resources to provide a richer Lenten fare than might be possible for the parishessingly.

Two instances of this pioneering cooperation are in four Westside Rochester parishes and the seven Catholic parishes in Greece.

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The Westside program is one of the fruits of a "Unified Pastoral Apostolate" involving the congregations of Holy Apostles, Holy-Family, St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's parishes. Their Lenten venture is a combination of study and worship, the study on Wednesday evenings, the worship slated for Friday eve-

nings during Lent. The Greece parishes are concentrating their efforts on a four week informational series which will be offered at Cardinal Mooney High School. General subject of the talks /is "Catholic Education Today and Tomorrow." Participating parishes are St. Charles Borromeo, Holy Name of Jesus, St. Mark. St. John the Evangelist, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Lawrence and Our Mother of Sorrows.

⁵ The Westside Story

The Westside study series begins with a talk on Wednesday, March 6, by Father Daniel Tormey, Northside Hospital chaplain, on "Who Loves You Most?" His talk and the four subsequent lecture - discussions will all begin at 7:45 p.m. and be held in Holy Family hall.

Other speakers in the series include Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dodd (March 13) on "We Exist in Parish;" Father Patrick Logan (March 20) on "Are We Free?"; the Rev George Hill (March 27) on "Are They Really Christians?"; 'and a four person ecumenical panel (April 3) on 'Who Cares About Others."

The Westside churches' Lenten worship offerings include a penance service at - Holy Apostles Church on Friday,

for years - that we are being driven to the wall."

One of its dilemmas then is that the commission is going to say that the root cause of our problem -- racism -- cannot be cured by any amount of legislation. Yet it must, in order to justify its cost, if for no other reason, make a number of legislative proposals aimed at alleviating the symptoms of the disease

Some Specifics

Commission sources have said that it will endorse - but not "embrace" --- the concept of a guaranteed minimum income for all U.S. residents.

It will make a host of recommendations in the fields of housing, education, and jobs. How strong will they be?

It is said that some educational recommendations - such as the idea that the state buy special educational services for poor children outside the public school system, or neighbor hood control of public schoolswill be included, but that the commission will include them as "ideas to be considered," rather than as firm proposals.

"Christian Passover" program

at St. Patrick's Church on

March 22; a folk Mass at Holy

Apostles Church on March 29,

FATHER MCNAMARA

The 100-year history of the Rochester Diocese, in book form, will be published on Easter Monday, April 15, according to Monsignor John S. Randall, chairman of the steering committee for the Diocesan Centennial

The title of the book is The Diocese of Rochester, 1868-1968. The author is Father Robert F. McNamara, Professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary. His Excellency, Bishop Sheen, has written the foreword. The volume is over 600 pages_in length, and is illustrated very fully by a selection of representative and sometimes rare pictures of area Catholicism throughout the last 160 vears

Although it professedly treats the Catholic history of the twelve diocesan counties only during the last ten decades, The Diocese of Rochester also relates the Catholic beginnings of this district from the American Revolution onward. The author goes back even farther. There were many French Catholic contacts with the Seneca and Cayuga Indians between 1656 and 1710. In fact, Jesuit missionaries had missions among these Indians during most of the same period. The courageous story of the French and the Jesuit activi-

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ties in the Rochester and Auburn area is recounted in the initial chapter.

Readers of the Courier have become acquainted with Father McNamara as a historian through the series of articles he has contributed to its columns monthly since October, 1966. The articles, specially written for this newspaper, have not been drawn from the forthcoming book, but have presented glimpses of our diocesan history.

The Diocese of Rochester gives a full picture of our area Catholicism under its founder, Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, and his five successors. Although by no means the largest of American dioceses, the Diocese of Rochester has had a most varied and interesting story. Father McNamara's very readable account will bring pleasant memories to older Catholics and valuable background information to younger ones. "In the clenched fists of the dead, which he opens, (Father Mc-Namara) has found their deeds and their words, and made them our heritage." So Bishop Sheen declares in his Foreword.

Father Robert McNamara is a native of the Diocese of which he writes. Born in Corning in 1910; he attended Georgetown University (B.A., 1932); Harvard University (M.A., 1933); and the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy (S.T.L., 1937). He was ordained in Rome on December 8, 1936, as a priest of the Rochester Diocese On re furning to the United States, he served for a year as assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, and chaplain of Annunciation Church, Norton Street. In the following summer he was transferred to the post of associate editor of the Cathoolic Courier. But when the post of instructor in Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary was

he continues in today. In addition to teaching Church History, Italian, and Liturgy. Father McNamara has found time to write. His first work. A Century of Grace (1948), was a book-length study of the history of St. Mary's parish, Corning — his home parish. In 1956



Father McNamara has also written many articles on Catholic and local history, for newspapers, historical and literary periodicals, and for the Catholic Encyclopedia for School and Home, the New Catholic Encyclopedia and the French Dictionnaire d' llistoire et de Geographie Ecclesiastiques. He is also a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, and has written articles on liturgy and liturgical art.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester will publish the centennial history. Arrangements for its sale and distribution are now being planned.



Supplies from the Sky

··· So. Vietnam --- (RNS) -- American Marines run to re--trieve food dropped by parachutes — the only means of getting supplies to U.S. forcers in the fortress of Khe-

and stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church on April 5. All these services start at 7:45 p.m. And in Greece ----The seven Greece Catholic congregations open their Information Series on Thursday. March 7 with an 8 p.m. talk at Mooney High by Father Daniel Brent. The associate superintendent of Catholic schools

will discuss "Primary Education in the Rochester Diocese.' Eather Leonard Kelly, pastor of Fairport's Assumption parish, will speak on "Focus on the Parish" on Tuesday, March 12. Aquinas principal Leon Hart, C.S.B., will reply to the "Should We Have auestion Catholic High Schools?" on... Tuesday, March 19. William

religious-education program in Detroit, will speak on "The Lay Apostolate in Parish Education' on Tuesday, March 26. All these talks are set for an 8 p.m. start. The Capuchin Fathers are

Jacobs, who directs a parish

also providing a special Lenten series in their diocesan Adult Education program for several area centers in the diocese. These locations include Clifton Springs, Newark, Bath Hammondsport, Apalachin, Horseheads and Hornell. Specifics on time and locale of these series are available in parishes of those areas.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for the times of daily Masses and special Lenten de-

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