

# Bishop Seeks Nixon's Help to End Harassment of Biafra Supply Lines

New York — (NC) — The director of the overseas relief agency of American Catholics appealed by telegram to President Nixon to use his influence to stop bombing and strafing of relief planes flying into Biafra.

Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of Catholic Relief Services, told the President unless there is a straffing halt, hundreds of thousands of innocent women and children, imperiled by hunger and diseases, will be cut off from their only regular source of relief supplies from the outside world.

At CRS headquarters here, Bishop Swannstrom condemned the bombing-strafting by the Nigerian air force of relief planes used by church agencies of Europe and North America flying food and medical supplies for the starving and sick in blockaded Biafra.

The Embassy of Nigeria in Washington issued a statement denying charges that the Nigerian Air Force was bombing aircraft loaded with relief supplies for the Biafrans.

"The airstrip itself, when used by planes carrying arms to the (Biafran) rebels, is a legitimate military target," the statement said. "It is well known that such planes often come into the airstrip immediately behind or between planes bearing relief supplies, thus endangering the relief planes. Indeed, there has been, for some time, a suspicious coincidence in the simultaneous arrival of gun-running planes with other aircraft supposedly carrying relief supplies organized by the unauthorized private groups from Sao Tome."

The statement added the Nigerian federal authorities "have always made every effort to facilitate relief flights."

In Washington, the State Department disclosed that a review of U.S. policy for supplying emergency relief to Biafra, ordered by President Nixon, is nearing completion.

The State Department made it plain the interest of the U.S. in the Nigeria-Biafra civil war was focused on efforts to afford humanitarian relief to thousands of the war victims.

The day after the Nigerian embassy statement was issued, Sen. Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., reported incidents that contradicted it.

Arriving here after a 10-day tour of Nigeria and Biafra, Goodell spoke of a pilot identifying himself on the radio as "Genocide." Flying a Soviet-made twin-engine bomber, the pilot waits nightly for planes to land with food for the starving Biafrans, and then drops his payload of bombs on the airstrip, the senator said.

Goodell also described how he watched from a trench while the village of Umahia was bombed by what he said was a Soviet-made Nigerian plane. Two civilians were killed in the attack.

Criticizing U.N. Secretary General U Thant for saying Nigerians were not interfering with relief opera-

tions to Biafra, Goodell said U Thant "should share a trench with me while this self-proclaimed 'Genocide' bomber drops his bombs."

"The Nigerians have been bombing isolated hospitals marked with large Red Crosses, marketplaces, schools and feeding stations in Biafra," the senator said.



Two Southern Baptist missionary families, the Herbert Caudills, lower ramp, and the David Flites, upper steps, arrive in Matamoros, Mexico, on the first lap of their return to the U.S. after the men were released from a Cuban prison. Mr. Caudill, 65, has been out of prison for two years because of an eye ailment. He waited to return home until Mr. Flites, 35, his son-in-law, was released after four years imprisonment. Both were charged with illegal currency exchange by the Castro regime. The Caudills had been in Cuba as missionaries for 40 years. (RNS)

## No Disruptions -- ND Prexy

(Continued from Page 1) stand has the "practically unanimous" support of the trustees, academic council, the vice presidents and deans, the Faculty Senate, the Student Life Council, the councils of several of the schools and colleges, and the officers and directors of the Alumni Association.

"This community," he said, "recognizes the validity of protest in our day — sometimes even the necessity — regarding the current burning issues of our society." But, he continued, the university could not con-

tinue to exist as an open society, dedicated to the discussion of all issues of importance, if protests were of such a nature that the normal operations of the university were in any way impeded, or if the rights of any member of this community were abrogated, peacefully or non-peacefully.

Alluding to what he called "the new politics of confrontation," Father Hesburgh questioned whether universities must permit themselves to be subjected to such intimidation and victimization.

## Local Opinion Aroused

# Abortion Debated at Hearing

(Continued from Page 1)

osophical principles to round out their case.

Attorney Eugene R. Cusker of St. James parish, Rochester, cited legal precedents which would allow a child injured before childbirth legal recourse to sue for damages. He added that a United Nations declaration on the Right of the Child (1959), stressed:

"The child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."

A Buffalo psychiatrist, Dr. Armand DiFrancesco, questioned the validity of therapeutic abortion for psychiatric reasons. Citing his own experience, he claimed that good psychiatric care during pregnancy can prevent mental illness from developing or being aggravated.

"Most women seek abortion on psychiatric grounds," he said bluntly, "simply because they do not want to have a child."

Of the 12 speakers only one was a woman, Mrs. Gerald Sullivan, a Rochester social worker and mother, who spoke strongly against liberalizing the present laws.

The hearing was one of three scheduled throughout the state in preparation for the joint public health committee's report to the respective legislative bodies in the near future.

Speakers opposing change:

Dr. Thomas R. Sweeney (Obs-Gyn) Rochester General Hospital (co-chairman, Rochester Right to Life Committee);

Mr. Eugene Cusker, attorney, (co-chairman, Rochester Right to Life Committee);

Mrs. Gerald (Marilyn) Sullivan, social worker, mother;

Rev. Robert Miller, CSB, Chairman, Philosophy Dept., St. John Fisher College;

Dr. Joseph J. Ricotta (Obs.), Children's Hospital, Buffalo;

Dr. Armand DiFrancesco, Buffalo psychiatrist.

Those favoring change:

— Rt. Rev. G. W. Barrett, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester;

Dr. Kenneth Niswander, (Obs-Gyn), Children's Hospital, Buffalo;

Dr. Curtis J. Lund (Obs-Gyn), UR School of Medicine;

Mr. Dennis Livadas, attorney, Chairman, Mon. Co. Bar Association;

Dr. Robert W. Atkins (Psych), UR School of Medicine.

## This is the Little Washer



## that goes inside the Big Washer



## You Get Both For Only \$214.95

Big family loads or just a handful of leftovers, this General Electric washer takes the hard work out of any laundering chore.

G-E's exclusive Mini-Basket is perfect for small loads (up to 2 lbs.), leftovers or delicate items you would normally wash by hand. This separate basket has its own wash action and spin speed. Saves time, water and detergent, too.

For regular family loads, simply remove the Mini-Basket and you're ready for 16 lbs. of your toughest or most fragile clothes. G-E's Two Wash Speeds/Two Spin Speeds pamper all your clothes. Clothes stay new and fresh looking longer because

correct wash and spin speeds assure washing conditions to meet requirements of each fabric.

Your new G-E washer is so easy to use. Simply set the selector buttons and turn the dial to suit the kind of fabrics being laundered — including Permanent Press.

The Permanent Press cycle automatically cools down clothing with a cold water spray. This prevents bothersome wrinkles from "setting-in" — keeps ironing at a minimum.

Why not stop in at your RGE Appliance Center now. Ask for the General Electric washer with the Mini-Basket. . . it's like getting two washers in one!

Matching Gas or Electric Dryer Available

**RGE** ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC  
89 EAST AVENUE • 546-2700

SALE. THINK OF IT!  
A SPANKING NEW  
WINTER COAT  
ONLY 34.00!

Here's a once-in-a-blue-moon chance to buy a Forman winter coat for such a low price! And you'll find a wonderful selection here. The season's shapeliest silhouettes. Lovely fabrics in solid colors, plaids, tweeds. Some single breasted, some double, some belted. You can find just what you want without spending a fortune. Misses' and petites' 6 to 18. Third Floor Coats, Midtown; Culver-Ridge and Pittsford.

B. FORMAN CO.



Black  
Newman C  
Briefed by  
By REV. JOHN  
(Father) McDon  
of the National N

They said: "I  
whitey. We've so  
Now you have to  
It's up to you to  
munity about whi

Black Militancy  
sly was the name  
at Shaw Universit  
last month. The  
Apostolate spe  
Catholic and Pr  
from private and  
universities across  
audience was ever  
Newman chairma  
ters, chaplains J  
leges and Protest  
served as campus

The announced  
tical conference  
formation about  
the black college  
occasion for an u  
basic causes whi  
this mood; and s  
the appropriate  
Church in partne  
versity to this vit

All of the spea

A willowy you  
Newman, of H  
probably describ  
said: "The black  
self together and  
campus. The bea  
are meeting on c

If one could be  
taking up of the  
little encouragement  
the problem itself  
solutions that car  
nation of it. The  
pression of the M  
of years was exp  
of ways and with  
vehemence. Profe  
presentation put

For 300 year  
Americans have  
oppression and r  
deliberate dehum  
tained by insti  
and economic in  
has shown itself  
ery designed to  
economy, to mak  
tool, a commodity  
and in second c  
signed to foster  
supremacy.

"From the ver  
black man's soj  
the white man  
way possible to  
sense of nothing  
visibleness, and  
in the land."

Next came 30  
militants and  
was the same bu  
ceased. One ST  
dent put it this

"The Black Me  
the angry cry o  
souls rising fro

Negro Ch

Hopes  
To Ea

Chicago — (R  
nor whites in th  
gically prepared  
prejudice, a  
Episcopal bishop  
ference of Chris  
under sponsorb  
Council of Chur

Bishop Joseph  
Shreveport, La.,  
for early integr  
"is dim indeed."

The Negro chu  
tion lies far in  
"white racism" p  
Because of his  
the black man  
white man is c  
he said, and b  
tude, many Neg  
in integration a  
ing racial equal

The bishop t  
a movement exp  
tion to achieve r

Ins

San Jose, Calif  
reporters will  
story. But it was  
roll of the San J  
develop an "Itex  
an instant mink

It was quite  
sal Life Church  
Calif., the pape  
issues ordinar  
quest. All one  
letter to Dr.  
dent of the chu  
nation. The cas  
6 cents for a U

According to  
port, Universal  
dained 17,000  
If added that  
chaos for Sele  
handling applic  
ferments.

Said "ordaine  
"I can marry y  
dead, save sinn  
ing, take up a  
all. I also may  
tax rates, take  
hospital and h  
fare on trains ar  
I'm drafted, ca  
cloth and say  
go."