

INTER-RACIAL SCENE



\$49,400 Voted in Poverty Aid

Denver — (NC) — The Denver archdiocese has allocated \$49,400 in anti-poverty grants, bringing its total contribution to anti-poverty work to \$151,021.

The new grants — part of a \$1 million pledge made by Archbishop James V. Casey of Denver last spring — will be shared by eight agencies. An additional \$71,000 has been earmarked by the archdiocese to begin the \$3.5 million public housing project planned in conjunction with Denver Metro Fair Housing. Archbishop Casey made the \$1 million pledge as part of a three-year program of commitment to the poor.

The funds will be used for such projects as the purchase of films, renovation of community buildings, transportation for the aged, for persons going to clinics and for students in adult education classes.

Archdiocese Grants Inner City Aid

Detroit — (RNS) — Funds to start an experimental buying cooperative to drive down excessive prices charged residents of inner city poverty areas were pledged here by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

An award of \$18,900 from the 1968 Archdiocesan Development Fund (ADF) was authorized as the result of a recent shopping survey which showed ghetto residents often paid exorbitant prices compared to those in the suburbs.

The experimental buying cooperative is to be established at the St. Bernard Community School, where experts from the Archdiocesan Cooperative Purchasing Agency (CPA) will train area candidates in buying and merchandising.

The award is being made from more than \$1 million of ADF funds pledged by Archbishop John F. Dearden to help inner city poor.

AROUND THE WORLD

Is Catholic Church Christian?

Glasgow — (NC) — The Baptist Union of Scotland, at its assembly here Oct. 24, resolved that the Catholic Church should not be asked to send observers to meetings of the Scottish Council of Churches.

A resolution proposed by the Rev. Andrew D. Macrae, the union's secretary, added that any decision to invite Catholic observers should be taken only if a majority of two-thirds of the council are in favor.

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Church Gains In Taiwan

Taipei, Taiwan — (NC) — The Catholic population of Taiwan has passed the 300,000 mark, according to figures released by the Catholic Central Bureau here.

The bishops' agency revealed that as of last July 1, the number of baptized Catholics in Taiwan stood at 302,802. The total population is 13,590,156.

During the previous 12 months there were 4,663 adult Baptisms and 5,861 infant Baptisms. Those enrolled to take instruction numbered 22,703.

Priests active in the one archdiocese and six dioceses of Taiwan total 834, of whom 352 are Chinese. Five of the seven Ordinaries are Chinese. There are 1,018 Sisters, of whom 620 are Chinese. Brothers number 107, 34 of them Chinese.

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Sit-in Marks Black Clergy Meeting

St. Louis — (NC) — A two-hour sit-in, protesting alleged insulting references and treatment by hotel employees, marked the end of the three-day meeting here of the National Committee of Negro Churchmen.

The incident involved a cashier at the St. Louis Gateway Hotel dining room, who allegedly referred to a group of Negro churchmen in the dining room as "boys." The dispute, in which some 90 churchmen occupied the hotel lobby for two hours, led to a number of NCNC delegates leaving the hotel without paying their bills.

They said they were putting the amounts due into an escrow account, pending an apology from the hotel management and the dismissal of the offending employee, along with assurances that the hotel would train its employees to respect the feelings and dignity of all guests.

Some 700 Negro churchmen from a variety of U.S. denominations attended the second annual meeting of the NCNC. Among actions taken was a unanimous vote to



Credit for Inner City Work

Nancy Engle, left, a freshman at Mount St.-Mary's College in Los Angeles, signs up for a "Social Action" college program which carries one credit per term. Gwen Harris, a consultant for volunteer services at the Los Angeles City Welfare Department, explains the field work requirement of the course. It will take Miss Engle into the inner city to work with the disadvantaged in such areas as tutoring and home management. (RNS)

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change the name of the organization to the National Committee for Black Churches. The "mood of the times favors the use of the name 'black,'" a spokesman said.

At the only NCNC session open to reporters, Mualana Ron Karenga, militant black nationalist from Los Angeles, told the 700 Negro clergy that they have been ineffectual leaders of their people.

He castigated black churchmen for "dependency" on whites and being "a liability" in the black community, more concerned with ruling than with revolution, and of providing "comfort, not change."

Bishop Casey Orders All-Out Diocesan War On Racial Injustice

Paterson, N.J. — (NC) — Bishop Lawrence B. Casey announced the three-county Paterson diocese is undertaking an all-out effort to eliminate racial injustice.

Bishop Casey, in a pastoral letter on racial justice read at all Masses in the diocese, announced his hopes to sponsor housing programs in ghetto areas, called for an end to job discrimination and asked for a reshaping of attitudes.

In his letter, the bishop spoke against enemies of the civil rights movement. He said, "This is no time to listen to those who would crush legitimate protest without a glimmer of realization of what brought it all about."

Citing the unequal division of black and white societies in this country, Bishop Casey declared, "We have failed to get the message of Christ across."

The bishop's letter asked support of the local urban task force organized by the U.S. bishops, and which will be headed in the Paterson diocese by Father Joseph Ciampaglio.

"All men are our brothers in Christ, (and) as such, they deserve our love," Bishop Casey declared. "The actions of some members of beleaguered minorities may appear offensive; however, we must remember that these actions are born of uncounted years of frustrations, of promises that were not kept."

The bishop said in his letter that the diocese would try to develop housing programs "such as those which the federal government recommends."

In announcing his drive for racial justice, Bishop Casey pledged all of the diocese's resources—"its personnel, its church and school facilities, its effective use of religious and lay volunteers in behalf of the needy and underprivileged of every group."

McCarthy to Speak At Rally Backing Dissident Priests

Washington — (NC) — Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota will be a speaker in the "unity day" rally which is scheduled here Sunday, Nov. 10 to show support for the group of Washington archdiocesan priests who dissent from Pope Paul VI's encyclical on birth control, *Humanae Vitae*.

Also participating will be Mrs. Philip Hart, wife of the Michigan senator, who has helped establish a residence for the dissident priests. The rally will be held at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds.

A spokesman said the rally will be a "religious service aimed at reconciliation and unity within the Church."

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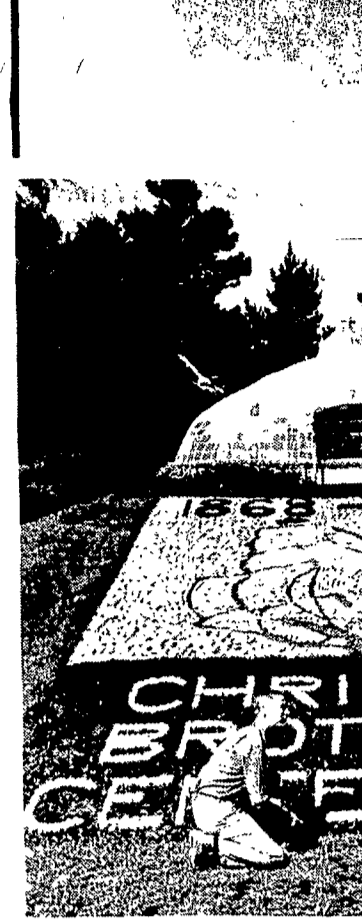
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