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N.Y. Rejects Demand for 'Reparations'

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New York — (NC) — The New York archdiocese rejected (May 21) the National Black Economic Development Conference's "Black Manifesto" demanding \$500 million in "reparations" from the nation's churches and synagogues to American Negroes.

"It is regrettable that in the 'Black Manifesto' these concerns are closely joined to political concepts which are completely contrary to our American way of life," declared a four-page statement issued by the archdiocese.

"On this basis, in addition to the manner of presentation and other substantive considerations," the statement said, "we do not endorse the 'Black Manifesto' or its demands."

James Forman, chief spokesman for the black conference, delivered May 9 a bill to New York archdiocesan headquarters asking \$200 million from the Catholic Church.

The archdiocesan statement observed that Forman's public pronouncements "have caused all of us to reflect deeply upon some of the frustrations and aspirations of the black people."

It pointed out that the New York archdiocese always has been concerned with providing services to "alleviate suffering" and with working for the "renewal of society."

The statement pointed out that Catholic Charities gave \$5,764,000 in cash to 203 social welfare agencies for services to people, adding that the money was donated by the people of the archdiocese. These services related to health, family welfare, child care and youth activities.

The archdiocese also provided \$1,270,000 to subsidize its parochial schools in areas where parishes cannot afford to support them, archdiocesan officials pointed out. This money, the statement said, was spent "to meet the deficit for the cost of education of inner-city children."

The statement did concede that "in the light of history there is a particular responsibility to black people."

"In this area," it explained, "the Church has made persevering efforts to form consciences, to change attitudes and to promote effective legislation. Much more remains to be done; we shall continue to work with all Church members toward the achievement of these ends."

"It is hoped that these voluntary offerings will increase with each passing day," the statement said. "At the same time," it added, "it must be recognized that the people of the archdiocese of New York experience inevitable limitations in what they are able to do from their own resources."

It said the Church's deep concern stems from the very heart of the message of Jesus, most recently reaffirmed in the words of the Second Vatican Council: "The right to have a share of earthly goods sufficient for oneself and one's family belongs to everyone."



Memorial Day - - 1969

Once again on a Memorial Day, America will pause to pay tribute to our fallen heroes, to those who have paid the noble sacrifice for their country.

The roll call is long, from Valley Forge to Vietnam and let us never forget the honor due the names on it nor the sympathy due the loved ones left behind.

But we must ask the prayerful question: "Dear God, when will the list stop growing?" ... both in our beloved America and across the world.

Pentecost Mass in 10 Tongues

Vatican City — (NC) — St. Peter's basilica resounded to the boom of African tom-toms and the murmur of prayers in 10 languages at a Pentecost Mass celebrated by Pope Paul and 24 priests from all parts of the world.

Priests and seminarians from 110 Catholic colleges and seminaries in Rome sang and spoke in their own languages. African students from the college run by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples drummed their tom-toms.

The Offertory was in Yoruba, the language spoken in Western Nigeria and Dahomey.

The Gospel was read by various concelebrants in Portuguese, Spanish and English. Intentions of the Prayers of the Faithful were recited in Chinese, Spanish, German, Greek, Arabic and Hindi.

The Pope used Latin from the Offertory to the Consecration.

The "Pater" was sung in Latin by the priests, students and several thousand others who came to hear the Mass.

Pentecost is the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, and His gift of tongues.

In his sermon the Pope described Pentecost as the feast of the Mystical Body of Christ "in which all of us have the supreme good fortune of belonging. It is the feast which cele-

brates the twofold ineffable communion: communion with Christ and communion among ourselves."

He said the Holy Spirit operates in two fields, in each person as well

as in all persons in a community. The second field, he said, is the visible body of the Church which the Holy Spirit "changes into the Mystical Body of Christ."

Pope Paul:

'As If a Window Opened'

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI, speaking in the vast vault of St. Peter's Basilica about man's venturing into space, asserted that it troubles earthlings by forcing their vision beyond comfortable horizons.

"It is as if a window opened in the room of our every day life," he told a general audience about Apollo 10, "and we were invited to look outside into space, into the sky and into the cosmos."

The Pope said that because man is moving into space, "our habitual thoughts are checked, as it were, and fixed in the void before us."

He asserted: "We certainly are not spellbound, nor are we amused. We are troubled. We are confronted by an immense, mysterious picture of reality, which we thought we could forget because for those of us who are not astronomers it is far away and cannot be reached or experienced."

Man's exploration of space demonstrates what a "prodigious being" man is, the Pope declared. But he also pointed out that it should further direct our thoughts to the "Author both of man and of the cosmos that man is exploring."

"Do not let us miss an occasion such as this, most beloved sons, to find ourselves again humble, pious, good, devout and happy before signs — so evident for those who want to see — of the Supreme Presence in our world and in our life. Let us worship in silence."



The Apollo 10 crew, left to right, Eugene Cernan, John Young and Thomas Stafford. (RNS)

JFK Birthplace To Become Shrine

Brookline, Mass. — The birthplace of the late President John F. Kennedy became a National Historic Site this week.

A deed to the house was presented to the federal government by his mother, Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, at a dedication ceremony here.

The two-story frame house at 83

NCEA Unit Tells Catholics, 'Further School Integration'

(NC News Service)

Washington — Catholics must do everything "in their power to further integration in Catholic schools," the Department of School Superintendents, National Catholic Educational Association, said in a statement.

The superintendents' statement warned, however, against closing Catholic schools in the suburbs in order to put more funds and personnel in inner-city schools, as some Catholic school experts have suggested. "There are serious difficulties with this strategy," they said.

The statement, resulting from a conference sponsored by the superintendents earlier this month in Chicago, said it would be as serious a mistake to cut back the scope of the Catholic schools' role among whites as it would be to reduce the Catholic school presence in the inner city.

Governor Signs Pornography Bills

Albany — (NC) — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller signed into law bills providing stiff penalties for wholesale dealers and distributors of hard core pornography and for the sale of obscene materials to minors.

The first bill increases the offense of disseminating indecent material from a misdemeanor, which is punishable to up to one year in jail, to a felony, which carries a sentence of up to four years in prison.

The second bill increases the penalty against wholesale dealers who are guilty of promoting obscene materials, but continues as a misdemeanor the prosecution against newsstands and other retail store operators.

Wholesale promotion of obscenity is classed as a felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

"Some suggest that, if a choice must be made for financial reasons between Catholic schools in the suburbs and Catholic schools in the inner-city, the Catholic community should opt conclusively for the latter," the superintendents noted.

"It is questionable to say the least whether Catholic education, cut off from its base of financial support in relatively affluent urban and suburban areas, would be able to accomplish much in the inner city," they said.

"This difficulty could and should be removed in part by creating a stronger sense of generosity and commitment to the inner city in the more affluent portions of the Catholic community, and by greater centralization in the funding of Catholic schools, as well as by seeking new sources of support from government, industry and foundations.

"It is an open question, however, whether all or any of these steps would guarantee the financial resources necessary to sustain a major quantitative reorientation of Catholic school priorities toward the inner city," the superintendents said. "To a great extent, the degree of support from these sources will determine how much can be done by Catholic inner-city schools, and how well."

"Perhaps, then, the best answer for the Catholic schools in responding to the urban crisis," they said, "is to start from where they are. They must increase their effort to be of service to non-white and non-Catholic inner-city students, and they must increase their effort to foster social justice among their white middle-class students."

Among measures intended to bolster integration in Catholic schools, the superintendents mentioned "the recruitment of non-white students, financial aid and, where practical, public transportation."

"The primary objective," in the integration of Catholic schools is "quality education," the superintendents said, and "integration is essential to quality education."

Pope's Itinerary For Geneva Visit

Geneva, Switzerland — (NC) — The hour-long visit by Pope Paul VI to the headquarters of the World Council of Churches here, June 10 is being planned to emphasize its "deep spiritual significance," according to an agenda announcement by the council.

The outline is as follows:

On his arrival, the Pope will be received by the general secretary of the World Council, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the United States.

Dr. Blake will give a welcoming address in the Conference Hall of the Ecumenical Center, after which the Pope will address the meeting. After these addresses, a prayer will be said in common and this first part of the visit will be closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Pope will then have a private conversation with the general secretary of the World Council and Dr. Blake will introduce his close colleagues. After this, the Pope will meet some representatives of World Council members churches and of world confessional organizations which have their offices in the Ecumenical Center.

Then the Pope will greet the authorities of the churches in Geneva, and especially of the National Protestant Church which belongs to the Reformed tradition.

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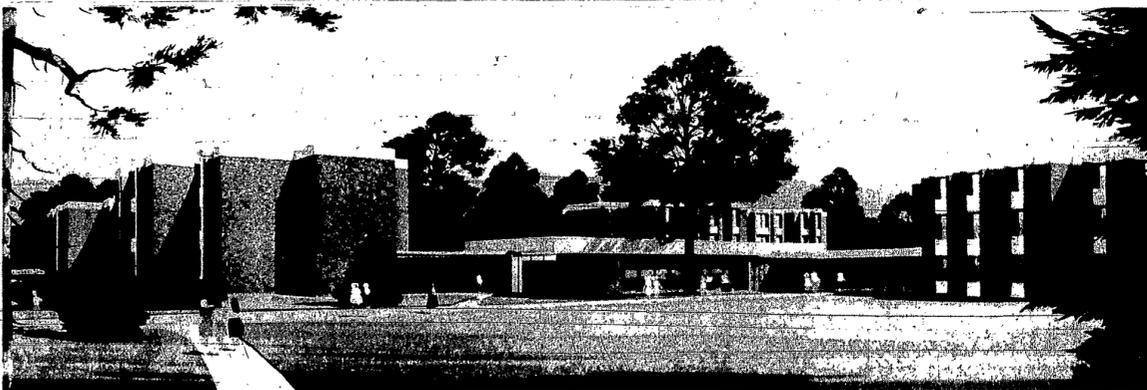
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PROPOSED DORMS AT NAZARETH COLLEGE — Architect's rendering depicts proposed nearly \$2 million, three-unit dormitory

complex on Nazareth College campus for which groundbreaking took place May 22. It will house 320 students. (See story on Page 7.)

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