

Xerox and Kodak Are NCC Targets

New York (RNS) — Stockholders' resolutions seeking information from Xerox and Eastman Kodak and 10 other major U.S. corporations on their operations in South Africa and two adjoining areas were announced here by agencies of five denominations and the National Council of Churches.

Each resolution is expected to develop into a proxy challenge. The venture represents the largest cooperative Protestant effort to date in the movement to use the financial investments of Churches to encourage "corporate responsibility" among firms in which they hold stock.

Various national program units of the American Baptist Churches, the Episcopal Church, the United Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Association, plus the NCC, have filed resolutions.

The requests ask full disclosure on each corporation's history, relations and workers and ties with white governments in the southernmost region of Africa.

They constitute attempts to put muscle into denominational and ecumenical pronouncements

against apartheid (racial separation) in the Republic of South Africa and white minority regimes in the Portuguese colonies of Mozambique and Angola and elsewhere, according to Florence Little, a United Methodist executive who is chairman of the Church Project on U.S. Investments in Southern Africa-1973.

Ten corporations are challenged on operations within the Republic of South Africa. They include Xerox, International Business Machines, First National City Bank, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, General Electric, International Telephone and Telegraph, Chrysler, Caterpillar, Tractor, Texaco and Eastman Kodak.

While the campaign is designed to provide disclosure of information, the sponsors of the resolutions contend that U.S. corporations doing business in southern Africa generally follow policies that support the white minority governments.

"They (the corporations) have made huge profits... while paying their black workers pitifully inadequate wages," according to the Rev. Sterling Cary, president of the National Council of Churches, at a press

conference. "They have run their plants like plantations because they felt no one cared."

"They have provided products for the white government and military, thereby strengthening white control. They have helped create a flourishing economy — for whites."

Miss Little, who is treasurer of the United Methodist Women's Division, explained that the information requested would help the Churches and all investors to know whether they wish to continue to hold stock in firms conducting southern African operations. The information, she added, will also let the Churches know whether they need to seek further data on corporate policy in southern Africa.

She stressed, however, that failure to win the challenges did not necessarily mean filers of the resolutions would sell their holdings. "Various Churches have different guidelines," she said.

Churches, which have been filing "corporate responsibility" resolutions for a number of years, have never won a proxy

challenge — in terms of votes.

Asked to say whether Roman Catholics are cooperating in the drive, Miss Little said that Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, had shown interest and had taken his concern to the American hierarchy. "But to my

knowledge no Catholic group is filing any resolutions at this time," she stated.

Since challenges have been filed by individual Church agencies, the total amount of stock owned in each corporation by all of the groups in the project was not immediately known.

Father Marvin Heads New Priests' Council

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sibility I think we are all in the learning process."

Vatican II called for the formation of Priests' Councils and Pastoral Councils, and Sisters' Councils, he continued, but "not much instruction on the relationship" of these advisory councils came with the directives.

He added that the bishop should exercise care with priests. "I will gladly listen to and consult you on pastoral work and on the welfare of the diocese."

He defined the Priests' Council as "an extension of the presbyterate," and added that the Priests' Council will always have a unique and important role. "If you are truly representative I can't see myself standing in

opposition to decisions from my priests," he said.

"I've been encouraged to keep closer contact with the agenda committee and it could possibly expedite work of the senate," he said, ending his comment to the new council with a pledge to work closely with the agenda committee and a challenge to the council "to secure and use all the wisdom of our priests and be truly representative."

Other action of the meeting included the appointment of Father John Mulligan of St. Mary's, Auburn, as Priests' Council representative to the Pastoral Council Formation Committee, and Father Paul McCabe as liaison to the Diocesan Sisters' Council.

Deaths

Sr. Margaret Helene Of Nazareth Academy

Sister Margaret Helene Shannon of the Sisters of St. Joseph, a member of the Nazareth Academy faculty, died Jan. 15, 1973, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated last Thursday morning in the Motherhouse chapel by Father Richard Hart, with Fathers Charles Connell and Brian Murphy, O. Carm. They were assisted by Father Joseph Reinhart. Also present were Basilian Fathers Albert Gaelens and Leon Hart and Msgr. Albert Schnacky.

Sister was a guidance counselor and attendance officer at Nazareth, where she also had taught English and religion.

During the past 26 years, Sister Margaret Helene served five high schools in the diocese, including the former Mt. Carmel in Auburn, where she was vice principal. She was at St. Agnes, Aquinas and De Sales in Geneva, before joining the Nazareth faculty in 1967.

She was a native of Elmira and worked for the city as a statistician before she entered the St. Joseph community. She also was active in welfare work and served as secretary to the administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.



She held a bachelor's degree from Elmira College and a master's from Providence College in Rhode Island, and also studied at Marquette University and Catholic University of America.

Survivors are two nieces, Mrs. Loren Morse of Painted Post and Mrs. Gary Dann of Laurel, Md.; four nephews, Francis Gordon of Elmira, Jerry Fitzgerald of Florida, Michael and Joseph Fitzgerald of Corning; three cousins, Kate Shannon of Canandaigua, Mary Elizabeth and Jeremiah Clancy of Rochester.

Workshop Set For Teachers

Geneva — The Finger Lakes Principals Association is sponsoring an all-day workshop for teachers, Friday, Jan. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Francis De Sales School.

The featured speaker will be Sister Carmencita whose theme, "Individual Instruction," will be illustrated by lecture, audio visual techniques and group discussion. She will focus on how to work with children individually and on the use of motivational approaches. The workshop is open to teachers from Waterloo, Penn Yan, Canandaigua, Newark, Geneva, and Seneca Falls.

New Procedures

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Priests' Council, and Sister Alice McLaughlin, Sisters' Council.

Under the system, the originator of a plan presents it in writing to the Bishop, who in turn, will work with Father Moynihan and the originator to set decision-making machinery in motion.

The process director, working with his committee, will publish the process and timetable to be followed. The director will not make the decision but will involve the proper groups, in its study.

The new process includes five procedures or "models" to cover various proposals, such as requests for funds over \$5,000, school openings or closings, emergency funding, intradepartment decisions, and Pastoral Center administrative costs.

As appeals officer, Father Hohman will hear complaints from those who feel they have been unfairly omitted from official deliberations or who disagree with findings on their proposals in the new decision-making process.

He will work with the complainant and others involved either to find remedial action or decide the complaint is groundless. His primary function is recommendation and reconciliation with no authority to reverse administrative actions.

He also may recommend due process, if necessary.

PRE-CANA

Elmira — The 1973 pre-Cana program in the Southern Tier will begin Feb. 5 and will be held at Elmira Free Academy in Room 144 during the evening hours. All individuals planning to be married between February and May should attend the conferences. Persons who need parental permission must attend the sessions prior to being married with the Church.

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