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Thousands Demand End to Need

Washington — Thousands of black and white Americans gathered Wednesday at the foot of the Washington Monument demanding that the government do more to erase poverty in the United States.

In connection with the Solidarity Day demonstration of the Poor People's Campaign, Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. said her late husband saw the campaign as the last chance for America to solve its poverty problem in a non-violent manner.

About 4,300 police and National Guardsmen were on duty in an effort to avert trouble.

No certain decisions were made as a result of the demonstration whether to disband Resurrection City or to continue it to make demands on the government.

The inhabitants of Resurrection City had suffered through another wet week, with their plans plagued by rain.

It is evident that no more than 500 Poor Marchers still live in the plywood-and-plastic shantytown opposite the Lincoln Memorial. At its peak, the camp held about 2,600 people.

Even those who remain have become listless and complain of poor leadership, disrespectful treatment by the camp marshals, monotonous food and a falling off of purpose. Several reporters have been attacked.

The camp lately has been disturbed by a series of fights among those remaining and by robbers. Residents have reported things like clocks and portable radios stolen.

Despite these problems, the hard core remaining swear by Abernathy, the Rev. James Bevel, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Hosea Williams, of the SCLC. They complain only about the middle-echelon leadership.

After Tucker took over the rally's active leadership, he stressed that the '69 demands' SCLC made to the various federal departments at the end of April all had to be fulfilled before the campaign could end.

Then, at midweek, Abernathy, Young and Miss Marian Wright, a lawyer who has been lobbying for SCLC on Capitol Hill, rolled out a new scaled-down list of demands which could have been lifted right out of Rustin's notebook. She listed three major pieces of legislation as priority items. These were:

• Passage of the public service jobs bill sponsored by Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D., Pa.). This would create 2.4 million jobs, half in the public and half in the private sectors, over the next four years. The bill's chances appear slim, but some lesser variation of it might get congressional authorization (appropriations are another problem).

• Passage of the Johnson administration's housing bill to provide 1.2 million units in the next three years and to step up the pace so that six million low-income units-in-all are created over the next decade. The Senate already has passed the bill; the House probably will next month.

• Repeal of the welfare "freeze" in the 1967 Social Security amendments. Repeal is virtually impossible in this session of Congress, but the tax bill carries a provision delaying the freeze's effective date from July 1, 1968, to July 1, 1969, and this almost surely will become law. New discussion of the matter is certain when the 91st Congress convenes in January.



Centennial Masses Held

Field Masses planned as celebrations of the diocesan centennial were driven indoors last Sunday evening by the weather.

Afternoon rains and low temperatures forced the change in Geneva and Auburn. The Elmira area celebration had been scheduled for Notre Dame High School auditorium, and the Mass for Rochester, where the weather was fair by evening, had been postponed to Oct.

The Geneva committee had borrowed an organ from Hobart Col-

lege and constructed an altar in Sharon Ball Park. The special music prepared by Father Philip Lioi was heard by about 700 worshippers at St. Francis Church. Bishop James E. Kearney preached and concelebrated Mass with the pastors of area churches.

Watson grounds and bleachers ruined Auburn's East High Stadium program. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey concelebrated Mass with priests of that area and preached the homily in the school auditorium. A choir of 225 school children sang

folk songs. Attendance was estimated at 700.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, above, concelebrated with Southern Tier priests at Elmira, and spoke on diocesan history before a crowd of about 500. The adult choir from St. Mary's, Corning, and the Elmira Southside High School brass ensemble provided music.

In above photo are Father Thomas WHEELAND, master of ceremonies, Msgr. Philip E. McGinn, Bishop McCafferty, and Msgr. Leo Schwab.

60,000 Drop In Catholic School Pupils

By WILLIAM RYAN
(NC News Service)

Washington — Some 60,000 students were turned away from Catholic elementary and high schools during the past two years because of dropped grades and stringent new policies on class size.

At least 313 Catholic schools closed completely and more than 300 others have been merged with other schools since 1966. Moreover, there were at least 210,000 fewer students in Catholic schools in the school year just ended than there were only two years ago.

These findings emerged from responses to a questionnaire initiated by NC News Service and sent to each of the nation's Catholic school superintendents through the office of Msgr. James C. Donohue, director of the department of education, United States Catholic Conference.

Responses came from 111 of the 156 U.S. dioceses.

The Diocese of Rochester reported in this survey a decrease of 4,486 students between Jan. '66 and Jan. '68.

The survey found evidence for repeated assertions that consolidations — merging of one or more schools into a single unit — are becoming a predominant feature of the Catholic school scene, particularly on the grade school level. Respondents reported the merger of 318 Catholic schools — 251 elementary and 67 high schools.

Lack of adequate financial support is perhaps the most frequently cited reason for the recent — and continuing — cutbacks in the Catholic school system.

Father Sullivan told the subcommittee that the Roman Catholic bishops of the U.S. thought that "film classification, as a rational method of protecting minors from films that are unsuitable for their level of maturity, is necessary."

The notion that the film industry should be allowed to classify its films voluntarily is one that has been largely unsuccessful. He pointed to the current practice of labeling motion pictures "Suggested for Mature Audiences."

This "SMA" label, he said, "is neither understood by the public nor honored by the industry. Even an educated eye has trouble finding this logo in film advertising."

3 New Canons, 8 Prefaces Given Approval for Mass

VATICAN CITY — (RNS) — Three new canons, or Eucharistic prayers, and eight new prefices have been approved for use in the Mass, it was announced here.

The canon, so called because it is fixed and unchanged in the Latin Rite Mass, is the central Eucharistic prayer containing the words of consecration.

The preface is a short prayer of praise and invocation recited by the priest after the offertory and before the canon or Eucharistic prayer.

Although the Eastern rite of the Roman Catholic Church has long offered such options, the three new canons illustrated here today by the Rev. Cipriano Vagaggini, a professor of theology of Milan, were the first major changes in the key part of the Mass of the Latin or Western rite since the reign of Pope Gregory I, who died in A.D. 604.

Although translations of the Latin texts of the new options were not immediately available, it was understood that the three new Eucharistic prayers eliminate a long enumeration of saints, a practice considered archaic by many Roman Catholics.

Rev. Frederick R. McManus, secretary for the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, praised the announcement of new canons by saying they would "enrich and enliven the celebration of Mass".

"The present English translation of the traditional eucharistic prayer has

become monotonous to many people. Besides, the daily recitation has revealed the original complexities: repetitions scattered through the long text and the repetition of certain themes (offering) and the neglect of others (such as praise and thanks)."

Father McManus explained that the old expression "canon of the Mass" has now given way to "eucharistic prayer" because fundamentally it is "an act of acknowledgement, praise and thanksgiving, a bless of God's name."

He insisted that the changes will involve no inconvenience to laity or clergy. But, he admitted, "some will find the new texts too artificial or too Biblical; some will find them too little concerned with being relevant; perhaps the majority will be moved by their dignity and solemnity."

Approved by the Synod of Bishops in Rome last year, the new canons "show the Church's concern for a celebration which is more alive and which fosters better participation and an ever deepening appreciation of the Eucharistic mystery."

The canons are numbered 2 through 4 and are optional. Canon 2 is described as short and simple and based on the third century Eucharistic prayer of St. Hippolytus.

Canon 3 is described as of average length, strictly Western in character and reflecting the style of Roman pastoral prefices.

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Catholic High Schools To Graduate 2,212

By MONICA REEVES

Twelve high schools of the diocese will graduate a total of 2,212 students in graduation exercises this month.

This figure represents a drop from last June's record high of 2,338 graduates.

Following is a round-up of the commencements:

Aquinas — Bishop Kearney will present diplomas to 274 graduates in ceremonies June 23, at 8:30 p.m. in the Eastman Theater. James M. George is valedictorian.

Bishop Kearney — 335 students will graduate in exercises to be held June 22 at 3 p.m. in the War Memorial. Bishop Kearney will preside.

Cardinal Mooney — Bishop John E. McCafferty will preside at ceremonies to be held June 22 at 3 p.m. at the Eastman Theater. 268 students will receive diplomas. Joan Smalle is valedictorian.

McQuaid Jesuit — Daniel J. Warmenhoven acted as valedictorian for his fellow 185 graduates at ceremonies at the Eastman Theater on June 15. Monsignor William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, presided.

Our Lady of Mercy — Bishop Kearney presents diplomas to 211 graduates at 8 p.m. tonight (June 21) at the Eastman. Elaine Bromka is class speaker.

Nazareth Academy — Annette Ingalls will give the valedictory at commencement exercises to be held June 24 at 8 p.m. at the Eastman. Bishop Kearney will present diplomas to 242 graduates.

Sacred Heart Academy — The school chapel is the site for the graduation of 18 students on June 6. Bishop Kearney presided.

St. Anthony of Padua — The school chapel in Watkins Glen will be the site for presentation of diplomas to 28 students tonight, June 21. Bishop McCafferty will preside.

St. Joseph's Business School — Bishop Sheen presents diplomas to 32 tonight, June 21, at the school.

DeSales, Geneva — 94 graduates will receive diplomas from Bishop McCafferty June 23 at 8 p.m. at the school. Charlotte Boehm will give the valedictory.

St. Anthony of Padua — The school chapel in Watkins Glen will be the site for presentation of diplomas to 28 students tonight, June 21. Bishop McCafferty will preside.

St. Joseph's Church — Franklin St. There were 43 graduates.

King's Preparatory — Bishop Sheen presents diplomas to 32 tonight, June 21, at the school.

St. Agnes — Bishop Kearney presided at graduation ceremonies June 20 at the Eastman Theater. Ann Baynes addressed her 193 graduates.

Mt. Carmel, Auburn — 171 graduates will receive diplomas from Bishop McCafferty in ceremonies tonight (June 21) in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Paul Ewald is valedictorian.

Notre Dame, Elmira — The 13th annual commencement exercises will be held tonight, June 21, at the school. Sister Declan, principal, will present diplomas to 137 graduates.

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