

New Literary 'Mag' for Blacks

New York—(NC)—A new magazine printed in paperback format and billed by the publisher as the nation's "first black-oriented literary magazine in book format" will make its appearance at bookstores Monday.

"Amistad 1," a collection of fiction and non-fiction selec-

tions by and about Negroes, will appear biannually in 1970, but Random House, the publisher, expects it to become a quarterly next year.

Taking its name from a slave ship commandeered by its black cargo, Amistad "deals in relevance," according to its editors.

Age Has Nothing To Do With Faith

Harrisburg, Pa.—(RNS)—Commonwealth Court Judge William W. Lippsitt has ruled that a candidate for Congress cannot compute his age from conception just because of religious belief.

Judge Lippsitt said that John Dae Check of Monongahela cannot go on the ballot because he will be only 24 years and three

months old when the next Congress convenes in January. The U.S. Constitution requires that a Congressman be at least 25.

Dae Check told the court that his Catholic faith considers life to begin with conception. He also cited Pennsylvania's abortion law which, he said, considers abortion to result in "the death of a child." He said that

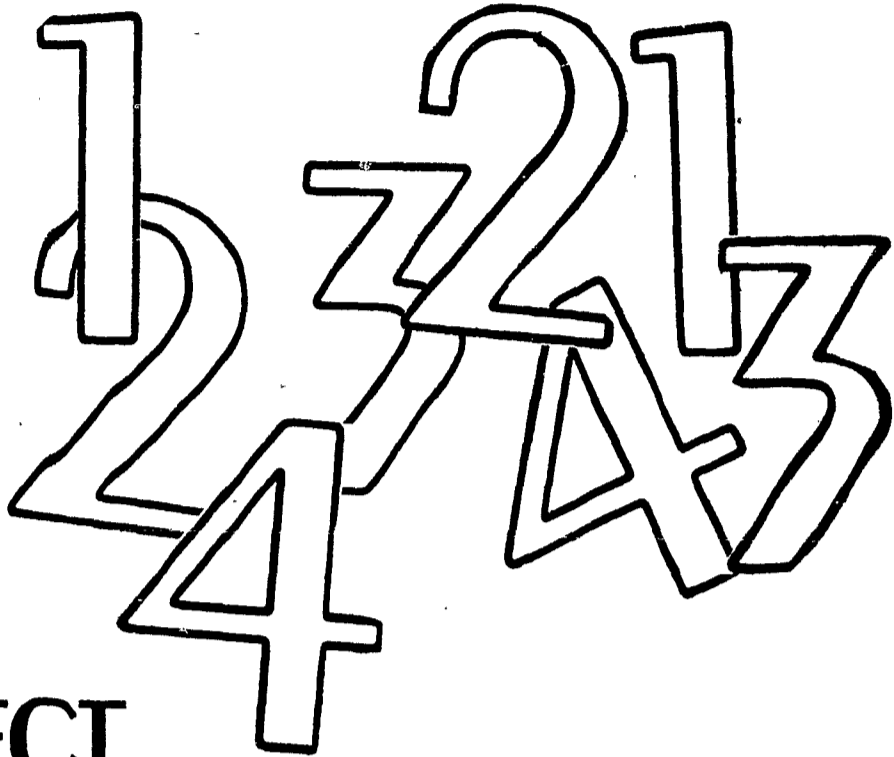
according to his religious belief, he will be 25 in January.

But Judge Lippsitt ruled that common law considers a man's age to date from his birth. "This is not a religious issue," the jurist said.

RETIREES AT 73

Biddeford, Maine—(RNS)—Maine's oldest active Roman Catholic priest, Msgr. Elie A. Hevey, 73, will retire July 7.

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