

# Interracial Scene



## Tribute To Dr. King

Curt Flood, center fielder for the league-leading St. Louis Cardinals, puts the finishing touches to a painting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The ballplayer had begun the portrait of the slain civil rights leader as a commercial project, but he now plans to give the original to Mrs. King and have reproductions made in conjunction with a concert planned in Dr. King's honor this Fall in Atlanta. (RNS Photo)

## Retreat Held for Negroes

Detroit—(RNS)—An all-black retreat for married couples was conducted here under the theme of "Family Life and Religion for the Black Catholic."

Nineteen Negro couples from Detroit gathered at Manressa Retreat House, Jesuit institution in Bloomfield Hills, for what the black priest convenor, Father Donald M. Clark, called "a few days away from the kids, not a retreat in the old sense of the word."

One of the organizers of the retreat, Mrs. Ruby King, said it was planned "only because we feel black Catholics are not participating in the church."

"They think they are not welcome," she said. "We thought the retreat would be a chance to talk things over, be together, even though it was only three days."

"We believed black people would speak much more freely if they were not concerned about what other people, who hadn't gone through the same experiences, were thinking," Father Clark said.

In addition to the 19 couples, two Negro Capuchin priests, two Negro nuns and a black Jesuit brother were on hand.

## Negro Bishop Sought for Chicago

Chicago—(NC)—A new organization of black lay Catholics called for the appointment of a Negro bishop in the Chicago archdiocese, the canonization of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and greater numbers of black pastors and officials in black areas.

Joshua Alves, 38, president of the Martin Luther King Laymen's League headquartered here, charged the Catholic Church in America is "racist and indifferent."

The new group has not met with John Cardinal Cody yet, Alves said, but it will ask him to suggest to Pope Paul VI that a Negro bishop be appointed in Chicago.

# AROUND THE COUNTRY

## Teachers' Pay Raised \$1 Million

Philadelphia — The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has offered its high school teachers raises totaling \$1 million.

The salary range will be \$5,400 to \$9,000. The archdiocese employs 700 lay teachers in its 28 high schools.

## School Started For Retarded Tot

Atlanta — (RNS) — Four local churches have formed the Christian Association for the Retarded, Inc., to prepare mentally retarded pre-school children for special education classes.

Participating are Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic churches.

Since there are few facilities of this kind in the nation, the work of the school will be documented and reported.

## U.S. Bishops Set Up Urban Board

Washington — A national advisory board to assist the bishops of the United States in their battle against racism and poverty has been set up by the United States Catholic Conference.

Its members will be drawn from among those who conduct urban programs on regional and diocesan levels across the country. The board will guide the USCC Urban Task Force which the bishops organized to coordinate "all Catholic activities, and to relate them to those of others working for the common goal of a society based on truth, justice and love."

# Nations Challenged To Act on Rights CCD Participants Have Ball At Graduation Exercises

Koenigstein, Germany—(NC) — A call to governments throughout the world to prove by action that they respect human rights and to abolish the suppression of religious freedom was issued here by the 18th annual Church in Need congress.

The Church in Need congress discusses the problems of the Church in Communist-ruled countries.

Another resolution adopted by the congress proposed an international organization aimed at informing the public throughout the world concerning violations of human rights.

Auxiliary Bishop Adolph Reinhard of Hildesheim, founder of the Church in Need congress, said that the Western nations' obligation to insure human rights made it necessary that they intervene in the conflict between the Nigerian Federal government and the secessionist republic of Biafra.

Another speaker criticized the position of the British government on the Nigerian civil war, stressing that Britain has expended millions of dollars for the development of oil production in Biafra but now supports the federal Nigerian government in its efforts to suppress the Biafra republic.

By ANNE M. COLLINS NC News Service

Washington — Multi-media graduation exercises for participants in the 1968 CCD Catechetical Institute at the Catholic University featured balloons, dancing, sparklers, and an air of celebration.

The occasion—the awarding of masters' certificates to 18 religion teachers who have completed their fourth summer at the Institute—was in contrast to the customary formal ritual of graduation. The 1968 institute, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine National Center, the National Conference of Diocesan Directors of the CCD and the Catholic University of America, featured throughout the program a multi-media, group dynamics approach to the preparation of catechists, and the graduation reflected the emphasis.

Father Frank Murphy, institute director, explained that the aim of the 1968 institute was the growing of the individual participant's ability to relate to others. The enthusiastic reports of those participating in the graduation celebration indicated that the program had achieved its objectives.

The 1968 program divided the 150 participants into groups of 15. Each group met three times weekly for 90-minute sessions, during which it worked on a long-term research project and also studied the dynamics of their own group experience.

The aim of the program, Father Murphy explained, was to have each small group become "process-centered" as well as "task-centered."

During the institute, the participants were taught the use of several types of media such as cameras, films and tape recorders. The group was instructed in splicing techniques for film and in the use of a zoom lens camera.

Throughout the sessions, participants were encouraged to evaluate themselves and their ability to work in a group situation. Each group filled out evaluation questionnaires on themselves and the dynamics of their own group and then discussed the results of the evaluations in an effort to improve their understanding of themselves and of group process.

The graduates received their certificates—awarded by Msgr. Russell Neighbor, national CCD director.

At the close of the program, everyone stood in a circle holding hands and singing. Some persons held sparklers while others dimmed the lights and sang "Shalom," a haunting melody about peace and human understanding.

# German Convention Scheduled

By REINHOLD LEHMANN NC News Service

Essen, Germany — Preparation for the 82nd German Catholic Convention (Katholikentag) strongly indicates that it will spotlight the growing pluralism of German Catholicism, which began even before the Second Vatican Council. The convention will be held here Sept. 4-11.

The theme of the convention, "In the Midst of the World," itself strikes an insistent note voiced by the new generation of young German Catholics that plays upon the idea of the Church's growing concern for humanity.

The convention may well prove to be a symbol and synthesis of this country's Catholic pluralism which began to manifest itself after World War II, supplanting the former monolithic structure of German Catholic life.

Many expect the forthcoming convention, which may draw as many as 100,000 participants, to be controversial. The preparatory conferences indicate that discussions will be based on the idea that German Catholics must be willing to receive new ideas and tolerate the widest extent of respect for the opinions of others, even though they may disagree with them.

It is anticipated that several groups of Catholic students from German universities will come to Essen for the convention. The 18th Catholic students' convention held in July at Tuebingen urged that subjects not on the official agenda of the Catholic convention be discussed. They had in mind such matters as United States involvement in the Vietnam war and the recognition of East Germany.

The students have decided to issue a daily paper at the convention herein which the official agenda may be criticized and questions raised for discussions the following day. To counter this, the convention's organizers have decided to issue a daily paper of their own.

It can be expected that the convention, in its final declarations will issue statements on such subjects as Catholic operation in peace efforts and birth control in the light of

Pope Paul VI's encyclical Humanae Vitae.

It is no secret that two years ago at the last Catholic convention, in Bamberg, discussions on birth control were more frank and divergent than even the widespread dissenting reaction that has greeted Humanae Vitae.

Essen's Bishop Franz Hengsbach is known as the Bishop of Workers because he has become an authority on the thinking and behavior of the people in this part of Germany, particularly the younger elements.

Such a gathering of representative Catholic elements has caused some Germans to view the convention as a possible preparation for a national synod of the Catholic Church in Germany.

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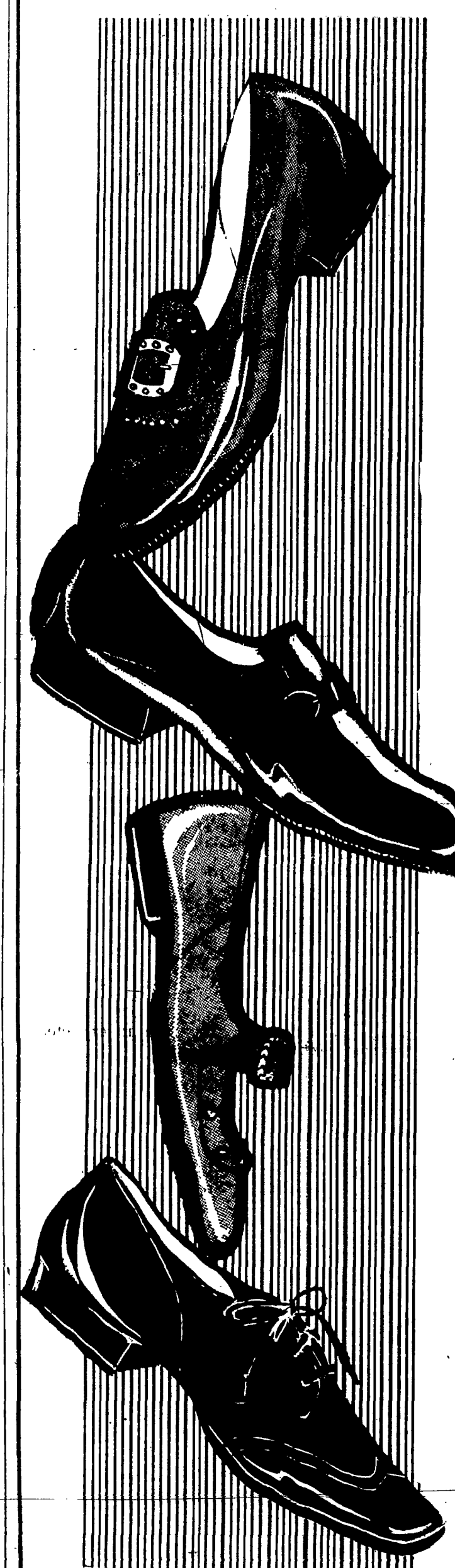
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