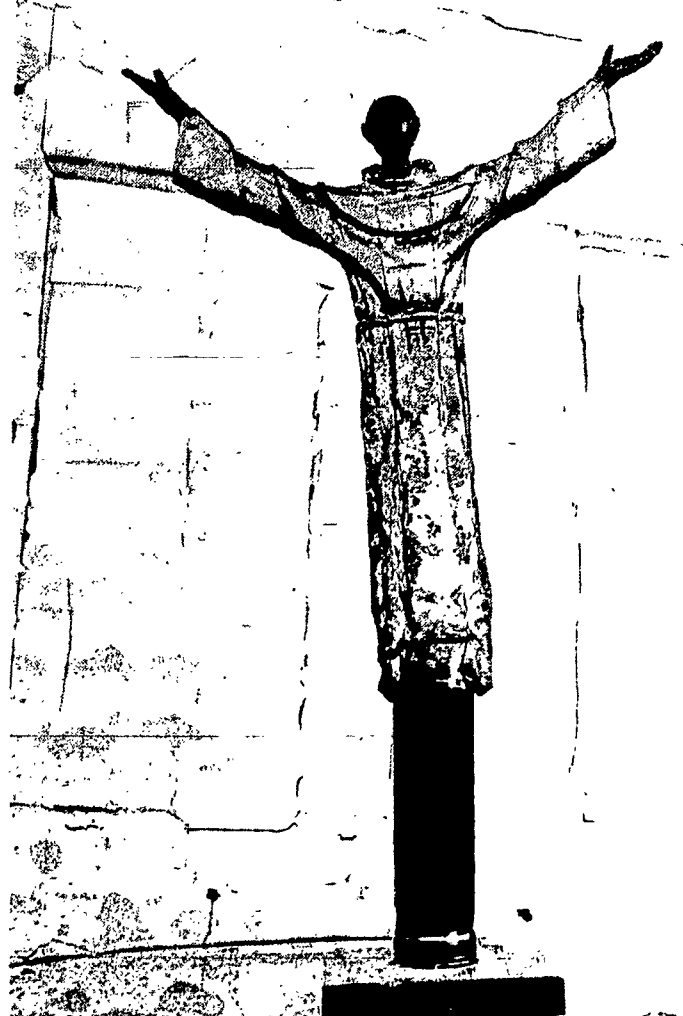


# INTER-RACIAL SCENE



Statue of Negro Saint

This statue of St. Benedict the Moor will be placed atop a steel column at a Catholic parish which bears his name in a Pittsburgh ghetto area. Designed by Frederick Shady, the statue will be dedicated by Bishop John J. Wright at St. Brigid-St. Benedict the Moor church on Nov. 24. The parish was established by merging a Negro parish with one having mixed ethnic groups. The statue, 18 feet high and weighing 2,000 pounds, is made of aluminum. (RNS)

## \$1 Million Housing Program

St. Louis — (RNS) — A \$1 million campaign to provide improved housing for the underprivileged, regardless of race or religion, was announced here by the executive secretary of the Board of Social Ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The Rev. Leslie F. Weber said the effort, called "Keys for Christ," will close with a denomination-wide "Housing Sunday" on Feb. 16.

Education as well as solicitation of funds will be included in the program aimed at 2.75 million members in 5,875 congregations.

## Slum Rehabilitation Planned

Harrisburg, Pa. — (RNS) — The Metropolitan Inter-Religious Housing Corporation, formed by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations, has purchased its first block of 14 slum properties here for rehabilitation.

The non-profit corporation plans to restore the residences and sell them to low-income families.

It is planned to arrange for mortgages at \$57 a month, plus taxes, on properties where occupants had been paying rents ranging from \$40 to \$80 a month for inadequate dilapidated housing.

# Archbishop O'Brien, 72, Retiring

Washington — (NC) — Pope Paul has accepted the resignation of the Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien as archbishop of Hartford. Archbishop O'Brien is an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Holy Father has transferred the archbishop to the titular See of Utina which has been raised "pro hac vice" (for this appointment) to archiepiscopal status.

Archbishop O'Brien is to continue as apostolic administrator of the archdiocese of Hartford until his successor takes canonical possession.

These actions of the Pope were announced here by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States.

Archbishop O'Brien, who was born in New Haven, Conn., July 21, 1896, was auxiliary bishop of Hartford from 1940 to 1945, when he became Ordinary, and was named to be the first arch-



ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN  
bishop of Hartford when the See became an archdiocese in 1953.  
The archbishop made his

studies for the priesthood in addition to St. Bernard's, at St. Thomas Seminary, Hartford, and the American College at Louvain, Belgium. He was ordained at Louvain, July 8, 1923, by Desire Cardinal Mercier.

In 1926, he was appointed to the faculty of St. Thomas Seminary, and later served as vice rector for two years and as rector for six years. In 1940, he was named titular bishop of Sita and auxiliary to Bishop Maurice F. McAuliffe of Hartford. He was consecrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, May 14, 1940. Bishop McAuliffe died in December 1944, and Bishop O'Brien was named to succeed him in April 1945.

Hartford became a Metropolitan See in 1953, with the new dioceses of Bridgeport and Norwich and the diocese of Providence, R.I., as suffragans. Bishop O'Brien was made the first archbishop of Hartford.

Always a vigorous advocate of Catholic social action, Archbishop O'Brien took a particular interest in promoting sound relations between labor and management in highly industrialized Connecticut. He instituted the annual Social Action Sunday in the archdiocese, a day dedicated to bringing before all the faithful the Church's teachings on the social issues of the day.

The archbishop frequently expressed the conviction that leadership in the field of social justice is primarily the responsibility of the layman, and no small part of his social action apostolate was dedicated to making this a reality.

Archbishop O'Brien has been an enthusiastic proponent of interracial justice. Under his supervision interracial centers in Hartford and New Haven greatly expanded their activities. Catholic interracial councils also were established in these cities.

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## Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin ...

### School Problem's the Same

Kansas City, Mo. — (NC) — The Kansas City-St. Joseph diocesan school board has passed a resolution calling upon Missouri officials, educators, news media and citizens to urge passage of legislation for aid to nonpublic schools.

The resolution stated: "More than 23,000 elementary and secondary school children in western Missouri are enrolled in nonpublic schools, and the soaring cost of both public and nonpublic education is forcing a rapidly increasing number of parents to transfer these children to public schools.

"The cost of transferring each of these children from a non-public school to a public school costs the taxpayers in excess of \$600 per child, per year, exclusive of capital improvements, and thus nearly all the tax monies are being used to transfer children from school to school, instead of using such new tax monies to solve the urban and other needs of our society."

The resolution said parents should have the right to enroll their children in schools of their choice, "as attested by the Supreme Court, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the Declaration on Christian Education of the Second Vatican Council."

Lansing, Mich. — (NC) — Declining nonpublic school enrollments are costing Michigan tax-

payers an estimated \$30 million this year, the executive director of the Michigan Federation of Citizens for Educational Freedom (CEF) said here.

Stuart D. Hubbell of Traverse City told a CEF Public Forum that enrollment in Michigan's nearly 1,000 nonpublic schools have dropped from 361,000 five years ago to an estimated 315,000 students today, a decrease of 46,000.

"This is costing the taxpayers nearly \$30 million to take care of these students in public schools and if the downturn continues it could cost \$100 million by 1970," Hubbell said. There are 17,000 fewer students attending nonpublic schools than there were last year—the biggest year-to-year decrease in history—he added.

Hubbell said that unless the state legislature finds a way to help nonpublic schools financially, all education—public and nonpublic—will suffer severe consequences.

State Rep. Dale Kildee, a member of the Special Legislative Committee on Nonpublic Schools, predicted the legislature "will meet the challenge next year and enact a law providing some form of state aid for children who attend nonpublic schools."

"Unless some way is found to aid nonpublic schools, Michigan taxpayers are going to be paying higher school taxes while the quality of public

schools will be diluted by the addition of thousands of former nonpublic school students," he asserted.

"I would be violating my oath to ignore the needs of some 300,000 youngsters who attend Michigan's nonpublic schools," he added.

Milwaukee — (NC) — Three Catholic members of the Milwaukee county board of supervisors are planning a joint resolution to lend support for state aid to parents of parochial and private school children.

Supervisor William E. Nagel said the resolution, if passed, would put the county board on record favoring legislation to provide tuition reimbursements and "we'll try to push it."

He said plans for the resolution resulted from concern over the possibility that some Catholic schools may be forced to close due to financial problems thus causing those children to attend public schools.

"Where will taxes come from if these schools are closed and those youngsters go into public schools?" Nagel asked. "Somewhere we'll have to pick up the cost. It's time more public officials came out in favor of it. It's a matter of justice for the people."

## Church Urged to Give Summer Jobs to Youth

(NC News Service)

Salt Lake City, Utah — Gerald W. Christenson, an authority on the country's youth problems, asserted here the nation's 250,000 churches could solve the summertime youth employment situation.

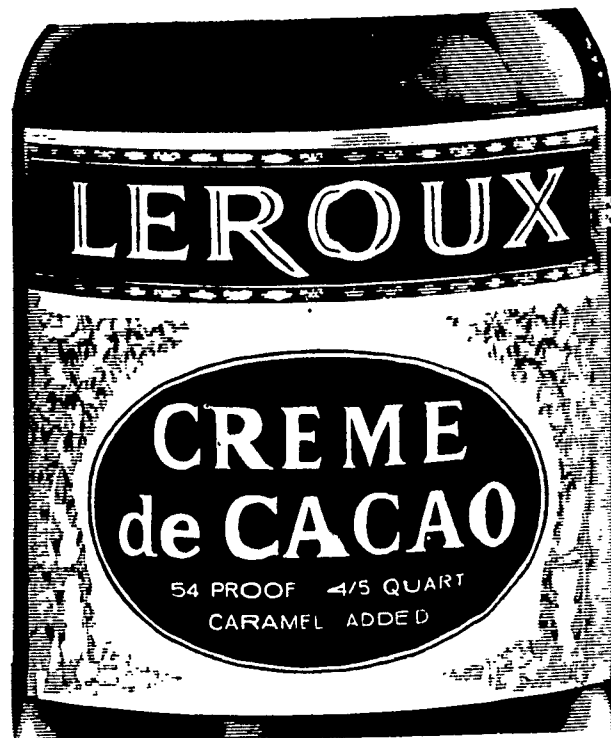
Speaking at the 12th National Conference on Catholic Youth Work, Christenson, executive director of President Johnson's Council on Youth Opportunity, outlined a program which also would bring about "a much closer link between churches and youth."

"If each of the quarter million churches in this country provided an average of

four summer jobs — with particular emphasis on helping needy youth — the result would be one million jobs, and our summer employment problem would be nearly licked," Christenson told delegates to the convention.

Christenson lauded the work being done by the Catholic Church in this country in behalf of youth.

"The Catholic Church in America has played a vital role in expanding opportunities for needy youth," he said. "Millions of poor boys and girls have received their education and have participated in programs sponsored by Catholic organizations."



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AROUND THE WORLD

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All foreign churches the same fate if they policy, he commented.

Mr. Haselbart said planation of the expuls "I have never engaged politics," he said. "How to apartheid. I believe cannot accept anything Church or outside it."

Quebec Legalize  
Montreal — (RNS) — Premier Jean-Jacques would be allowed to p courthouses and other believers thus would benefit of priest, ministered by the old law religion is not established.

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Caribbean Church  
Port-of-Spain — (RNS) — Port-of-Spain declared the to eradicate all forms of

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