

The fundamentalist radio preacher Rev. Carl McIntyre was recently deported from Kenya after he praised the white minority in neighboring Rhodesia as upholders of "Christian civilization." According to a report in *Newsprint*, a weekly religious newsletter, Dr. McIntyre was in Kenya attending the world meeting of the International Council of Christian Churches, a group opposed to the World Council of Churches, which, he says, is communist-oriented. In London, Cardinal John Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster has rallied to the defense of anti-abortion doctors and nurses covered by a new government directive which make clear that doctors who object to performing abortions on grounds of conscience should not be appointed to certain posts. The prelate wrote to Prime Minister Harold Wilson saying that such a directive could have grave consequences for the state-run National Health Service. Toronto's Planned Parenthood has withdrawn from the United Way campaign in the face of pressure from Roman Catholic groups who threatened to resign from the fund. Planned Parenthood provides abortion counselling among its services.

Sexual equality in the Church is the rallying point for nearly 100 Roman Catholic priests across the country who have formed an association they call *Priests for Equality*. According to the religious newsletter, *Newsprint*, the priests will push for ordination of women to the priesthood as well as for social change in the areas of peace, freedom and justice. *Newsprint* also reports that Catholic Relief Services has in hand more than \$2 million for its war on hunger as a result of "an unprecedented surge of contributions." All three of the nation's major commercial television networks have made plans to cover the Sept. 14 canonization of Mother Elizabeth Bayley Seton.

Pilgrimage stories are the order of the day in the Holy City. Thirty-eight Australian Aborigines had their Boeing 747 jetliner burst into flames in Bombay, enroute to Rome. No one was hurt but the pilgrims lost most of their money, baggage and passports. Nevertheless they continued their trek; and when the pontiff heard of their misadventure he invited them to a personal audience and a private tour of the Vatican gardens and the Sistine Chapel. The pope smiled when he heard that a group of 19 French pilgrims, including two 9-year-old boys had made a 750-mile trip from Avignon to Rome on horseback. Earlier, four Spaniards, including a 64-year-old priest, pedalled into St. Peter's Square on bicycles after a 1,500 mile cycle pilgrimage from Seville.

Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly, has emphasized that the anti-abortion movement is not "wholly a Roman Catholic" activity; and "That misunderstanding has been nourished by the pro-abortion movement." In an Aug. 8 editorial, the magazine said that many Americans believe the movement is totally Roman Catholic "and that to restrict abortion is to bow to the pressure of a powerful church."

A "miraculous" icon, the Icon of Our Lady of Kazan, venerated for centuries in Russia, was on display last week at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington. It was brought to the Capitol by Bishop John Venacio of Fatima and members of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

## Will U.S. Bishops Disown Boycott?

**Sacramento, Calif. [RNS]** — Auxiliary Bishop Roger M. Mahoney of Fresno said here that he expects the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to rescind its support of the lettuce and table grape boycott being waged in California by Cesar Chavez and his United Farm Workers of America.

The bishop, who has been named chairman of the new California Farm Labor Relations Board, said in an interview with Harry Bernstein, labor writer of the Los Angeles Times, that the Catholic bishops endorsed the UFWA boycott in 1973 primarily to "build up pressure for support of a law to give farm workers the right to vote on which union, if any, they want."

Bishop Mahoney said that now that California has such a law, he believes the bishops will vote to rescind its support of the boycott when the NCCB administrative board meets in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 8.

He said he, personally, neither endorsed nor opposed the boycott despite its being the official policy of his Church.

His statements were significant

not only because the Catholic Church has long been among the most active supporters of Chavez and his union, but also because of Bishop Mahoney's appointment July 26 as chairman of the new board, which will administer the Farm Labor Law.

His appointment, made by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., is subject to confirmation by the California Senate. Some growers and Teamsters' Union leaders have said they expect to oppose the prelate's nomination on grounds that he is too sympathetic to the UFWA.

Critics are also attacking another appointee to the five-member board. He is Leroy Chatfield, 40, a former administrative officer for Chavez's union and now director of administration for Gov. Brown. Chatfield's critics say he is partisan toward Chavez.

"We must quickly set up some guidelines, such as the question of access to farms by all unions," the bishop said. "If growers do not give equal access to representatives of competing unions, an election could be declared illegal under terms of the law."

# Camp Fire Girls Fill Bill For Archdiocesan Needs

**Philadelphia [RNS]** — The adoption of the national Camp Fire Girls program by the Roman Catholic archdiocese here, after the latter broke with the Girl Scouts over a sexual awareness program, is working out well.

"We are happy," said Dorothy Lyons, executive director of the archdiocesan-sponsored Agape Camp Fire Girls Council. She said the archdiocese was thinking of starting its own program "but we found the basics for it had already been developed by the national Camp Fire Girls."

Gwen Harper of New York, program development director of the Camp Fire Girls' national council, said her group's statement of religious policy is "an ideal medium for supporting and encouraging the spiritual values of church and synagogue." The first statement of the Camp Fire Girls Law is "worship God."

A book for Camp Fire Girls leaders, in the 9-to-11 year age group, stated that groups whose entire membership is Catholic will use the suggestions offered in a way different from groups which represent another religious view or a mixture of religious views.

Ms. Harper said the linking of the Philadelphia archdiocese and the Camp Fire Girls was unique because it is represented an agreement between a local group and the national organization. There is no Camp Fire Girls council at the local level and the archdiocese works directly with the New York office.

"We responded to a request to allow the archdiocese to use our program for extra-curricular activities for girls who attend its schools and churches," she explained, adding that the agreement "broke ground" for the Camp Fire group in Philadelphia in becoming part of the 500,000-member national organization.

The Philadelphia Council of Girl Scouts, meanwhile, is still hopeful of resolving the dispute with the archdiocese.

Dorothy Fisher, executive director of the Philadelphia council, said she has offered to meet with archdiocesan youth officials, but that the offer was rejected. Still, she added, "we hope in the future we might be able to continue discussions."

The archdiocese left the Girl Scout program in February and switched to the Camp Fire Girls in July. Reportedly, the rift stemmed

## MCC Students To Intern at County Jail

Sheriff William M. Lombard has announced the establishment of an intern program for Monroe Community College criminal justice students at Monroe County Jail.

For five weeks, eight young men and women from the college will be spending 18 hours a week studying all phases of jail administration at Monroe County Jail.

The students will work with the jail staff in areas such as main control, the jailer's office, the visiting area, rehabilitation, recreation and the prisoner housing units.

Sgts. Jack Schifano and William Forman will assist the male students and Head Matron Marie Hochreither and Woman Jailer Gail Wahl will work with the female students.

The eight students participating are Lawrence Thibault, Mark Rohnke, Brian Connolly, Steven Fladd, James Young, Chris Galvin, Elsie Lajek and Deborah Bilow.

from a proposed program called "To Be A Woman," which dealt with such subjects as pregnancy, birth control and abortion.

The council said the program

was in its "formative" stages and could have been revised and changed to accommodate the Catholic viewpoint on its material.

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