

**Social Morality Council**  
 London — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Basil C. Butler of Westminster has been appointed president of the Social Morality Council here, the first example of permanent cooperation between religion and humanism. Its executive committee consists of Christians of many denominations, Jews and humanists. It seeks to inform and lead public opinion on moral issues and social problems.

**YOUNG WORKERS OBJECT**  
 Madrid — (NC) — Officials of Spain's Young Catholic Workers, announced here that the group is going to break its ties with the nation's Catholic Action organization. The workers disagree with the type of direction the nation's bishops have given to Catholic Action groups. Observers here believe that this development marks a new crisis in the lay apostolate of this country.

**Lent is for Being**

**'Don't Let Me Stall'**

By WILLIAM J. JACOBS  
 (Editor's note: This is the third part of a Lenten series by the former managing editor of AVE MARIA.)

Writers and lecturers in the field of religious education have had a lot to say about "God's plan" in recent years. Often, I think the discussion is foolish. Except in very general terms, gleaned from the Bible, what man can speak except as a fool when he tries to outline God's plan. God is so much bigger, so much greater, so much vaster than the most fully developed mind of the most brilliant man, that it is almost an insult to speak as if we have much understanding of "His plan."

But, if we approach the matter in simplicity, we can know this much. God has a plan for the whole world, for everyone in it. Each of us is a very unique part of that plan. One writer summarized things very well. I think, when he wrote: "For us, salvation-history is now." One is rarely aware of all the implications of history when he is busy making it. This isn't to say that we should disregard the past. It isn't to say that we shouldn't give thought to the future. It isn't to say that there is something about the present that makes it more important than the past or future. The thing about the present, is it's what we have. It's what we must deal with.

Within that present there are very special things to be done by each one of us if the will of God is to be fulfilled. I can't know what those things are for you. They may be very humble, very hidden things. But don't take that for granted. The greatest stroke, the greatest moment of the present moment may have to come from you. You may be small and you may be hidden and you may be obscure, but don't ever take it for granted that God does not mean for you to make one magnificent step in one glorious moment. Don't be sure that the moment isn't right now.

I don't know exactly what God has planned for me to do any more than I know what he has planned for you. I can be sure of only this, he has plans and I have a place in them and I had better seek to find what that place is. The longer I delay fully racing into life, embracing life and all of its ups and

downs, all of its hardships and all of its failures and all of its joys, the longer I avoid "those things which God has planned for me to do."

These may not be "churchy" things . . . but they may be. They may be in the social action field and then again they may not. They may be things which may be noticed but probably not. The important thing is that there are certain things which only I can do which only you can do. The crucial point, and let's reflect a moment on that word crucial, is that each of us must try to discover what these things are, and having discovered or even sensed them, pursue them to the limit.

So again, feeling a trifle apologetic, I offer a Lenten prayer: "Lord God, it is easy to speak knowingly of you and your plan and your will. And yet if I had to find ten words that I was sure of about these things, I couldn't do it. What I am sure of is an experience of you which is so deep and so real and so lasting and so completely without variation that there isn't really any question in my mind or a need for ten words, or for two words. Lord God, what do you want me to do? Let me know as plainly as it is possible for me to know, so that I may get about the doing. I know you will the salvation of all men. I know that you do not will the kind of world I see. I know I can change the world a little. Lord God, show me the way, give me the strength, don't let me stall you any more."

**Russian Clergy Invited to U.S.**

New York — (NC) — Clergymen of three faiths—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish—have invited leaders of the Baptist, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish communities in the Soviet Union to visit the United States.

Father Thurston N. Davis, S.J., director of the John La Farge Institute, the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley, minister of Christ Church, Methodist, and Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue here, signed and sent the letter of invitation.

All three are officers of the Appeal for Conscience Foundation, which has promised to assume all expenses.

Should the church leaders be permitted to accept the invitation, it will be the first time that representatives of the major faiths in the Soviet Union have visited the U.S. in a group.

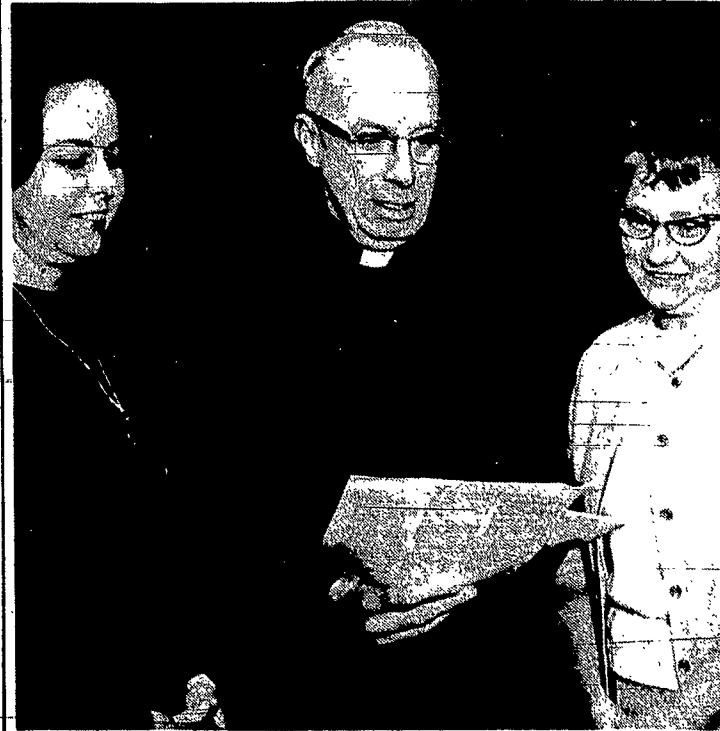
**Novena of Grace**

Bishop Kearney will conduct the annual Novena of Grace at St. Francis Xavier Church on Bay Street, starting on Tuesday, April 2 and concluding on Wednesday, April 10.

**Film License Required**

Chicago — (NC) — A new city ordinance for licensing of motion pictures for exhibition to minors was passed by the Chicago City Council by a 35-to-6 vote.

Under the regulation, licensing is required for films intended for showing to persons 17 years old and younger.



**SUMMER HOMES** for visiting high school students from Ecuador is topic under discussion. The trio working on plans are, from left, Mrs. Thomas McWhinney, consultant for the International Affairs commission of the Council of Catholic Women; Monsignor John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith; and Mrs. Ronald Howlett, who heads the Wayne district of the Council of Catholic Women.

**School Desegregation Enforcement Deferred**

Washington — (NC) — The federal government has taken steps to assure equal educational opportunities for Negroes in northern schools, but will not attempt active enforcement in the big northern cities this year.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced in a policy statement that northern school districts must end segregation caused by factors other than housing patterns and take steps to assure Negro children the same educational advantages enjoyed by whites.

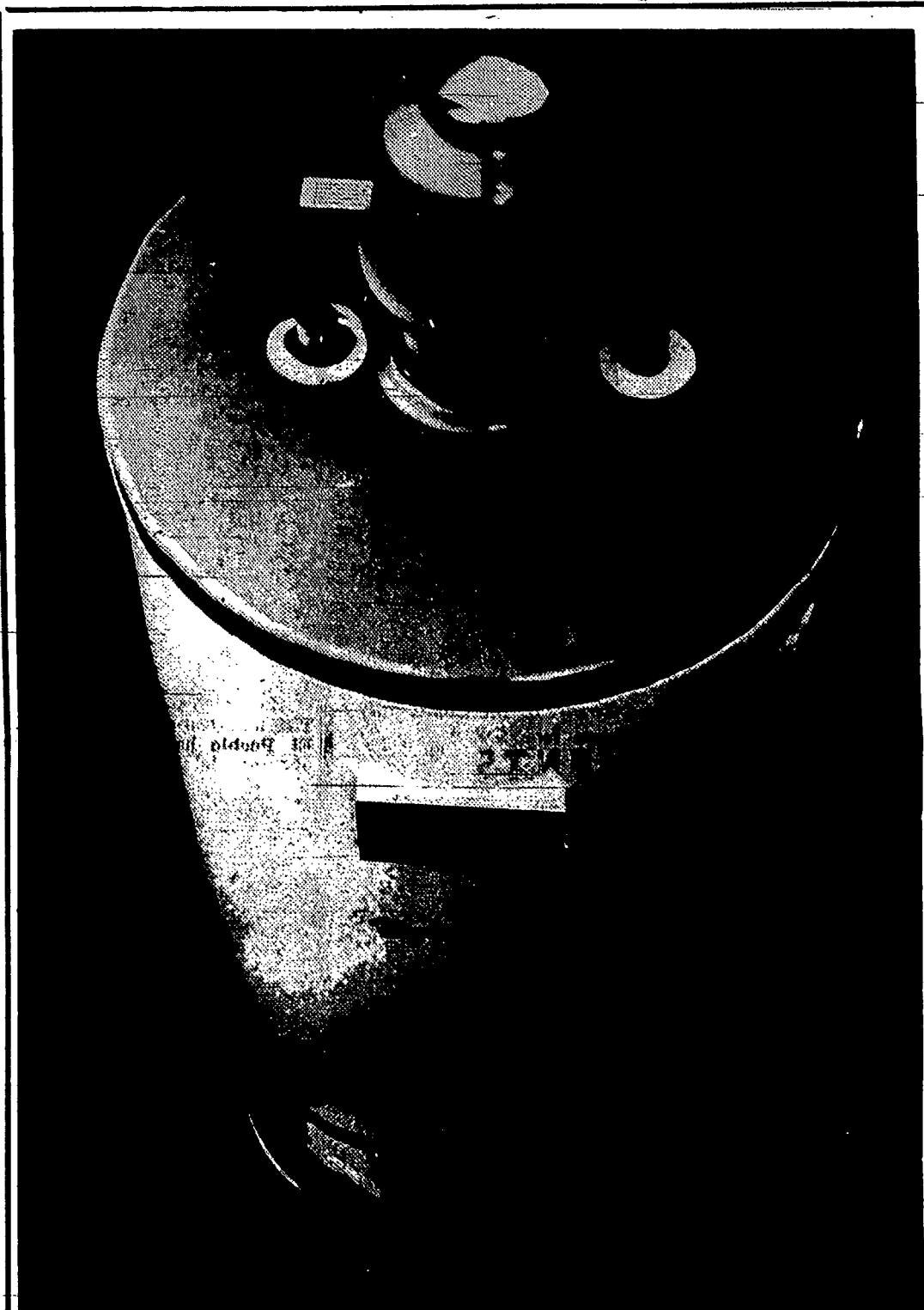
In effect, the new policy statement replaces guidelines which have governed the department's attack on school desegregation for the last four years. The guidelines applied only to school systems which had once been segregated by law, nearly all of them in the south.

The policy statement does not require schools to bus students. It does prohibit the redrawing of neighborhood boundary lines to preserve segregation, disproportionate crowding of Negro

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