

N. Ireland Reveals Reform Plan

Belfast, Northern Ireland (NC) — The government of Northern Ireland has proposed social and political reforms in response to the demands of a Catholic civil rights movement.

The government statement announced the following reforms:

- Allocation of public housing is to be made on the basis of need.
- Consideration of machinery to investigate citizens' grievances in an objective way, and legislation to appoint a parliamentary commissioner for administration, an ombudsman.
- Swift economic and social reform in the Londonderry area, where the male unemployment rate is now 17.8%.
- Cessation of the use of provisions of the Special Powers Act which include the right to arrest and hold any offender against internal security without trial and to suppress newspapers for the same reason.

In the light of these decisions, the government said there can be no further justification for what it described as "militant action in defiance of the law," and it called for the support of "all moderate minded men and women" in dealing with "troublemakers."

Demonstrations, Catholic protests against discrimination by Northern Ireland's Protestant majority, began on Oct. 5, when a march was organized by the Irish Civil Rights Association to protest anti-Catholic discrimination in housing, voting, jobs and higher education.

The march was banned but the marchers defied the ban and clashed with police trying to block off the restricted area in the city's center and Protestant residential areas. Some 70 persons were injured and 20 arrested.

The disturbances continued for several days and included the smashing of windows by teen-agers, the explosion of a Molotov cocktail against a Presbyterian church and a demonstration by 1,500 Catholic students against alleged police brutality in the early phases of the violence.

Religious differences have been a source of trouble in Northern Ireland since Ireland was partitioned in 1922. Catholics number about one-third of Northern Ireland's total population of 1.5 million.

In April 1967, a news team of the London Times investigated charges of discrimination in Northern Ireland and reported they found overwhelming evidence for them. Earlier a non-Catholic Labor Party group from the British House of Commons urged Prime Minister Harold Wilson to investigate anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland.

The MPs had made a trip to Northern Ireland and reported that Catholics here were not getting fair treatment with regard to housing,

the law, local government and government appointments.

Vatican Issues Christmas Stamp

Vatican City — (RNS) — Long values bears an engraving by lines waited patiently outside the Vatican Post Office here to purchase copies of this year's Christmas stamp issue devoted to the Infant of Prague. The stamp, issued in three

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Black Novelist Warns Of Civil War Threat

Dayton, Ohio (NC) — Dismissing the phrase "race relations" as a superficial term with little meaning, James Baldwin, negro author and playwright, told a press luncheon at the University of Dayton's Bergamo Center that the critical question is simply "whether or not we can live together."

"I am your brother . . . not your ward . . . not your subject," he said. "I am not a coward. I am not to be told when to stand and where to sit, what person I should marry, or what job I can or cannot take."

Whites generally haven't yet learned this, according to Baldwin, and unless they learn it soon America is headed for a civil war.

He said: "You can petition and petition, you can parade,

march and appeal, but a petitioner is a beggar," and that is the position blacks are no longer content to assume.

"If you want me to wait around for your good will just to survive, I tell you it ain't gonna be like that," he said. "I'm not going to live another 44 years. What you have demanded of the black man of this country ever since he got here was that he somehow wait, wait, wait until you were ready to let him breathe."

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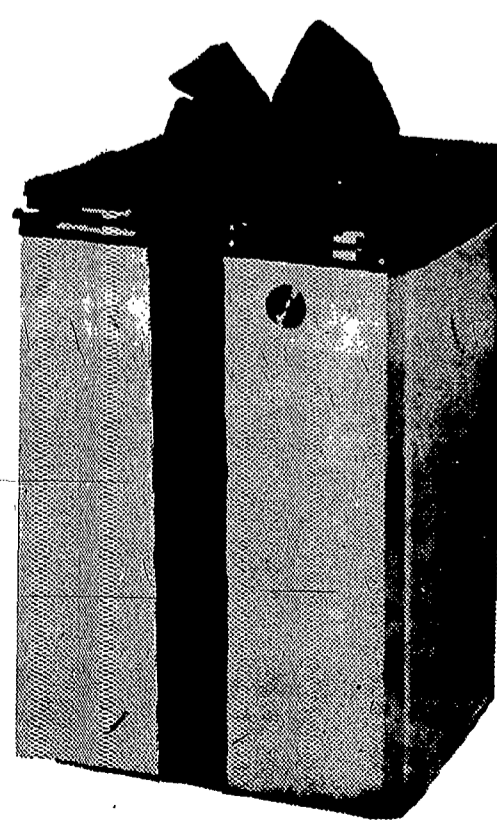
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