

Ford Grants Aid Studies On Workers

New York — (RNS) — The Ford Foundation has announced grants totaling nearly \$1 million for action programs and research related to the problem of America's white working-class population.

Receiving grants are the United States Catholic Conference, the American Jewish Committee, the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago, the Research Foundation of the City University of New York, and the University of Michigan Center for Policy Research.

"In the last year, a great deal has been said and written about the 'blue-collar American,' 'the ethnic white,' and 'the lower middle-class worker,'" Ford Foundation president McGeorge Bundy said.

Pointing out that this group includes between 50 million and 100 million men, women and children, Bundy noted that they are said to be "alienated," "forgotten," "troubled," "disillusioned" and "angry."

"It is important to know more precisely the economic and social roots of their anxiety and to explore ways of mitigating their discontent," he stated.

A \$264,694 grant was made to the National Opinion Research Center to support research on white ethnic groups at the newly established Center for the Study of Ethnic Pluralism at the University of Chicago.

The study will be headed by Father Andrew Greeley, noted Catholic priest and sociologist who directs the Research Center. The ethnic study will be designed to try and "catch up" on the work that has been neglected on the subject in the last three decades.

A \$163,831 grant was awarded to the Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference, for financial and technical support of programs developed by working-class community organizations.

Developed by Msgr. Geno Baroni, Catholic Conference staff member in Washington, D.C., the new center seeks to define and deal with the problems of working-class groups by working with community organizations in several cities with large ethnic populations.

Among the objectives of the center will be the encouragement of cooperative efforts between blacks and white ethnic groups on issues of mutual interest.

Holy Cross To Go Co-Ed

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — Holy Cross College, an all-male institution since 1843, has decided to admit women as full-time students beginning in 1972.

Father John E. Brooks, president of the Jesuit-maintained school, announced that the decision was made following a three-year study.

"The strong liberal arts tradition of Holy Cross offers a positive attraction to many highly qualified young women," he said. Father Brooks estimated that eventually women would compose 30 per cent of the total student body of 2,400. It is expected that 200 of the 600 entering freshmen in 1972 will be women.

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Saturday Night Mass Rejected in Philadelphia

Philadelphia — (RNS) — The growing practice by American Roman Catholics of fulfilling their Sunday Mass obligation on Saturday night was rejected here by John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia.

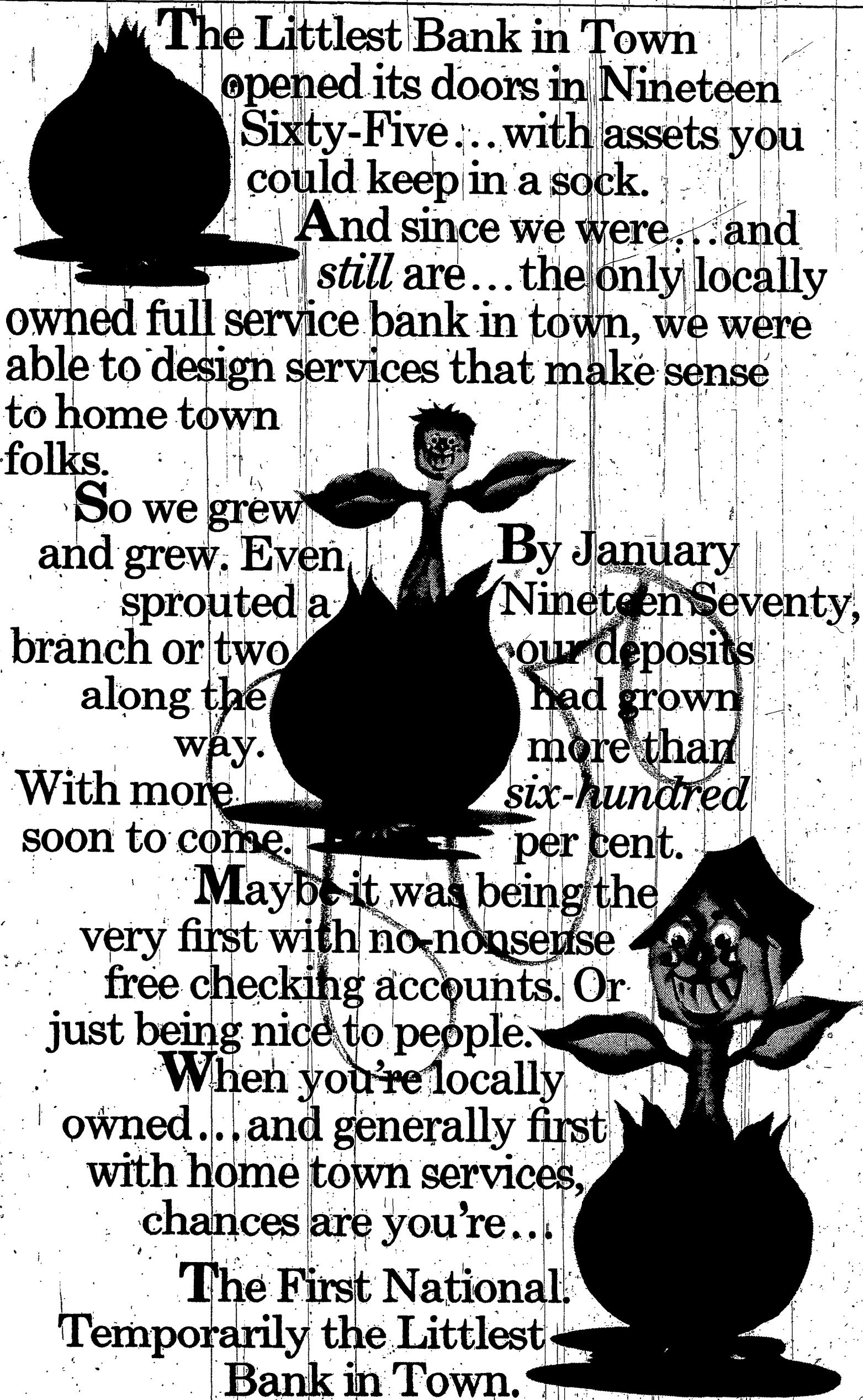
A proposal urging Saturday

night Masses to satisfy the Sunday Mass obligation was denied by the cardinal at a meeting with the Archdiocesan Council of Priests.

Cardinal Krol indicated his fear that Saturday evening Masses might contribute to fur-

ther downgrading of Sunday as a particular holy day, that ecumenism might be better served if Catholics worship on the same day as other Christians, and that children might become confused if they saw an obligation easily shifted from one day to another.

Pope Paul, as Bishop of Rome, first instituted the practice of Saturday and pre-holy day Masses on June 1, 1968. The practice is now widespread throughout the world and reportedly has gained considerable popularity in U.S. dioceses across the country.



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