

Sisters Council Focuses Attention on S. Africa

The Diocesan Sisters Council last weekend unanimously condemned the oppression and exploitation of the black majority by white government in South Africa, and further unanimously agreed to write Congressmen whose constituents are diocesan to vote for repeal of the so-called "Byrd Amendment."

world country for so long as the importation of like material from any Communist country is not prohibited by law.

The material in question is chrome. According to Sister Marlene, chromium ore is found in exportable abundance only in the Soviet Union and in Rhodesia.

The repeal of the Byrd Amendment, therefore would allow U.S. industries and the Defense Department to import chrome from the Soviet Union, while legislation could be enacted barring importing chrome from Rhodesia.

A motion to repeal the Byrd Amendment is expected on the floor of both houses of Congress within the next few days.

In other matters brought to the attention of the Sisters Council:

The Bishops Selection Committee has been named. It will be chaired by Alan Monahan, former Diocesan Pastoral Council chairman. Others in the group are Father James Marvin, of the diocesan Priests Council; Sister Marie Brown, representing the Sisters Council and Peter Chiavarri of the DPC.

Sister Shirley Pilot will chair the sisters' transportation needs committee and Sister Patrice will head discussion of a vicar for religious service.

Sister Elizabeth Hughes, a member of the Permanent Diaconate Task Force, told the sisters that a questionnaire would be

arriving from Bishop Dennis W. Hickey soon, eliciting insights regarding the diaconate. She also told the sisters that an association of permanent diaconate directors has been established.

There remains some confusion over the official diocesan policy on sisters' living needs. The policy revision arriving this week in parishes throughout the diocese does not reflect the negotiations which recently concluded. Sister Frances Sweeney, a member of the negotiating team, saw the completed policy revision only the morning of the council meeting. She reported to the council that it did not include changes agreed upon. The council moved to return the final draft to Father William Flynn for revision.

Sister Clare Francis raised the question of consultative action on the Urban School Task Force. She said that it was her understanding that the final draft of the task force report would be submitted to the con-

sultative bodies. It however is now in Bishop Hogan's hands, she said. Sister Barbara Moore, council president, reported that it too is her impression that the paper will be presented to the councils.

The move came from the sisters' own social concerns committee and was brought to the floor by Sisters Marlene Vigna and Alice McLaughlin.

They cited the research work done by the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission in their report to the council. The Byrd Amendment, passed in 1971, prevents the U.S. from prohibiting the importation of any strategic and critical material from any free

COURIER-CALENDAR

Nazareth Academy—The musical Carnival will be presented on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

Marriage Encounter—Information night is slated for Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m. at Immaculate Conception School cafeteria in Ithaca.

Rochester Catholic Worker—Monthly liturgy and supper will be held Saturday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. Msgr. George Cocuzzi, vicar of urban ministries, will be the celebrant.

Holy Ghost Church—The annual parish roast beef dinner will be served on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. and on March 20 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Greenfield Odyssey—A folk and Rock concert will be held at Aquinas gymnasium March 19 at 7 p.m.

Featured: Sun Train, Razz, Rush Wagon, Marlin and Marley.

Trinity Council—St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance March 19 in Webster Columbus Center, starting at 7 p.m.

St. John Fisher College—Chase the winter doldrums away at the Third Annual Spring Gardening Know How on March 19 starting at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Melvin Wentland is the principal speaker. A \$10 fee includes a box lunch. Reservations: 586-4140, ext. 365.

80th Seton Branch—Monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Blum of Greenbriar Drive, Wednesday, March 16, at 8:30 p.m.

Seton—The annual spring fashion show, this year called "Sunsation '77" will start at 11 a.m. at Monroe Country Club on March 29. For reservations call Mrs. Joseph Hammele, 586-9082 or Mrs. Edward Gartlant, 586-1283.

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.



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Sister Pius, left, and Sister Serafine, right, director of the School of the Holy Childhood, accept a check for \$1000 from Joseph Casciani, faithful navigator of the Rochester General Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. The check is the first disbursement from a recently established Bishop James E. Kearney Memorial Fund.

Nominations Open for Wilson Award

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