

# Public Needs to Be Educated On Poor's Plight -- Bishop

San Francisco—(NC) — The circle of poverty can be broken, a bishop predicted here, if the public can be educated to see that the poor can help themselves in determining their own destiny.

Auxiliary Bishop Michael R. Dempsey of Chicago, director of the U.S. Bishops' Campaign for Human Development, said the effort was designed to pro-

vide self-help funds to the poor.

Bishop Dempsey and his campaign staff came here to meet with West Coast diocesan campaign directors, briefing them with the scope of the nationwide fund raising drive.

At a news conference, the bishop — a pastor of an all black parish in a Chicago ghetto — said the campaign has two major purposes: educational and fund raising.

"The majority of persons in

our society, in my judgment, are not ill-disposed to the poor so much as they are misinformed or uninformed about the poor," he said.

"The circle of poverty can be broken only if attitudes are altered, only if priorities are changed," he added. "This can only be accomplished if we train our ears to hear and our eyes to see the wisdom of the poor themselves in guiding their own destiny."

First annual collection for the Human Development Campaign will be taken up in all of the country's Catholic churches Sunday, Nov. 22. Campaign officials hope to raise at least \$50 million from the drive.

San Francisco was one of six stops for Bishop Dempsey and the campaign staff. Other cities on the tour include Denver, Houston, Atlanta, New York and Chicago.

## Prayer Wins in Space Case

New Orleans — (NC) — Astronauts can pray in space and public office holders can say "so help me God," the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has decided.

The court said it could find nothing unconstitutional in astronaut's praying or reading from the Bible while riding to the moon, as charged in a suit by Madalyn Murray O'Hair of Austin, Tex., head of an atheist church. The court said another suit by Mrs. O'Hair "approaches absurdity" in its contention that oaths ending in "so help me God" systematically exclude agnostics and atheists from the judiciary.

## Lutherans Ponder Motives

New York — (RNS) — Lutherans meeting here considered the subject of evangelizing blacks in the South, and found themselves facing a number of unanswered questions.

"Can we evangelize the group which we have exploited for so long?" asked the Rev. Daniel A. Dickhart of Decatur, Ga. "What is our motive for outreach to the blacks of the South, or to people anywhere for that matter? Is it to make people black or white or brown Lutherans?"

Mr. Dickhart's questions were presented in a paper he prepared for the Commission on Evangelism of the Lutheran Church in America.

He raised questions also about the effectiveness of Lutherans in reaching northern blacks and white people of the same socioeconomic level as southern blacks.



Anthony G. Cashette has been named chairman of the McQuaid High School Advisory Council. President of Cashette Electric, Inc., Cashette also is chairman of the finance committee at Annunciation Church and is active in Boy Scout activities.

### FISHER RECEIVES KODAK GRANT

St. John Fisher College has received a gift of \$21,000 from Eastman Kodak, under the company's system of aiding colleges that educated Kodak employees.

## Tombs Chaplain Back on Job

New York — (RNS) The Roman Catholic chaplain at Manhattan's House of Detention, who was ousted from the jail during a recent riot among the inmates, was restored to duty and praised for his attempts to quell the disturbances.

Father Laurence Gibney was ordered out of the jail, commonly known as "The Tombs," Oct. 4 at the height of the rioting in which 18 hostages were held by inmates.

But Corrections Commissioner George F. McGrath, who earlier charged the priest with "incitement" of prisoners and endangering the lives of hostages, said (Oct. 21) that he "found no evidence" to justify keeping the priest from continuing as chaplain of the institution.

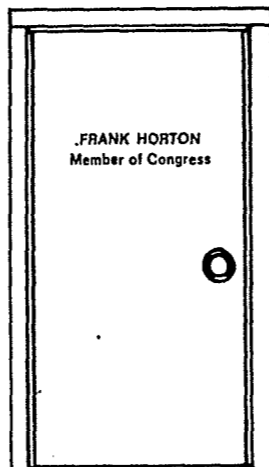
Father Gibney acted as a mediator and spokesman for the Tombs inmates during the weekend of disturbances earlier this month. He has been an outspoken critic of the prison system in New York and repeatedly called for penal reform, centering on more humane treatment of prisoners.

The commissioner said, however, that an investigation of his office into the priest's role had been concluded, and added, "it is clear that he acted in the best interests of all concerned — hostages, personnel and inmates."

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