

More Reactions to Black Manifesto

San Antonio — (RNS) — An official response, "not from fear but from love" to demands from "black and brown militants" was made by the United Presbyterian Church.

The statement of the Presbyterian General Assembly, defended the invitation extended to James Forman of the National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC) and La Raza (Spanish-speaking) representatives, when it declared:

"As in Biblical times, God spoke to His people through strange prophets so we deem it appropriate to have invited to our Assembly spokesmen from the brown and black minorities, that through voices such as theirs, however angry the tone, we might better appreciate the depth of their plight."

Adding that the Assembly did not agree with "all their methods, ideas and programs," the statement asserted:

"Our concern is to hear through their pleas the call of Christ and, where possible, to identify with them in their hope and to work with them toward a more human future for all men. To do less, is to reject our Lord."

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — The Catholic Free Press, newspaper of the Diocese of Worcester, took editorial aim at both the NBEDC which is demanding \$500 million in "reparation" from America's churches and synagogues, and at diocesan newspapers and others who have condemned the demands of the NBEDC out of hand.

It felt the Black Manifesto "does smack of the old 'protection racket,' but the Free Press nonetheless commented that 'if we were all honest with ourselves we'd have to admit that the churches and synagogues have done pitifully little for the Black Man in America.'"

"Even to this day we see, in the Catholic Church, black men having to resort to the formation of 'clergy caucuses' in order to dramatize for the rest of us the wisdom of having black priests assigned to black parishes," it said.

New York — (RNS) — The board of directors of Union Theological Seminary said its action in appropriating large sums for black-controlled economic development should not "be read as implying a general philosophy of racial separatism."

Union Theological's board did not mention NBEDC in its resolutions, but provided for the black constituency of the school — students, faculty, alumni and directors — to determine how development funds would be used.

New Orleans — (NC) — Sixty black clergymen from New Orleans have signed a statement repudiating the demands of the NBEDC "Black Manifesto."

Simultaneously, white clergymen representing Roman Catholic, Jewish, Baptist, United Methodist and Christian churches and the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches issued a statement announcing their wholehearted concurrence with the statement of the black clergymen.

The black clergy said: "Whereas we agree with many of the allegations of economic deprivation, the racism which permeates all structures of our society, and the need for white America to enter into a wholehearted affirmative action to correct the existing inequities which render the black community economically disadvantaged, and whereas we sincerely feel that the church and the religious community ought to take leadership in confronting these problems... we are unalterably opposed to the 'demands' methodology and the racism in meeting the problems of economics as outlined in the manifesto."

Greenwich, Conn. — (RNS) — The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church has rejected the specific demands of the NBEDC upon the denomination.

A nine-point "Response to the Manifesto" recognized the "continuing poverty and injustice and racism in our society" and placed the Church's

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Corning — Sister M. Petronilla Killigrew, a native of Corning, has been elected provincial superior of the Wilton, Conn., Province, School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sister Petronilla returned to the United States in December after 18 months in Rome, where she helped prepare for the general chapter held there last Fall. She had been a teacher and principal at a high school in Irvington, N.Y. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester.

Lutheran College To Honor Priest

Dubuque, Iowa — (RNS) — Warburg Lutheran Seminary for the first time in its history, will present an honorary doctor of divinity degree to a Catholic priest at its commencement exercises in June.

Father James Gillis, a Dominican theologian who was dean of theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, will be given the degree in recognition of contributions to the ecumenical movement. The priest was instrumental in the formation of the Association of Theological Faculties in Iowa.

SEMINARY DEAN

Alexandria, Va. — (RNS) — The Rev. Granville C. Woods Jr., has been named dean of the Virginia Theological Seminary, an Episcopal school here.

Father of 7 to Become Deacon

Orchard Lake, Mich. — (RNS) — A 59-year-old retired postal clerk, married and the father of seven children, is the first candidate for the permanent diaconate accepted by Orchard Lake Seminary here.

Anthony F. Czarnecki will live at the Roman Catholic seminary during the week but return home on the weekends to Detroit where his wife will continue to live.

Twelve other men, all married, have also been accepted for the program of studies at the seminary, one of four schools training deacons for the Catholic Church in the U.S.

Father Frank R. Walczyk of the seminary staff told RNS that the original plan was to have only 12 students for the new program but that the initial response to it has been so large that authorities are thinking of expanding the program to 24 candidates.

The men range in age from their early 30s through their 60s and some are already accepted by dioceses. Most of them are paying the \$2,000-a-year tuition themselves.

Mr. Czarnecki has a son who is a priest and a daughter who is serving as a lay missionary. Three other daughters are married, a son is graduating from Notre

Dame this year, and one of his children has just entered college. The youngest is a high school freshman.

Ordained deacons are allowed to preach, baptize and distribute Communion. They cannot say Mass or hear confessions.

TEMPLE PROFESSOR

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Dr. Franklin H. Littell, well-known Methodist ecumenist and past president of Iowa Wesleyan College, will become professor of religion at Temple University in September, it was announced here.

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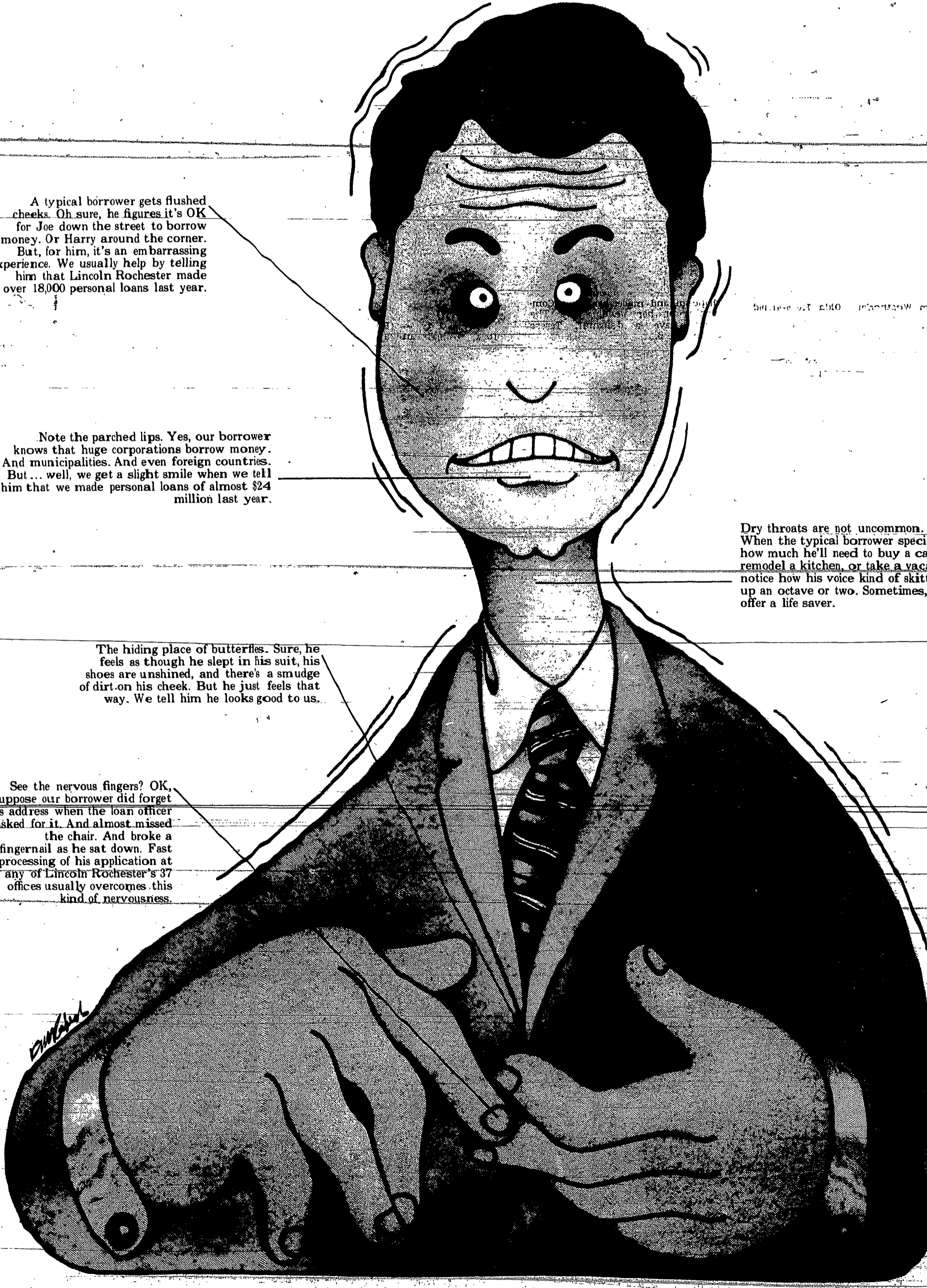
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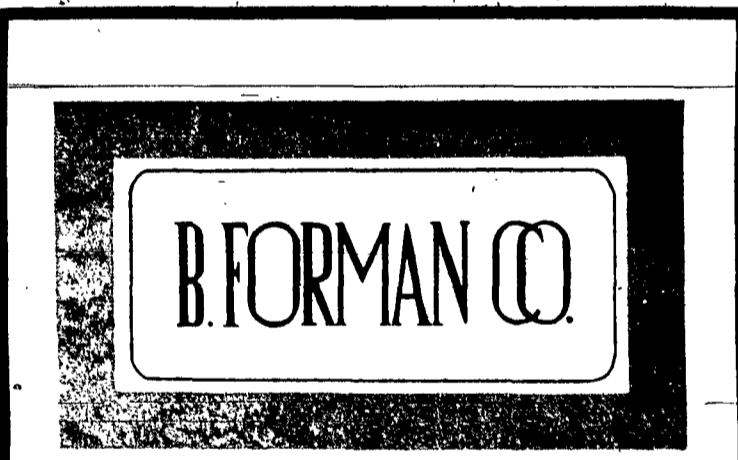
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