AROUND THE COUNTRY

Cardinal, Methodist Back School Plan

Philadelphia — (RNS) — In an unprecedented action, Roman Catholic Archbishop John Cardinal Krol and Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson jointly endorsed a \$90 million bond issue for new Philadelphia public schools. The referendum was to be voted on prinnary election day.

In taking this stand, Cardinal Krol appealed to Catholics not to penalize the public schools because of the failure of their efforts to secure state aid for parochial school children.

Bishop Corson also took occasion to reiterate his support for the highly controversial proposal that private schools be given a share of public funds, a measure that has sharply divided the Pennsylvania Legislature and was defeated by the narrow margin of 94-90 in the Pennsylvania House on March 12.

Sodialities Federation Changes Name

St. Louis - (RNS) - The National Federation of Sodalities of Our Lady, with national headquarters here, has voted to change its name to the National Federation of Christian Life Communities

The change came after a mail vote of representatives of the federation in 92 archdioceses and dioceses. According to Dr. Fred C. Leome of Iowa City, federation president, 69 per cent cast their ballots for the new name.

The action followed the decision of the world federation last October in Rome when it changed its name to the World Federation of Christian Life Communities.

Diocesan federations and individual sodalities in the U.S. now have the option to change.

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Dallas-Evangelical United Brethren Bishop Reuben Mueller of Indianapolis (left) and Methodist Bishop Lloyd Wicke of New York ioined in the formal declaration of the union of the denominations at the Uniting General Conference in Dallas. In establishing the United Methodist Church, the two bishops joined hands and said: "Lord of the church, we are united in Thee, in Thy church and now in the United Methodist Church." The new denomination comprises more than 11 million members. On the table between the bishops are the Plan of Union and other official documents of the merging Churches, United Methodist Church

Formed in Dallas Service

Dallas — (RNS) — With a near capacity crowd of some 10,000 persons looking on, representatives of two Protestant denominations clasped hands on the stage of the Dallas Memorial Auditorium and formally sealed a merger creating the 11 million-member_United Methodist Church.

Joining in the solemn ceremonies that linked the 10.3 million-member Methodist Church and the 746,099member Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB) were delegates from the U.S. and 53 other countries where the uniting bodies are represented.

The formation of the United Methodist Church brings together structurally denominations which share common history and doctrines. Their own organizational frameworks have also had great similarities, both episcopal in form.

Both obtained their theological heritage from John Wesley, the 18th Century Englishman, and developed separately in American colonial days because of a difference in language. In the early days, Methodists were active among the English-speaking while the Brethren were working in the German speaking communities. John Wesley was profoundly influenced by German pietist groups.

Conversations on union extend back as far as 1803, and in 1871 the Evangelical Association, a forerunner of the EUB body, approved a union by one vote. The merger never came about.

Renewed impetus for the measure had grown in recent years so that the General Conferences of the two Churches adopted a Plan of Union in 1966. The merger was subsequently approved by votes in annual (regional) conferences of the two denominations.

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3 Faiths to Support

Business Ventures

Boston-(RNS) -- Catholic, Protes-

tant and Jewish clergymen of some 75

churches and synagogues here have

pledged financial support to "black-

controlled" business ventures in the

predominantly Negro districts. The

clergy fund would be used as collat-

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Madrid-(RNS)-New bishops are urgently needed in 20 of Spain's 85 Roman Catholic dioceses, the Catholic daily newspaper, Ya, said in an editorial

"There are dioceses where the bishop died some years ago and his suecessor has still not been appointed.' the publication said.

It contrasted this situation with the rapid appointment of new ordinaries to the archdioceses of Montreal, Paris and New York in recent months.

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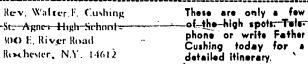
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WCC Message Asks Renewal, Unity

New York — (RNS) — Christians were urged to work and pray for renewal and unity of both church and world in the Pentecost message of the presidents of the World Council of Churches.

The annual message thanks God that His Spirit is alive in the church, and asks pardon for the hindrance caused by the "faults and divisions of Christians."

"We thank God, too," the presidents continued, "that we have seen the Spirit of God at work in the world, renewing society... from within and transforming the relationships of men and nations."

The Pentecost message, to be read in Protestant and Anglican member churches on June 2 and in Orthodox churches on June 8, was signed by honorary president Dr. J. H. Oldham of England, and the elected presidents.

Ecumenical Service to Stress Race Goals

New York — (RNS) — An Ecumenical Witness service featuring a sermon by Roman Catholic Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York will be held June 2 under interreligious auspices at the Cathediral of St. John the Divine here.

The service in the Episcopal cathedral will underline the goals of the report of President Johnson's Commission on Civil Disorders (Kerner Report).

Mayor John V. Lindsay has accepted an invitation to the unprecedented ceremony in the Morningside Heights edifice --- the largest French Gothic cathedral in the world

The idea for the service grew from a proposal made by Episcopal Suffragan J. Stuart Wetmore, who recently preached at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Seminary Acres To Be Used As Day Camp

New York — (RNS) — Responding to the racial crisis in an uneasy metropolitan area, Archbishop Terence J. Cooke has announced plans to attack what he calleds the "sickness of racism."

One plan, he said in an interview, is to open parochial schools -in slurn areas to more Negro pupils.

A second is to turn the 42-acre seminary of the archdiocese, at Durnwoodie, Yonkers, into a Summer day camp for deprived children, regardless of creed or color. The seminary, usually closed in the Summer, has baseball diamonds, tennis and basketball courts, an indoor gymnasium and an indoor swimming poor. It is situated on a picturesque hillside.

Churches Urged To Defer Building

Minneapolis - (RNS) - A group of Twin Cities Protestant and Catholic clergy and lay men has proposed a five-year moratorium on denominational building and refurbishing programs.

The group, organized as the Interfaith Emergency Council, called for a shift in church spending, with priorities given to the demarads of the Negro community.

It also proposed that church funds be invested "to the service of the black community in complete trust and without any strings attached."

A resolution called on churches to "Institute a definite proof education at the congregational level to create an un-

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Protestant Churches uniting with the Church of Rome, "as it is," is "unthinkable," says the Rev. Walter Bottoms, editor of the Baptist Times in a full-page article headlined: "We cannot — and shall not — go back to Rome."

He wrote: "Its (the Church of Rome's) papacy and hirarchical structure, its doctrines of the Mass; Mariology, infallibility, and purgatory, and many of its practices, are contrary to Protestantism and to the Gospel as Protestants understand it.

"To many Free Churchmen, union with the Church of England would also be impossible while it remains a state Church and while it retains views of episcopacy and priesthood which confine the working of the grace of God to a sacramental channel which they alone embody.'

Mr. Bottoms began by denying assertions that the intent of the ecumenical movement was, as he had seen it described, "a unity embracing

London - (RNS) - Any idea of - - all the Churches under the segis of the' Pope.'

> From its beginning, he wrote, the ecumenical movement, and the World Council of Churches in particular, had made clear that it was not the aim to lead the Churches "back" into anything. The aim, he said, was to continue "that movement of fellowship between Christians, under

world."

Mr. Bottoms added: "The aim has never been to look back. Talk of reunion, in the sense of going back to the old ecclesiastical structures -Free Churches of England, for instance, going back into the Church of-Rome — has never had any place in the ecumenical movement.

the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "The aim of that conference, and of its continuation committee, was to help to coordinate the work of world missionary societies. Its purpose was practical and evarigelistic. Its concern was how to give the Gospel more effectively to the people of the



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