



Library Move, Ghana-Style

Students at St. Elizabeth's College in Convent Station, N.J., put their heads together when it came to moving the books into the school's new library. Betty Dasah and Prudence Naawa of Ghana, sophomores, carry the books African-style as they help in moving the 82,000 volumes. Eight hundred student and faculty volunteers participated in the transfer. (RNS)

Catholic Women Urge Preachers: Remove Hats in Church Protest

Milwaukee, Wis. — (RNS) — Protesters what they called "the second class status of women in the church," six women took off their hats and placed them on the communion rail of St. John de Nepomuc church here at Sunday Mass.

Handbills distributed by the group stated: "Let us not be humiliated. Let us not be treated as second class Christians. Let us not be intimidated. Let us be men and women, equal in Christ!"

The materials also maintained that "the veiling of women has been the symbol of subjection throughout history. Our talents are needed by the churches. We must be free to use them."

The tradition of women covering their heads in churches is traced to the writings of St. Paul: "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or uncovereth dishonoureth her head."

"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, for as much as he is the image and glory of God. But the woman is the glory of the man."

New Orleans — (RNS) — Marketing techniques used by commercial advertisers must be adopted by preachers "selling Christianity," participants in the 12th annual convention of the Christian Preaching Conference were told here.

Father Donald Connolly, coordinator of the National Catholic Office of Radio and Television, said that "preachers have to be aware of market value and audience response, especially to reach young people."

In an age of change, he said, essentials are most important. It is necessary to establish priorities in identifying the main product, Christianity. "After you decide which product you are going to market, you must know your market audience, giving them a sampling of your product, emphasize its good points, then sell, sell, sell."

Father Connolly pointed out that preachers can learn a \$50,000 lesson by watching TV commercials and studying their techniques.

"Television is an emotive medium," he said. "It establishes contact with people, not through intellectual content of its message, but through emotions."

Lawyer-Nun Takes On Railroad To Save the Wabash Cannonball

Detroit — (NC) — Led by an elderly lawyer-nun, patrons of the legendary Wabash Cannonball did battle with attorneys for the Norfolk & Western Railway, which wants to explode the Cannonball into oblivion.

Norfolk & Western, which says it lost \$467,000 on the Cannonball in 1967 and \$570,000 last year, has petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) for permission to eliminate the passenger run. The final hearing was held in Federal Court here and the Cannonball's friends, mostly elderly women, were on hand early.

They rallied behind Sister Ann Joachim, a Dominican nun who admits she is old enough for Medicare but who once won trophies in tennis, basketball and swimming and was even a stunt pilot.

Sister Ann, attorney for the Dominican Motherhouse

in Adrian, Mich., one of the towns served by the Detroit-St. Louis train, called a stream of witnesses to testify that the only thing wrong with the Cannonball is that Norfolk & Western wants to close it down.

Mrs. Carrie Sponhauer, a frequent rider and a stockholder in N & W, quoted from the company's annual report to argue that passenger service was profitable. She cited figures showing revenue from "passengers, mail and express" went from 10 million in 1967 to \$22 million in 1968.

"And right in the president's letter to the stockholders, it says the railroad's objective is 'the best possible rail service to our patrons,'" Mrs. Sponhauer said.

"Presumably," Sister Ann interjected, "that means people and not commerce. Presumably they prefer to transport pigs rather than

people," she added, to applause and laughter from the audience.

Sister Ann contended the demise of the Cannonball would leave stranded the Sisters, Siena Heights College students and 200 grade and high school students who commute to and from Adrian every day.

The railway corporation called no witnesses, but George Saunders, its attorney, said the Cannonball has shown growing losses for four years. He said studies indicated this trend will continue, and there is little the railroad can do to reverse it.

Saunders said there is an "inherent decline in demand" for what the railroad offers.

The ICC will announce by July 3 its decision on the Cannonball, the last name-sake of the historic train which traveled the midwestern plains in the 19th century.

Restrictions Lifted from Cardonnel

Paris — (NC) Restrictions imposed on Dominican Father Jean Cardonnel in January have been lifted.

The restrictions were imposed after the priest expressed certain revolutionary ideas in Lenten sermons last year. In one of the sermons Father Cardonnel said that a true Lent "would be a general strike that would block the mechanisms of the profit-seeking society." Several weeks later, a general strike took place throughout France.

The priest has also claimed that violence is admissible in certain unjust situations and that the Church should renounce its material wealth.

Cardinal-designate Archbishop Francois Marty of Paris lifted his ban on Father Cardonnel speaking publicly in the Paris archdiocese, but at the same time specified that when the priest speaks publicly he must do so in his own name.

The priest's superior, Father Joseph Kopf, O.P., head of the Dominicans Toulouse province, lifted his restrictions on Father Cardonnel's writings after he published a confession of faith entitled "What I Believe" in Temoinage Chretien (Christian Witness), a Catholic periodical.

Father Kopf wrote Father Cardonnel a letter (April 4) saying that his "profession of faith removes certain ambiguities of earlier publications concerning basic affirmations of the Catholic faith."

Archbishop Marty lifted his ban after Father Cardonnel had met with him and Joseph Cardinal Lefebvre of Bourges, president of the French Bishops' Conference; Bishop Pierre M. Peuch of Carcassonne and Archbishop Louis Jean Guyot of Toulouse.

In his profession of faith published in Temoinage Chretien, Father Cardonnel said that he is "very deeply attached to the whole Christian tradition."

Black Separation Said Here to Stay

Pittsburgh — Black separatism is here to stay, baby; you better believe it!

That was the message of black speakers to the national convention here of the Catholic Clergy Conference on the Interracial Apostolate, an organization of inner city priests.

And the 300 delegates—a racially mixed but mostly white group of priests, nuns and laymen — seemed prepared to accept that.

Actually, black separatism is the road to dignity for blacks, and to the identity which America has denied to any meaningful relationship between the races, the speakers said. It is the alternative to violence, they indicated.

"There is nothing more creative going on in America today than black separatism," Dr. Nathan Wright of Newark

told the convention in the keynote speech.

Dr. Wright, an Episcopal minister who twice chaired the National Black Power Conference, said blacks have a redemptive role to fulfill in America. It is to civilize and humanize a corrupt society, using the special insights possessed only by society's rejected classes.

Cardinal-designate John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, addressing a convention luncheon, hit out at white Catholics who criticize the establishment, in which they include the Church, for racial failure while implying they are innocent.

"There's nothing to be gained by trying to get off the hook," he said. "The fact is that anyone who has a Social Security card or a credit card or a zip code number is part of the establishment. All of us are responsible in more ways than we're willing to admit."

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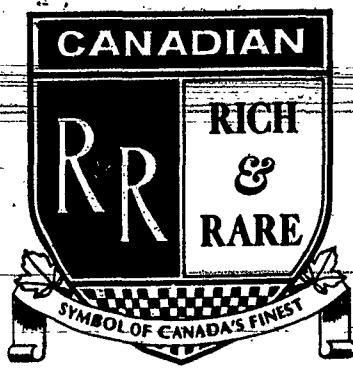
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