

Human Rights Protest

Comedian Dick Gregory, shown in front of White House, wears a sandwich board sign protesting killings in South Africa. After leading protestors at the Executive Mansion, Mr. Gregory was later arrested as the group demonstrated near the South African Embassy. (RNS)

Hispanics' Unit Raps Court Rule

New York — The Northeast Pastoral Committee for Hispanics has blasted the recent Supreme Court decision which declared unconstitutional a New York State law which provides about \$11 million to religiously-related schools annually recompense for record-keeping and testing expenses.

The decision, the committee said, "can only be interpreted as bigoted and prejudiced."

In a statement over the

signatures of Father Jose L. Alvarez, chairman of the committee, Father Francisco Dominquez, chairman of both the Asociacion de Sacertodes Hispanos and the Padres del Apostolado del Nordeste; and Mario J. Paredes, executive director of the Northeast Pastoral Center for Hispanics, the committee declared

"The State Department of Education asked the non-public schools of the State to keep certain records for it and to give some tests to its pupils. They agreed to pay

Study Helps Priests' Growth

Washington, D.C. (RNS)— A study intended to help Roman Catholic priests "develop and deepen" their personal growth and service has been issued by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry after almost two years of preparation.

Although directed primarily at the priesthood, it can be used by nuns, brothers, and lay persons who "seek to collaborate with priests in the exercise of ministry," said Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher of Lafayette, Ind., chairman of the committee.

Written by diocesan and religious priests and entitled "As One Who Serves," the study went through three drafts and was submitted for criticism from about 150 organizations and individuals representing all Church levels as well as non-Catholics.

The study is described as a "mirror" in which a priest's personal life and experience are reflected. It

is designed so that "in prayerful reading and reflection, the priest might well develop and deepen his expectations of himself in terms of personal growth and service."

The study stated that "in light of the changing human and pastoral circumstances of our time, it is necessary to recognize who a priest is and what skills he should have in order to serve effectively."

The authors suggest several ways the study may be used by an individual priest in terms of his response to the call of Christ and his sense of accomplishment for service, by assisting priests' councils in developing more precise processes of evaluation for priests and as a guide for parish councils and staff "in planning ministries of service to the people."

The study may also be used as a means by which priests and their bishop review together "the ministry and goal expectations" of the diocese, and as a stimulus to discussion of "obstacles to the ministry of a priest, such as poor exercise of authority, failure to practice collegiality, inadequate preaching, lack of prayerfulness."

Among the topics treated in the study are roots of ministry, the local and universal Church, ministerial relationships, parish ministry, priests organizations, growth in relationships, prayer and opportunities for spiritual development.

"Jesus often taught and invited people to grow," the study observes, "by pointing out a particular event, and by inviting them to reflect on a situation." The document follows such a style by attempting to point to the situation and expectations of priests in the U.S. and inviting people to reflect on the ministry of the ordained priesthood.

"The next logical extension of this principle of the Supreme Court would be for New York State to stop paying its employees and contractors because they might use some of their hard-earned money for such terrible purposes as the support of local churches or religious buildings."

The decision, the committee said, "is the result of bigoted and prejudiced judgement."

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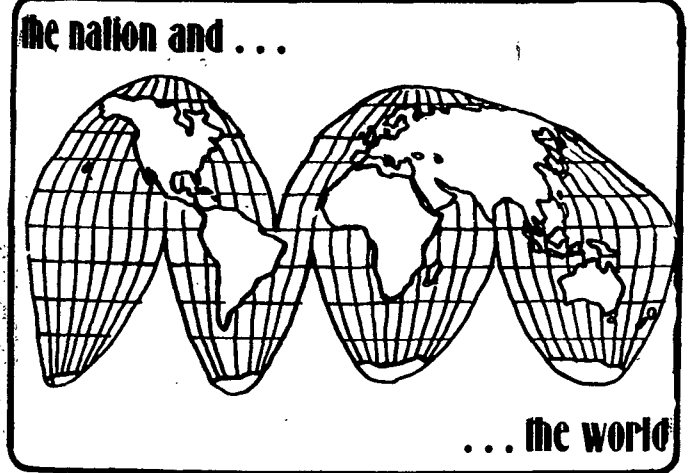
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The two Northern Ireland Roman Catholic women—Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan—who launched a peace movement in the troubled British province received their delayed 1976 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway Dec. 10. The peace prize for this year was given to Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organization that works on behalf of political prisoners around the world. There was widespread sentiment last year for giving the Nobel Prize to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Corrigan. But the campaign for them was launched late, and their nominations were received after the Feb. 1 deadline.

The Minneapolis City Council has sent back to its public health advisory committee a \$22,300 funding request from an abortion and family planning clinic and six other proposals the advisory group had recommended. City alderman Louis DeMars, who broke the deadlocked vote, said there was "some erroneous information floating around" that left the council members "unclear" whether the center's proposal indirectly included abortion services. Minnesota state law forbids funds for the performance of abortions or abortion referrals.

Pope Paul has deplored the fact that Vietnam, a major concern of the world when it was at war, seems to have been forgotten as it seeks to rebuild. Addressing three Vietnamese prelates in Vatican City, the Pope said he deplored the fact "that once the passions of war had died down," world attention seems to have turned to "other regions and other problems, as if people forgot the considerable losses, the devastation, and all the privations inherited by the Vietnamese people from the terrible conflict."

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