



Photos by Susan McKinney

Above, Gayraud Willmore and George Houser lead marchers to local banks, as, right, spectators watch from the enclosed bridge over Clinton Avenue.

Demonstrators Protest Loans To South Africa

By JOHN DASH

A band of more than 75 persons, including individuals from the Catholic Worker Community, Mt. Carmel Parish and the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center marched last week into three local banks to protest their making loans to the government of South Africa.

The demonstration, headed by Professor Gayraud Willmore, who two years ago was a member of the Rochester contingent at the Detroit Call to Action conference, was organized by the Ad Hoc Committee Against Bank Loans to South Africa.

Targets of the demonstration were the Rochester offices of Chase Manhattan, Chemical, and Manufacturers Hanover banks. The group charges that Chase Manhattan has participated in a loan of more than \$300 million to South African governmental agencies, that Chemical has participated in a loan of \$35 million, and

that Manufacturers Hanover has participated in making loans totalling \$230 million to that country.

In a statement delivered to the banks in question, the ad hoc committee describes itself as "part of a national campaign that is beginning today on the eighteenth anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre and will continue until June 18, the date of the Soweto uprising two years ago.

"The purpose of our campaign is to focus attention, raise consciousness and facilitate individual and organizational action directed against bank loans to the racist government of South Africa and its agencies. For the past 30 years the government of South Africa has systematically pursued a policy of apartheid that is a violent and brutal affront to human dignity. It has attempted to suppress an entire people. It can no longer be condoned or tolerated by people of

conscience," the statement reads, in part.

Moments prior to the action, demonstrators heard from George Houser, executive director of the American Committee on Africa, based in New York City.

Houser stated that "South Africa is the only country in the world with a pass structure of racism." He was referring to a South African governmental policy of denying, on the basis of color, freedom of movement within the country. He further stated that the apartheid situation in South Africa has "become a threat to world peace" and that U.S. banks account for at least one-third of the bank loans made to that government in the last two years.

Chrism Mass

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Rimore, and both a Eucharistic Acclamation and a Great Amen by Father Fedor.

Ms. Mary Lou Andrychuk served as precentor and David Nowak was cantor.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir sang and led the congregation in song.

The deacons who bore the oils were Rev. Mr. Michael Hueter, Rev. Mr. Robert Werth and Rev. Mr. Michael Bausch.

The offertory gifts were brought to the altar by Mrs. Joan Winter and her children.

Present in the sanctuary throughout the ceremonies were parishioners at Monroe County Community Hospital.

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Bishop Kelly Rebuts Bell On Tuition Tax Credit Bill

Washington, D.C. (RNS) - A leading Catholic prelate has commented that the opinion of Atty. Gen. Griffin B. Bell regarding a tuition tax credit bill now before Congress "is neither binding nor universally shared."

The attorney general predicted that if the Packwood-Moynihan bill is passed it would be ruled unconstitutional by the U.S.

Supreme Court on the basis of previous decisions.

But Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, noted that "many legal authorities hold that tax credits for tuition at all levels of education are constitutional and have so testified in the congressional hearings. Mr. Bell's voice is only one among many, and no more persuasive than any other."

Bishop Kelly suggested that "instead of assuming that previous court decisions concerning other kinds of legislation create an insuperable barrier to a comprehensive program, the legislative and executive branches would render a service to the constitutional system itself by approving tax credits and so encouraging the Supreme Court to rethink an area of law where rethinking is long overdue."

Special Event

The St. John's Altar and Rosary Society of Greece has slated its annual Spring Banquet for the women of the parish and friends at the Lodge on the Green, 2888 Ridgeway Ave., Wednesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Father Frank Iloi, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are available by calling the following committee members: Mrs. Dominic Capone 225-8981; Mrs. Leo Beattie, 225-6650; Mrs. Arthur Donovan, 225-5637; Mrs. Gertrude Evans, 225-5355; Mrs. George Fox, 225-2950; Mrs. Betty Gutmann, 225-7047; Mrs. Edward Hart 225-2066; Mrs. Frank Loder, 225-9135; Mrs. Norman Lyter, 225-1069; Mrs. Angelyn McCarthy, 225-8875; Mrs. Aloysius Rigard, 865-8841; Mrs. Bernard Sullivan, 225-4292.

EASTER RETREAT

A team of Father James Mason, CSSR, of Toronto, and Sisters Evelyn Bailey, Arline Brent and Betty Rogers of the Cenacle Retreat House will conduct an Eastertide retreat for the women of Holy Redeemer Parish, April 7 through 9. The retreat will include talks by the team, personal reflection, Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as small and large group sharing. The program is open to all women. Reservations may be made by calling the Cenacle at (716) 271-8755.

ADORATION RITES

Blessed Sacrament Church will be the scene for rites of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 6, beginning at noon. The rites are slated for the first Thursday of each month at the church.

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Courier Calendar

Holy Ghost— Pasta dinner sponsored by eighth grade, 3-5 p.m. April 9 in school hall, 220 Coldwater Road. Reservations by April 3 with Amy Shaw, 352-5326; Steven Delaroché, 247-1297; Lori Hochreiter, 247-4021.

Our Lady of Victory-St. Joseph's— Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, 9 a.m. Mass April 2, followed by breakfast at Holiday Inn.

Mother of Sorrows— Red Cross Bloodmobile in church hall, 5000 Mt. Read, 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

Corpus Christi— Blood pressure screening, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 2, for neighborhood residents.

Catholic Mission Guild— Card party at K of C, Thurston at Brooks, 12:30 p.m. April 12.

Cenacle Eucharistic Guild— Monthly meeting, 9:15-noon April 9 at Cenacle; with Father William Graf.

Streb-Lappan-Klem American Legion Post Annual community breakfast April 9 at K of C, Thurston at Brooks; Mass celebrated at 10 a.m. by Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.

Seniors' Matinees— So Ends Our Night, 1941 drama about refugees from Nazi Germany, tomorrow, March 30, 1:30 p.m. at Dryden Theatre, Eastman House.

Classic Film Series— Foreign Correspondent (1940) tomorrow, March 30, 2 and 8 p.m., Rochester Museum's Eisenhart Auditorium.

TIC-TOC Players— This weekend at Nazareth Arts Center: The Red Shoes, 11 and 2 p.m. April 1, 2 p.m. April 2.

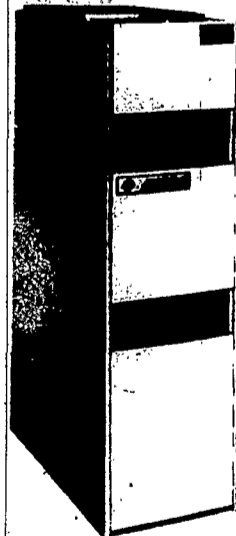
Community Players— Performing at Harley School's Wilson Arts Center, Glover St. near Westfall: Speaking of Murder. Tonight, March 29, through Friday, at 8; Saturday, April 1, 7 and 9:40 p.m.; Sunday, April 2, 2 and 8 p.m. Box Office, 473-4320, open noon to 5 p.m. except Sunday.

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