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Three Catholic Bishops to Meet Black Clergy

WASHINGTON—Three Catholic bishops will meet March 11 in Detroit with leaders of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus to discuss in depth proposals to make Catholicism relevant to Black Americans, and to recommend action to the American hierarchy.

The bishops were appointed by Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), to find ways in which the American bishops and Black Catholics can work together on their common religious and social problems.

They will present their recommendations in April, at the semi-annual meeting of the nation's Catholic hierarchy in Houston, Tex. (April 15-17).

Chairman of the committee is Bishop Peter L. Gerety, apostolic administrator of the Portland, Maine, Diocese. (See BISHOPS page 8A)



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First Negro Is Admitted to Local Realtors

R. C. Price of Durham, founder, owner and operator of the R. C. Price Realty Company of Durham, has been named an associate member of the Durham Board of Realtors. The status of associate membership is the first step toward becoming an active member of the board which heretofore has been an all-white organization.

Price applied for membership in the Board in October 1968. His company began business about three years ago on a part-time basis. Since the beginning of 1968 his company, located at 1220 Fayetteville Street has operated on a full time basis.

Price attended his first meeting of the Board last Thursday after being notified of his acceptance. So far as it has been determined, he is the first Negro to be admitted to membership.

W. S. Totten president of the board, stated that Price will be required to undergo certain qualifications, such as educational courses, before he can become an active participant of the board.

Price was born and reared (See REALTOR page 8A)

Dr. Leroy Swift Named Consultant To U. S. Public Health Service Bureau

Dr. LeRoy Russell Swift has been appointed Consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In assuming his new position Dr. Swift becomes Consultant to Dr. Frank McKee, M. D. Director of Physician Manpower.

"I take great pleasure in inviting you to serve as Special Consultant to the Division," Dr. McKee said. "Although there must be many demands upon your time, I hope you will find it possible to accept invitation and give the Division of Physician Manpower the benefit of your competence and experience. In doing so, you would be rendering a service to a vitally important National Program."

The Division of Physician Manpower administers numerous grant and operational pro-



DR. SWIFT

grams. As part of its responsibility, the Division supports development of educational facilities for students working toward professional degrees in medicine, osteopathy, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, public health, and other allied health professions. (See SWIFT page 8A)

Death Penalty Used Mostly in Blacks Crime

NEW YORK — The National Urban League called today for the abolition of capital punishment throughout the United States.

The League, in a statement issued from its New York headquarters, declared that the death penalty failed to deter crime, was discriminatory as applied to black persons and the poor, and might even be a violation of the United States Constitution.

The League's National Board of Trustees adopted the position on capital punishment at a recent meeting in New York City. The 55-member Board is the League's governing body.

The League's statement was prompted by moves in several

Black Methodists Call For Boycott Of Publishing House In Nashville, Tenn.

Saint Paul's Completes Founder's Day Program

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. — Preparations are in the final stages for the annual observance at Saint Paul's College here of Founder's Weekend, March 14-16 inclusive, President Earl H. McClenney announced. The institution is in its eighty-first year.

One principal change and one addition to the three-day observance have been made. The anniversary address will be delivered by the grandson of the founder, Dr. James Solomon Russell. The former is Dr. James Alvin Russell Jr., professor and director, Division of Engineering and Technology, and chairman, Department of Electronics Engineering at Hampton (Va.) Institute. He is the son of the late Rev. Dr. Russell Sr., and Mrs. Nellie Pratt Russell, who resides in Lawrenceville. His father was the institution's second president.

DR. RUSSELL will speak at eleven o'clock Sunday, March 16, in the campus Memorial



DR. JAMES RUSSELL JR. Guest Speaker

Chapel. An academic procession will precede this program.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Black Methodists for Church Renewal called here Feb. 23 for a boycott of the Methodist Publishing House (MPH) until it joins Project Equality, a fair employment program.

In one of the closing actions of the three-day second annual conference, participants resolved to lead a mass demonstration against the publishing headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., on Good Friday, April 4, if it is not by then committed to join Project Equality.

They urged that all g churches, especially black churches, immediately cancel all standing orders for literature, goods and materials from the organization and that ministers mail their Cokesbury (MPH retail outlet) courtesy cards to the publisher as a means of protest.

The Rev. James M. Lawson, Memphis, Tenn., pastor, was re-elected chairman of the national organization. Other officers chosen by some 300 delegates here are Miss Minnie Stein, New York City, vice chairman; the Rev. Melvin Tal-

\$300,000 Damage Suit Filed Against Sen. John McClellan And Committee

WASHINGTON — A \$300,000 damage suit was filed March 4 against Sen. John McClellan, of Arkansas and members of his investigating committee. Among those filing the suit in U. S. District Court here are Al and Margaret McSurely, of Pikeville, Ky., who were under subpoena to appear before the committee the day the suit was filed.

Other plaintiffs are four human rights and student organizations: the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), on whose staff the

McSurelys work; Students for a Democratic Society, (SDS); the Southern Student Organizing Committee, (SSOC); and the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee, (SNCC).

The McSurelys have been ordered to turn over to the McClellan Committee material related to these and other organizations. The suit asks that the subpoenas be quashed on grounds that they violate constitutional rights. Each plaintiff also asks \$50,000 damages.

The plaintiffs charge that the subpoenas are part of a conspiracy between the McCl-

ellan Committee, Thomas Ratliff, prosecutor in Pike County, Ky. and the coal operators of Eastern Kentucky to deprive the McSurelys and others of their rights to organize in pursuit of civil, human and political rights. Ratliff is founder of the National Independent Coal Operators Association.

The McClellan Committee claims it needs papers belonging to the McSurelys for its investigation of urban disorders.

The papers were originally taken from the McSurelys in a midnight raid on their moun-

New Building To Cost Nearly One Million

NEW YORK — Officials of the F. W. Woolworth Co. today signed an approximately \$1-million contract with a Negro contracting firm for the construction of a major store in the heart of Harlem.

The Winston A. Burnett Construction immediately and is scheduled to complete the work in the latter part of this year.

When completed, the entire project will be valued at more than \$2 million. It is part of the unique sale-leaseback arrangement under which a black group, Harlem Freedom Associates, both the property and will lease the completed store to Woolworth.

Representing the principals at the signing ceremonies were William G. Baker Jr., Woolworth's Northeastern regional vice president, and from the Burnett Company, Winston A. Burnett, president-chairman; Robert W. Jones, vice president-national operations; Albert Holland, general counsel, and Carl F. Burnett, vice president-contracts and estimating.

The Winston A. Burnett Construction Company is one of the largest black companies in the contracting field. It was organized 25 years ago and has grown into one of the largest construction companies in the nation.

Burnett said the company has bondability exceeding \$150 million and employs more than 500 people. Its offices are in the Empire State Building and at 200 W. 135th Street in Harlem.

It has subsidiaries in San Francisco, Calif.; Washington, D. C. and in Pennsylvania. The subsidiaries function as extensions within the "framework of our concept of employing available experienced people who live in the areas where we operate."

Work will commence immediately on the buildings at 208-220 West 125th Street in Harlem to construct a modern Woolworth store with a total of 55,000 square feet of floor space, making it one of the largest Woolworth stores in the state.



FORMAL GROUND-BREAKING for Unity Village was performed here Wednesday morning following invocation by Rev. Philip R. Cousin, pastor of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church; remarks by Mrs. James H. Semans, president, Durham Homes

and response by Ben Ruffin, executive director United Organization for Community Improvement. Unity Village will be a low income housing development that will provide purchaseable homes for their occupants.

Those in the picture and talking part in the historical ground-breaking, from left to right, are: Ben Ruffin, James R. Hawkins, J. J. Henderson, Rev. Julius Corpening, James Potter and Mrs. Semans. (Herald-Sun Photo)

100 Two And Three Bedroom Homes To Be Made Available In Unity Village

Last Rites Held For N. L. Dillard At Caswell County High School

YANCEYVILLE—Last rites for Professor N. L. Dillard, principal of Saswell County High School of Yanceyville for the past 38 years, were held at the school Monday, February 24. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Bethe, pastor of the Saint Matthews Methodist Church of Greensboro.

Dillard, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dillard of Greensboro was born and reared in Leaksville where he attended the public schools. He later received his A. B. degree from Shaw University in Raleigh. Later, he received his masters from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Dillard succumbed at Duke Hospital, following four weeks of illness.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Gladys Mot-



PROF. DILLARD

ley of Danville, Va., one son, Anthony Dillard of New York and one daughter, Mrs. Annette Coward of Springfield, Va. Interment was at Maplewood Cemetery in Greensboro. (See HOMES page 8A)

Mrs. J. H. Semans Presides At Opening Event

Ground was broken Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m., March 5, for a unique low-income housing development in Durham. In ceremonies presided over by Mrs. James H. Semans, Unity Village of Durham Homes, Inc. formally began construction. Participating with Mrs. Semans were the Directors of Durham Homes and James Potter, President of U. O. C. I.

As President of the development corporation Mrs. Semans pointed out that Unity Village was designed to provide opportunity of home ownership for low-income persons. The site will contain one hundred two- and three-bedroom houses on spacious lots. The houses will be brick veneer. The development itself will contain paved streets and curbing along with an ample recreation area.

The corporation directing the development is composed (See HOMES page 8A)

Michigan Congressman Introduces Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Holiday Bill

Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (Dem-Michigan) today announced re-introduction, with 23 co-sponsors, of legislation to make the birthday of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a legal public holiday. Congressmen Conyers, Henry Reuss (Wis.), William Ryan (New York), George Brown (Calif.) and Benjamin Rosenthal (New York) were joined a press conference by Rev. A. D. King, brother of the late Dr. King and Rev. Delaney, also of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The conference table was piled with nearly one-half million letters and petitions which have been received in support of the legislation.

"We are overwhelmed at the number of persons who have written to us and various radio stations in support of the bill," said Conyers. "The impressive thing is not just the amount of mail, but the fact that much of it has come from persons who, seldom, if ever, write to Congressmen. This obviously is an



BLACK CONTRACTOR SIGNS contract with the F. W. Woolworth Co. to build one of New York State's largest Woolworth stores in Harlem. Construction work will begin immediately

on the property which already has been sold to a group of black citizens who will lease it back to Woolworth. In the picture are (left to right) William G. Baker, Jr., Woolworth's

Northeastern regional vice president and Winston A. Burnett, president-chairman of the Winston A. Burnett Construction Co. of New York, Inc.