

S. Africa, Israel Face U.N. Scrutiny

U.S. Refuses to Attend Conference on Racism

By Jeff Endrst
NC News Service

The August United Nations world conference in Geneva, Switzerland, is designed to combat racism, but many Western diplomats feel the debate will be over the majority perception that South Africa, Israel and their allies are the only countries guilty of racial discrimination.

Although the conference (Aug. 1-12) also is scheduled to deal with the rights of minorities and migrant workers, the racial policies of South Africa and its alleged alliance with Israel will be among the highlights of the meeting.

The United States, South Africa and Israel are among nations not attending the conference.

A U.S. State Department spokesman said the United States does not believe the conference "will serve any useful purpose." That was the same objection it made in 1978 when the United Nations organized the first world conference on racism. At that time, all other Western countries joined the United States in boycotting the conference because of Arab plans to use it as a springboard to isolate Israel and eventually challenge its U.N. membership.

The current agenda calls for adoption of "ways and means of denying support to racist regimes and insuring their isolation." Another agenda item would "put an end to racist regimes." In U.N. political language, that means principally South Africa and Israel.

The white-minority South African government has been criticized as having legalized racism because of its apartheid system of strict racial segregation. A previous U.N. resolution says "Zionism equals racism."

Israel views Zionism as the Jewish national liberation movement.

However, conference organizers hope the focus of the conference will be global and background documentation for the conference recognizes that racial discrimination is not limited to one country or region.

The conference hopes to launch a vigorous worldwide campaign of information designed to "dispell racial prejudice and to enlighten and involve world public opinion in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination."

Organizers hope to achieve this by convincing countries to adopt legislation prohibiting racial discrimination, "including the dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred."

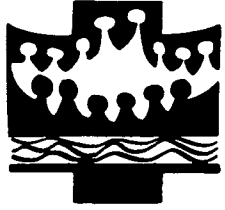
One proposed resolution says the media can be instrumental in mobilizing national and international opinions against racial discrimination. It recommends that the media give more opportunity to victims of discrimination to express their views and advocates greater representation of "dominated groups" within the mass media.

The draft recommends comic strips, films and magazines be screened to eliminate racial stereotyping.

Another proposal deals with the need to protect minorities, indigenous peoples and migrant workers, including the "guest workers" in Europe.

Governments would be urged to eliminate all discriminatory practices against foreign workers and their families, especially in relation to contracts, working conditions, trade union activity and access to the legal system to air grievances. The proposal supports equal pay and equal treatment in social security and pension rights for guest workers.

Insights In Liturgy



By Jura Litchfield

New Year's Greeting

Dear Cantors,
It is neither the beginning of the liturgical nor secular year, but the approach of Labor Day signals for many of us the end of leisure time and the resumption of the working season. As our vacations end, we look to our roles in liturgical ministry with a critical eye: How can we improve our effectiveness as cantors? Here are some resolutions for the coming year that can help us grow. Choose a few goals to work on regularly, and take time to assess your progress every so often.

Ask someone to tape-record your work during a weekend liturgy. Evaluate your effectiveness:
Are my spoken directions clear? Do I talk too much? Can my sung texts be easily understood? Am I musically secure, singing rhythm and pitch regularly? Am I confident, enthusiastic? Do I engage the assembly in prayer? Do I call attention to myself or to the texts I sing?

Accept suggestions from your parish family. What are their needs and preferences? Ask for feedback. Listen to all comments. Weight them in the light of sound liturgical practice and

good musical judgment.
If you are tired of some of the material you've been singing all year long, chances are the assembly feels the same way. Suggest new repertoire to your parish music coordinator or organist. A good source for psalm settings and alleluia acclamations are recently published hymnals such as "Worship II"; "Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Canticals"; "Catholic Book of Worship II" and the "Catholic Liturgy Book." Refer to editions that include full organ accompaniment.
Consider expanding your ministry to include cantoring at weddings, funerals, baptisms, weekday masses or school liturgies. If you are not a skilled instrumentalist, sing without accompaniment or learn to use an autoharp for simple chordal support.
Seek a professional vocal coach. Although singing lessons are costly and do require a significant commitment of time and effort, nothing can do more for your singing technique than regular study with an experienced, reputable teacher. Secure the best teacher available, as an ineffective one can do more harm than good.
Prepare carefully for Sunday liturgies. Read the Lectionary. Learn new material well ahead of time. Memorize refrains

so that you can maintain eye contact with the assembly as the refrains are sung. Rehearse with your accompanist regularly.

Plan to attend a music workshop or conference. Of special interest is the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' Convention in New Brunswick, N.J., in July 1984. Locally, the Office of Liturgy is sponsoring a week cantor program during the Easter break in 1984; the NPM has chosen Rochester for a regional session and will be supplying the presenters. Watch for announcements on time and place.
Read a book on prayer or liturgical renewal. Subscribe to a periodical that deals with church music.
Communicate regularly with your parish staff and other parish musicians. Share your insights, concerns and ideas.
Pray. Use the psalm texts and humns for next Sunday's liturgies during the week for your prayer. Learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Make a collection of prayer passages that speak to you with special directness or power.

Parish

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through Friday, and at 9 a.m., Thursday and Saturday, at the rectory, 9 Van Voorhis Road. Home Masses will take place at 7:30 p.m., Mondays, and anyone wishing to be host should contact the rectory, 248-2427.

Knittle is manager of United Airlines at Monroe County Airport, and also serves on the advisory board for the new parish.



Villa Olympics

Charlie of the Green Team skips rope beneath a parachute held aloft by his teammates during the 15th annual St. Joseph's Villa Olympics last week. More than 130 residents and staff participated in the three day event that featured competitions in the tug-of-war, 50 and 100-yard dashes, relay races, swimming, obstacle course and basketball. The Villa is a residential treatment facility serving emotionally handicapped children, adolescents and their families. (Photo by Jennifer Singer)

Helping Youths Find Jobs

The Catholic Youth Organization Youth Employment Services will sponsor a series of career workshops from persons 14 to 21, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, through Thursday, Aug. 18, at the CYO, 11th floor, 50 Chestnut St.

The workshops are designed to help young people make career decisions and gain work skills. They are a part of the CYO's Career Exploration Project.

Anyone interested should contact Ms. Lovie Smith or Gabe Bauza at the CYO Youth Employment Services, 454-2030.

Deadline

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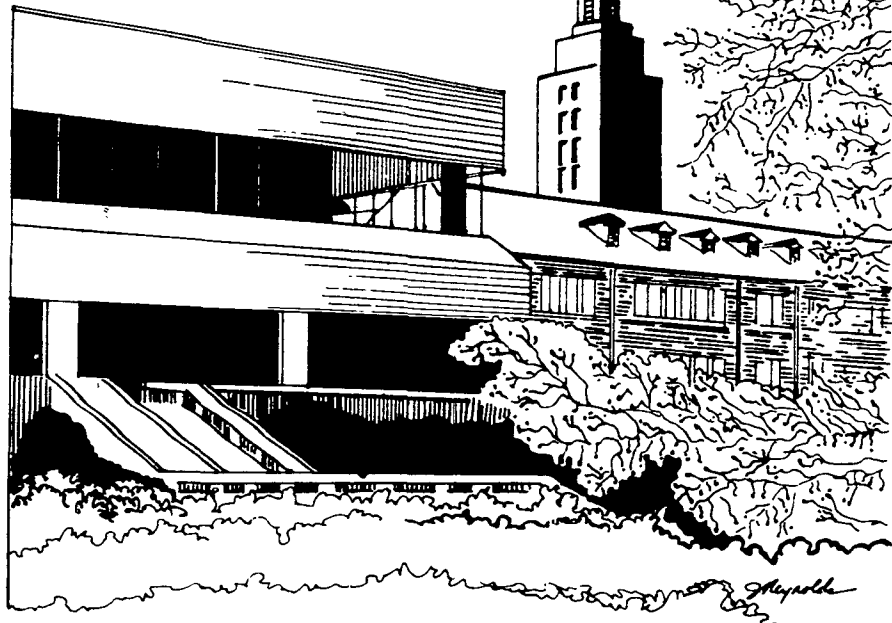
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Submit resume no later than August 27, 1983 to: Search Committee, c/o St. Clare's Parish, 1947 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

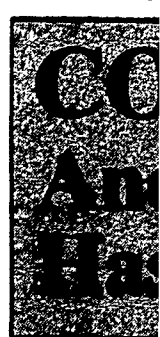
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