



### Plan National Meeting of Nuns

Five nuns and a priest from Iowa will play a major role in the upcoming National Meeting of Women Religious in Chicago May 9-11. They are, left to right, Sister Cathleen Real, C.H.M., planning chairman for the conference; Sister Kathleen Kenkel; Sister Barbara Dwyer of Bettendorf; Sister Roberta Ann, C.H.M., of Bettendorf; and Sister Catherine Gibbons of Davenport. Father Laurence Mullins, right, chancellor and vicar for religious for the Diocese of Davenport, will speak at the convention.

## Catholic U. No. 1 Aim of Black Clergy Cuts Budgets Still National Office

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Because 19 of the U.S. dioceses have contributed nothing in the current school year, and because contributions have been slow from other dioceses, the Catholic University of America is facing a reduction of budgets by all schools in the university, with the exception of religious education and theology.

Hardest hit were the schools of engineering and science, schools into which Catholic U. had been pouring heavy sums of money in recent years.

So far, the university has received only \$2,721,000 of the \$4,377,000 pledged by the nation's diocesan bishops at their meeting in April 1968.

The student newspaper, "The Tower," suggested in its latest issues that the funds were being withheld by the dioceses as a reaction to the birth control controversy centered at the university. Twenty-one Catholic theologians, teachers at the school, had dissented from the papal encyclical on birth control.

Nonetheless, sources within the university speculated that some bishops will end financial support for the university now that an inquiry board has exonerated the faculty members and criticized the board of trustees for ordering an investigation into whether the professors' dissent from the encyclical was in violation of their commitment to the parochial school.

### CEMETERY DESECRATED

Prague — (RNS) — A Jewish cemetery in the central Czechoslovakian town of Jihlava has been desecrated and 28 tombstones overturned, according to reports here.

New Orleans — (NC) — The entire three-day meeting (April 24-26) of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus dealt with proposals for establishing a central national office for black Catholicism.

Father Donald M. Clark of Detroit, the new president of the caucus, spoke at the only press conference held by the caucus at the end of the meeting.

Although Father Clark would not disclose details of the proposal, he noted that its establishment would transfer leadership and decision-making power into the black community.

The office would be composed of Religious men and women and lay people, he said. One of their objectives would be to set up training programs to assist white priests and Sisters who are going to work in black communities.

He said: "We would try to form liaison with emerging black communi-

ties in the nation, to enter into a relationship with them since we can not see ourselves as black Catholics really forming anything meaningful without taking into consideration our relationships with black people in general."

In answer to a reporter's question, Father Clark explained that the clergy caucus is not an effort on the part of the black clergy to divide the Church.

"We feel that in the area of Church worship, for instance, there has been no tradition of incorporating anything ethnic from blacks to make the church relevant to the black community," he said. "Yet there is a long tradition of adapting the liturgy and worship for other ethnic groups."

As for the Catholic Church's involvement in social issues, Father Clark said the caucus stand is that the Church has taken only a marginal position on social issues.

## SPAIN

### Episcopal Vicar Arrested

Madrid — (RNS) — Tension between the Catholic Church and the Franco government reached a new high here with the announcement that the episcopal vicar of Bilbao was arrested by police in the Basque province despite the protest of the diocesan bishop.

Under terms of the Vatican Concordat with Spain, a priest may not

be arrested or tried without the consent of his bishop — whose jurisdiction is recognized by the civil government as having primacy.

Father Jose Ubieta, the arrested vicar, is being detained at the military hospital in Bilbao after having appeared before a military judge. It is believed he is being charged with aiding Basque nationalists. He is a highly respected moderate who has sought to serve as a mediator between the hierarchy and the liberal Basque clergy.

Father Ubieta was arrested on the morning of April 23 when he went to the military tribunal to make a statement. On the night before about 100 police had surrounded the episcopal palace and an attempt was made to arrest him.

A police inspector reportedly entered the bishop's house, arrested the priest and led him out. However, Bishop Jose Maria Cirarda intervened, brought Father Ubieta back to his residence and the police left.

The bishop heads the neighboring Diocese of Santander and is Apostolic Administrator of the Bilbao see. Bishop Cirarda named Father Ubieta as his vicar for the diocese and the priest, though regarded by many of the Basque clergy as a conservative, won their respect by backing priests in trouble with the Franco regime.

### Pope Paul Praises Singing at Mass

Vatican City — (RNS) — Addressing a large group of choral singers here, Pope Paul VI stressed the value of singing at Mass, both by the choir and by the congregation.

"Too many mouths remain mute without warning to the chant which is in itself a joyous confession of faith in Christ," he said. "Too many liturgical celebrations remain devoid of that mystical vibration which authentic religious music communicates to the sensitive souls of the faithful."

He praised the "enigmatic and virile force" of traditional Gregorian Chant and noted that the Church also approves the use of polyphonic music and of popular religious melodies.

Pope Paul addressed a number of Italian and foreign choruses, which had participated in the Ninth International Choral Festival at Loretto.

"In the cold squalor of the world frozen by egoism and the present-day spirit of non-communication and protest," the Pope said, liturgical chant "can, if it is inserted in its rightful place in the service of the liturgy, cooperate effectively in lighting a new spark of enthusiasm, of joy, of fervor."

Singing will insure, he said, that "people will live more intensely in fraternal love, fusing their hearts in unison with the praises of God, pulling down the barriers that make present-day man indifferent to his brethren."

## PEOPLE AND EVENTS



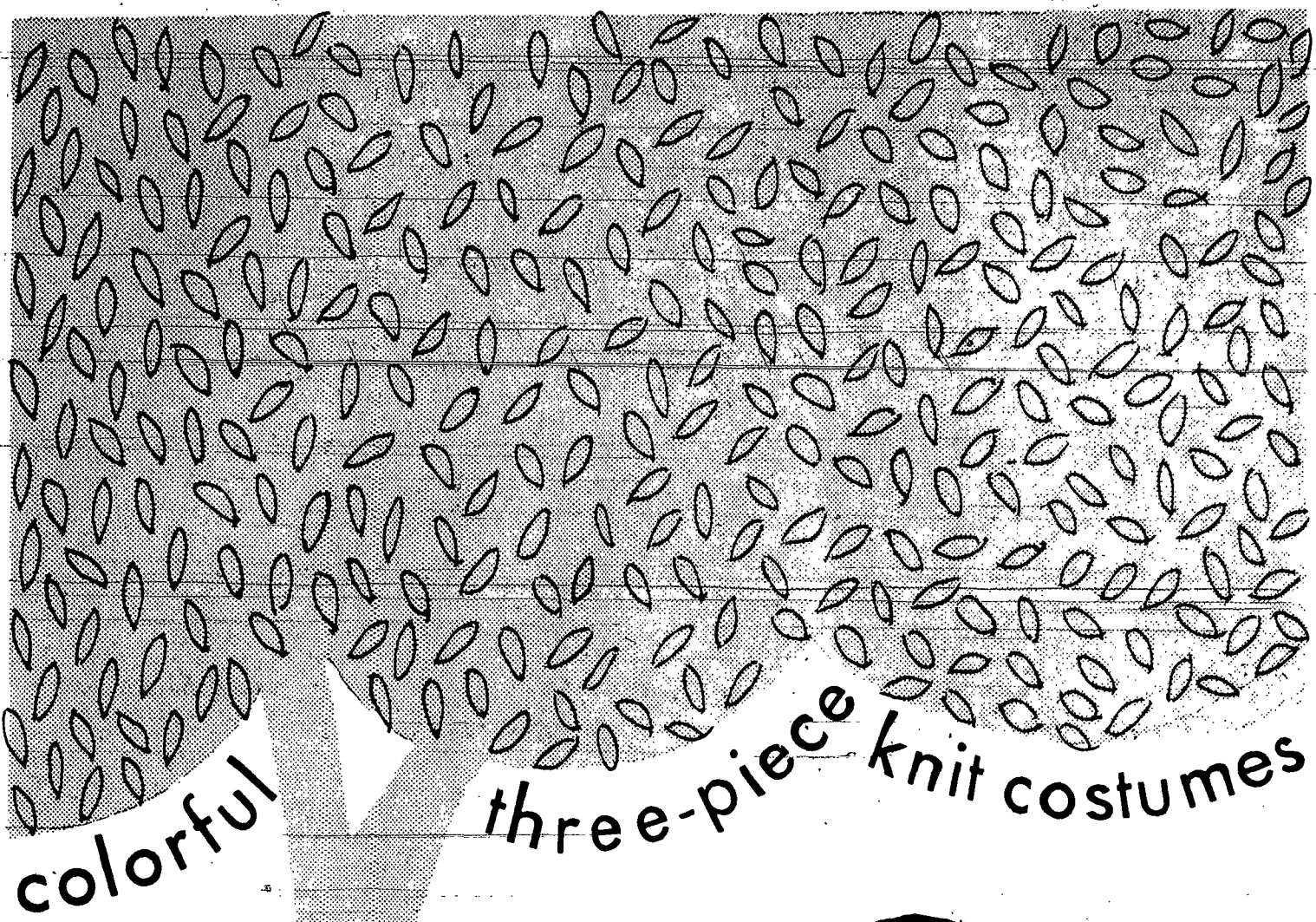
### Jackie Robinson Gets NCCJ Award

Former U.S. Ambassador Robert D. Murphy, Catholic co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Jackie Robinson share a joke as the former baseball star and 1968 National Brotherhood Week chairman receives a NCCJ Special Service Award. The presentation was made at the annual meeting of the NCCJ's Board of Governors in New York. (RNS)

President Nixon was among those who extended greetings to Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., who will retire in June after 11 years as president of La Salle College in Philadelphia. Brother Daniel was honored at a testimonial attended by 1,000 alumni, students, faculty, civic and educational leaders. Pope Paul VI has accepted the credentials of Nationalist China's new ambassador to the Holy See, Chen Chih-mal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bing Crosby have donated \$1 million to Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles for the college's science facilities to be included in the Harvey Mudd Science Complex when Immaculate Heart moves to Claremont University Center in 1971. Fernando Chavez, son of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee leader, Cesar Chavez, refused induction into the armed services here on grounds that "I am against violence in any form."

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK** . . . Gov. Ronald Reagan, speaking in Anaheim, Calif., called private schools "an educational whetstone which forces public schools to compete for excellence." He said "we plan to petition the federal government for that kind of school aid that would not violate separation of church and state."



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