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"They'll come! It always worked on my lawn!"

## Letters

### On Real Need

Editor:

My parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel, has just begun to make what they call "necessary repairs" on the church building. "Necessary repairs" includes air conditioning, new pews and kneelers, new Stations of the Cross, new Holy Water Fonts, and new carpeting. The whole project will cost \$125,000.

I disagree with the program. With the ever-decreasing numbers of church-goers and the increasing number of people moving to the suburbs, our new renovated Church will be obsolete within five years. A better plan would be to merge Our Lady of Good Counsel with Saint Augustine's and Saint Monica's, two nearby parishes, since they both have enough room to accommodate the people from Our Lady of Good Counsel. This will require some sacrifice, but that's what being a Christian is all about.

I feel that the \$125,000 can be spent in better ways than to make a church building more

comfortable for the people attending. Needless to say, there are many needy causes. Perhaps Our Lady of Good Counsel should consider the reparations called for by James Forman in his *Black Manifesto*, or the financial plight of the American Indians on Alcatraz. Right here in Rochester, a \$125,000 contribution to the Youth Opportunity Fund would do much to help.

In a day and age when so much needs to be done, I am ashamed that we at Our Lady of Good Counsel have taken such a selfish stand. That a group of Christians can gather together and show more concern for a church building and their comfort in it, rather than the needs of their brothers, is an insult to poor people everywhere and to the teachings of Christ.

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### A Farewell

Editor:

With the closing of King's Preparatory, I feel recognition of a good Catholic layman is in line. Franklin L. Kamp, dean of studies and history depart-

A band of middle-aged, self-styled revolutionaries, including 21 lawyers and a clergyman-college president, announced this week their intention of abolishing the administration and establishing an independent state.

Calling themselves a continental congress, the radicals started a petition against the government which charged the administration with a number of offenses including the maintenance of a standing army during peace time, an attempt to make the military establishment superior to civil authorities, and taxation without popular consent.

The petition further declared the signatories pos-

ment chairman since the opening of King's Preparatory three years ago, is a dedicated faculty member and a capable administrator.

He taught English and History at Saint Andrew's Seminary for seven years. His innovative ideas, his strong will, and his hard work are what made King's Preparatory the fine school it was. He believes in change and he did and will continue to work for it.

More than a teacher, he was a close friend to all. He stands up for what he believes. Few people realize the many hours of work he put in beyond the call of duty. I can never repay him for his love, dedication, and friendship. My best wishes go with him in all his future endeavors.

—Scott A. La Bounty,  
President, King's  
Preparatory Alumni  
Association

On The Ground

## Radical Days

By John Dash



essed both the right and duty to throw off the government; and mankind in general possessed the same right, as well as what they called "unalienable" rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

An administration spokesman dismissed the rebels' declaration, citing the tradition of the people to surrender rights to promote a stable society. He later described the signatories as "anarchists."

The assembly also declared the administration was "transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat (sic) the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the head of a civilized nation."

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charged the administration with constraining citizens to bear arms against their country and "to become the executioners of their friends and brethren."

"In every stage of these oppressions," the document said, "we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury."

They further described the chief executive as a man "whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

Pledging themselves to solidarity, the signatories then declared their independence from the government.

The event occurred 194 years ago.

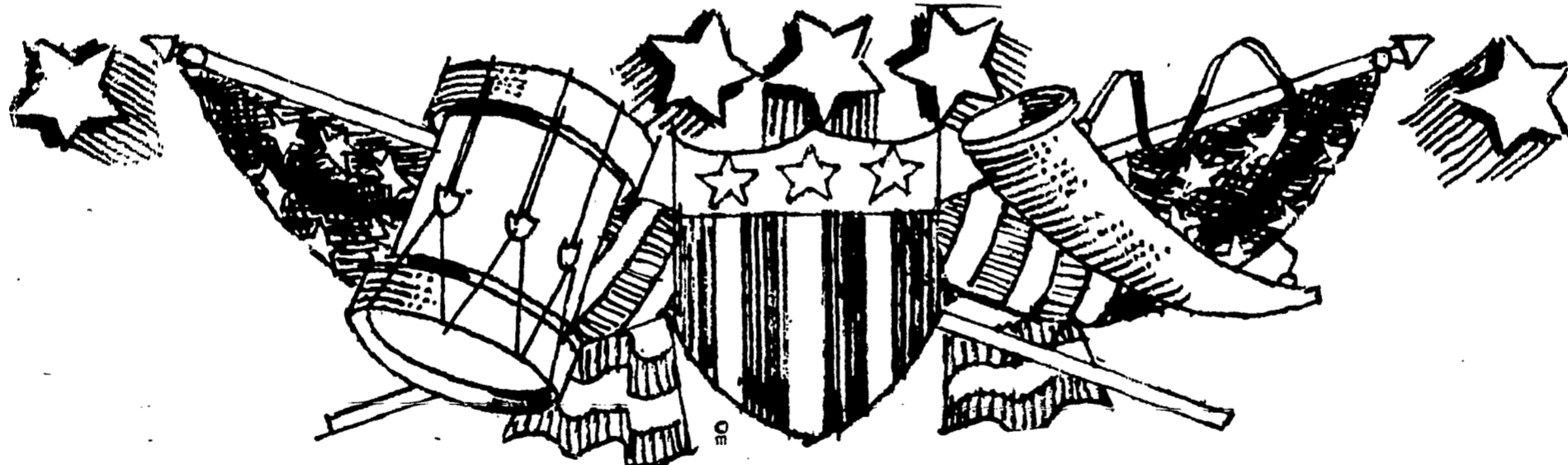
## Protestants Name Camara For Nobel Peace Prize

Chicago — (NC)—The Christian Century, ecumenical Protestant weekly published here, has editorially endorsed what it called a "world-wide campaign" to recommend Archbishop Helder Pessoa Camara of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The journal said the Brazilian prelate "deserves recognition for his work among Brazil's poor, his efforts to bring about land reform, his role in the formation of Vatican II's statements on social justice, his contribution to international understanding."

Terming him "Latin America's leading advocate of non-violent social change," the journal praised the 61-year-old Brazilian archbishop for courage in condemning the Brazilian government's alleged use of torture on political prisoners.

According to the editorial, the Norwegian parliament's Nobel committee, which has the responsibility for selecting the laureate, has been urged by "a wide variety of religious, humanitarian and labor organizations" to name the archbishop. Three Protestant members of Swedish parliament were also said to have recommended him.



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