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"Resurrection City" begins to take shape in Washington, D.C. It will be "home" for some 3,000 participants in the Poor People's Campaign during their stay in the national capital. The camp being set up by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is alongside the Reflecting Pool between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. (Religious News Service)

Inter - Racial Roundup

Humphrey Praises Poor 'City'

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Vice President Humphrey was joined by three mayors of large American cities in a tour of Resurrection City, a shanty town erected to house marchers in the Poor People's Campaign.

The vice president and the mayors of Atlanta, Washington and New York City toured the "city" near the Lincoln Memorial in a heavy downpour. Humphrey praised the "progress and organization" of the community and the movement it represents. He said the concern of the campaign "is something about which we all must be concerned."

But as the Vice President and the mayors visited the site, conditions were taking a most uncertain turn. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference to date has only about one-third of the \$1 million necessary to carry out its projected month-long campaign. It was reported that the huge demonstration scheduled for Memorial Day may be postponed.

There was a shortage of building materials, blankets and other necessary materiel with only 500 of the residents in place.

In the meantime, 320 more arrived unexpectedly. They were being processed and-cared for at St. Paul's Catholic church in the Washington inner city area. An additional 500 or 600 were in Baltimore, only 35 miles from Washington. Churches were pressing their organized forces into action in outlying regions, and in the city itself. would join the staff of the Social Action Department for a limited time, not as a permanent member.

As executive director of the Task Force, the bishop explained, Msgr. Welsh will have the responsibility of implementing at the Washington level, the many-faceted program of the Social Action Department which the hierarchy approved in substance at the St. Louis meeting.

Excommunicate Racist, Negro Lutherans Ask Chicago — (RNS) — Lutherans

should excommunicate racists in their churches if the offenders do not repent of their sin, Negro clergy of the nation's three major Lutheran denominations declared here.

Meeting in a closed session, the Consultation of Black Lutheran Clergymen, adopted a resolution asking churches to bring the black man into "full participation "in the life of the church."

The church, the resolution declared, has "often been afraid of people leaving the church because of their "cool" summer on the racial front in a speech at the annual diocesan convention.

Boshop Donegan disclosed that the Cathedral and neighboring St. Luke's (Episcopal) Hospital and the Roman Catholic Church of Notre Dame on Morningside Drive are readying themselves to minister to "the frightened, the homeless, the trapped" in case of emergency.

Bishop D-onegan also announced that:

• He was asking that a special fund of \$50,000 be raised in parishes during Whitsun tide, starting June 2, to "help the diocese respond to the urban crisis.

• The trustees of the unfinished Cathedral were considering placing non-diocesame investment trust building funds into Harlem and other Negro banks as seed money so persons in these areas could start their own busine-sses. Resolutions urging this action as well as raising the \$50,000 crisis fund was adopted after the bishop spoke.

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The problem intensifies when it is mandatory that each participant go through a school teaching the importance of the non-violent technique. These "briefing" schools have been set up in area churches and no one is permitted to enter the camp who has not undergone the indoctrination.

Rapport was set up at Congress when 72 congressmen meeting with the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president of the SCLC, agreed to set up a lialson unit between campaign officials and Congress. Originally Mr. Abernathy was to have met with only two or three senators and representatives.

The congressmen expressed delight over the non-violent intent of the campaign and vowed to encourage the spirit of non-violence. They plan to explore the possibility of passing "realistic" social reform legislation.

Monsignor to Head Up Urban Tåsk Force

Washington—(NC)—Msgr. Aloysius J. Welsh of Newark, N.Y., a recognized authority in race relations and social action, has been named to head the Urban Task Force established by the U.S. bishops.

Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, who announced the monsignor's appointment, said the task force was called for by the U.S. bishops at their April meeting in St. Louis. The bishops directed the task force be established by the USCC Social Action Department.

Bishop Bernardin said Msgr. Welsh

Charities Directors Endorse Campaign Of Poor People

Washington, D.C. \longrightarrow (RNS) — Directors of Catholic Charities in the United States have endorsed the Poor People's Campaign as "a citizens' effort to end the degradation suffered by millions of Americans as a result of poverty and racism."

In a resolution, the directors deplored "the conditions that force people to march in order to secure the basic requirements-for a decent and dignified life."

The directors committed themselves and the office of the National Conference of Catholic Charities to an effort "to bring about the legislative action necessary" to achieve the demands of job opportunity, quality education, decent housing, sufficient health care and adequate welfare for all.

They urged Catholic dioceses throughout the country "to embark upon a social mission to convince Congress of the pressing need for action now to fulfill the legitimate aspirations of the poor." racial feelings," but the fear of lost membership must be overcome "in the interest of a strong and true proclamation of the Gospel."

Lutherans **that description** racism is a sin, and motivated "to repentance, or, if this fails, to place on them the burden of excommunication," the statement said.

N.Y. Episcopal Bishop

Pledges Resources

New York — (RNS) — Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan of New York pledged church resources to a Backed by 3 Faiths

Philadelplia — (RNS)—The Catholic archdiocese, the Greater Philaphia Council of Churches and the city's Board of Rabbis have thrown their support behind Philadelphia's efforts to secure some 20,000 jobs for disadvantaged youths.

A spokesman for the archdiocese said the program would get a "full airing" within the area's 380 parishes.

"The Catholic Church fully endorse the principle," he said, "and will take whatever steps we can to encourage Catholic individuals and business to provide summer jobs."

Negro Scholarship Panel Announced at Marquette

Milwaukee — (NC) — The president of Marquette University here announced appointment of a "special committee on scholarship programs and courses in black and minority cultures."

He also recommended that the committee — to be composed of administrators, faculty and full-time students — seek out a "qualified black administrator" for the scholarship program.

Father John P. Raynor, S.J., made the announcement (May 17) after students protesting the school's alleged "tokenism" in civil rights had given officials of the Jesult- run university an ultimatum to hire a fulltime Negro staff recruiter and scholarship coordinator.

When the ultimatum was not met, 20 Negro students, including six basketball players, announced (May 16) they were withdrawing from the school. The Negroes are members of a student group called RESPOND which had given the ultimatum to university officials and has staged demonstrations on the university campus.

The group is also seeking courses in Negro history and culture, as well as more scholarships for Negro students.

The students changed their minds 24 hours after quitting the university, and announced they would return to the school to fight for their cause "through the proper channels."

The students' demands were backed by some faculty members, including Father Bernard J. Cooke, S.J., and two other members of the university's school of theology, who threatened to quit with them.

"Give us 48 hours to get your points accepted by the administration," Father Cooke urged a student rally. "We ask for your faith. The three of us are prepared to hand in our resignations."

Later, when protestors refused an order to withdraw from the student union building, seven persons were arrested, including two Jesuit scholastics, Robert Graf, a graduate student at the university, and Edward Walsh, a staff member of the Milwaukee archdiocesan Council on Urban Life.

But a temporary accord was reached when students met with Father

Raymond J. McAuley, S.J., executive vice president of the university.

The university also will permit the students menceforth to hear any speakers they choose.

Faculty advice must be sought on the matter, but may be rejected, with a written explanation.

School Officials had pointed out that there were scholarship programs for Negro students, for 26 eligible candidates.

Later, seven university faculty members contributed \$100 each to a scholarship fund for disadvantaged students, and asked other students to do the same, instead of demonstrating.

"You ought to make the same kinds of sacrifices you demand," they said.

Jesuits Urge LatinAmerican Social Justice

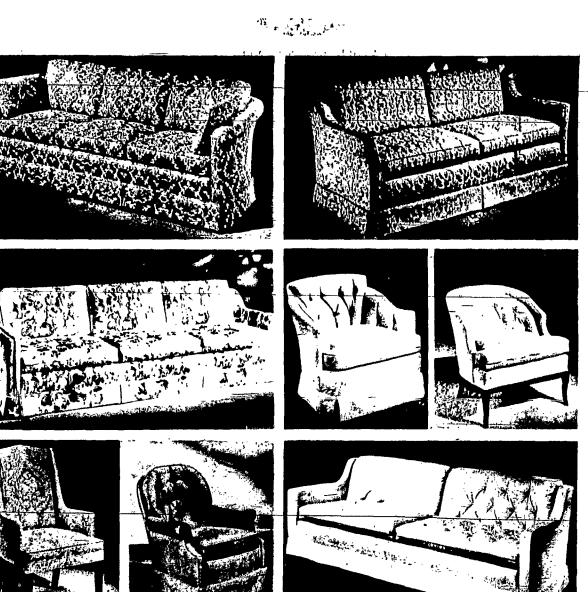
Rie de Janeiro, Brazil — (NC) — At the encl of their one-week meeting here (May 16), Jesuit provincials from all Latin American countries and the order's superior general. Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., issued a statement urging basic reforms and social justice for Latin Americans and a new orientation for Jesuits' pastoral action in Latin America.

Addressed to all Latin American Jesuits, the statement said that the order's new orientation is a consequence of the Church's aggiornamento.

Noting that the majority of Latin Americans live in misery, the statement urged Jesuits to abandon the aristocratic and bourgeois attitudes that some of them have held, and to return to the order's humanistic traditions.

Acknowledging that Jesuit institutions now serve the individualistic interests of privileged people, the statement pledged a radical change to prepare students for social involvement. It recommended incorporating forms of social action into the curricula of schools. Jesuit schools, it said, must in the future serve the poor more directly. reg. \$674 to \$721 sale **\$499**

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