



Adults Confirmed in 3 Area Churches

Bishop Hogan (pictured above) confirmed 100 adults on Sunday afternoon, May 17, in Sacred Heart Cathedral. During the same afternoon Bishop Dennis Hickey imparted the Sacrament to 49 adults in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Bishop John E. McCafferty confirmed 82 in St. Ambrose Church. Others are scheduled September 27 in Auburn, Geneva and Elmira Heights.

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Pastor Lauds Judge Blackmun

Rochester, Minn. — (RNS) — Judge Harry A. Blackmun, the newly-confirmed justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is the kind of active churchman who inspires his minister to use superlatives.

"He was the best chairman of the trustees we ever had," said Dr. Winfield Haycock, minister of Christ United Methodist church of which Judge Blackmun is a member.

Judge Blackmun "He was absolutely a perfectionist and

still got along with everybody. He had everything under his thumb at all times."

Whenever he is in Rochester on Sundays, Judge Blackmun can be found at church, Dr. Haycock reported. He always sits in the same seat.

"If I talk about an issue in a sermon, he will come around and discuss it, but not critically," the minister continued.

Judge Blackmun once taught adult classes at the church. Dr. Haycock has known the judge since the days he practiced law in Minneapolis and was a member of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist church where the clergyman was associate minister.

5 Churchmen Win Honors

New York — (NC) — Cardinal John Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, is among five churchmen to be honored here June 8 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Others to be honored include Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary, World Council

of Churches; Dr. Leonidas C. Contos, president of Hellenic College and former director of interchurch relations for the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America; Rev. Dr. Benjamin Elijah, president emeritus of Morehouse College, and Rabbi David J. Seligson, past president, New York Board of Rabbis.

First Major Pact In Grape Dispute

Fresno, Calif. — (NC) — The first major settlement in the San Joaquin Valley farm-labor dispute has resulted in contracts between Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, and two major table grape growers.

Announcement of the contracts was made at a news conference called here by Bishop Hugh A. Donohue of Fresno and members of the U.S. Catholic Conference bishops' committee on the table grape dispute.

The growers, who signed contracts retroactive to April 15 and good for two years, were officials of the Bianco Fruit Corp. and Bruno Disposto. The contracts cover about 2,000 workers on farms annually producing 1.1 million boxes of table grapes grown mostly in California, but including one farm in Arizona.

The agreements provide guaranteed minimum wage rates for all jobs at \$1.75 an hour plus a 25 cents box incentive; 10 cents per hour for the union

health and welfare fund and 2 cents a box for the union economic development fund. Base pay will rise to \$1.90 an hour in April, 1971.

Bishop Donohue, along with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Donnelly of Hartford, Conn., (chairman of the bishops' committee) and Msgr. George Higgins, director of the department of urban life, U.S.C.C., sat in on the final days of the contract negotiations — which had lasted several weeks.

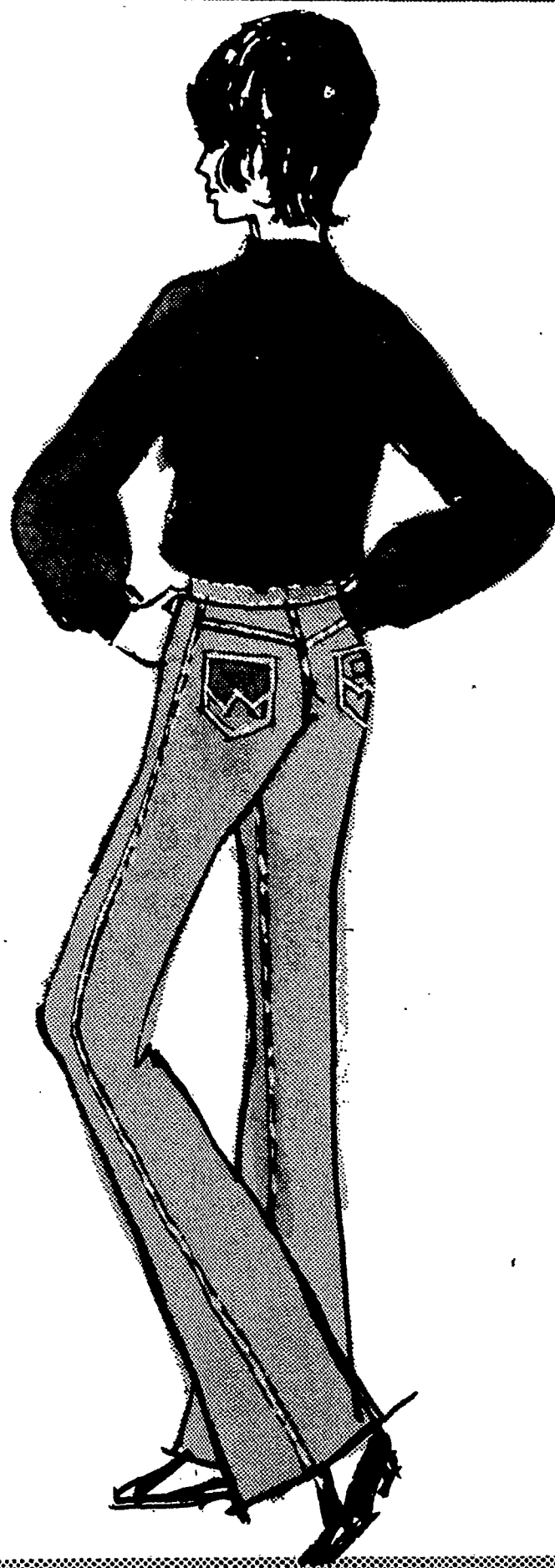
Chavez told newsmen that he appreciated "the valuable aid and assistance given by the bishops' committee in the last three days of the negotiations. They helped a lot." He called the contract "moderate," but one which he said the union "can live with."

Chavez, however, said UFWOC was going to escalate the nation-wide boycott against table grapes which don't bear the union labels. He noted that the union had organized boycott staffs in 65 cities in the U.S., and 40 cities in Canada.

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