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Catholic Group Assails Racial, Religious Bias

CHICAGO — (NC) — The National Catholic Conference for Racial Justice has issued a statement condemning racial and religious discrimination by clubs and fraternities.

The statement says that many country and downtown clubs fulfill a number of quasipublic functions, and "there are no ethical grounds by which these clubs can justify the exclusion of citizens otherwise qualified, because of race, religion or ethnic origin."

IN REFERENCE to fraternities, the statement says that "recently a Catholic priest defended what

he called the right of fraternities to be free from public pressure if they decide to exclude some people because of religion."

It states that the priest, (not named in the statement), "defended his position by referring to the protection fraternities have under law as private associations, and to the role of the fraternity in encouraging and protecting personal friendships."

"While we could grant the right of a club or fraternity not to admit each and every person . . . refusal of admittance or membership would surely have to be on reasonable grounds," the statement continues.

"Race, as such," it adds, "does not constitute reasonable grounds, and therefore we maintain no fraternity can morally justify a policy or action which excludes Negroes."

The statement also states that "it is morally wrong to exclude classes of people from our friendship because of the color of their skin, religion, or their ethnic background."

"Charity and love require us to meet all men face to face, to judge them as individuals," the statement concludes. "Automatic exclusion from friendship because of race, religion or national background certainly seriously offends against our obligation to love our fellow men."

The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice was established in Chicago in December, 1959. John J. O'Connor, professor of history at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., is chairman of the conference.

Pontiff Observes Peril to Church In Latin America

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— His Holiness Pope John XXIII has told the Bishops of all Latin America that some nations there, made great by their Christian past, are turning on both God and the Church.

He said in a letter dated December 8 but published March 2 that some Latin American countries cause him "lively concern."

Pope John pointed out that some of these nations "seek to increase the spread of such evil" as the persecution of the Church.

The Pope mentioned no countries by name, but the Church is now being persecuted in Cuba by the regime of self-confessed Marxist-Leninist, Premier Fidel Castro. Within the past year the Haitian government has ousted bishops, and the Dominican Republic—before the overthrow of the Trujillo dictatorship.

VOCATION EXAMINATIONS

On Saturday, March 31st, a placement examination will be held in 11 centers throughout the State for all boys from the 8th Grade through High School who wish to study for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Raleigh.

This examination is open to boys of any parish in the State, whether they are attending Catholic school or public school in the grade or high school departments.

All those interested should contact their pastor and write to the Vocation Director immediately for the application form and assignment to closest examination center. Write to:

Vocation Director
Box 1949
Raleigh, N.C.

Administration Launches Drive for School Bill

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The Kennedy administration's top education officials have opened a drive for Congressional passage of a \$747 million, five-year project to improve school instruction.

Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Sterling M. McMurrin, U.S. Commissioner of Education, appeared before the House select subcommittee on education headed by Rep. Frank Thompson of New Jersey, the bill's House sponsor.

The measure (H.R. 10145) proposes several programs on the elementary and secondary levels, some of which would permit participation by teachers in parochial and other private schools and by all colleges. One of its main features is limited to public schools.

Both Ribicoff and McMurrin indicated in testimony that parochial and private school teachers could take part in the bill's proposals of summer college institutes for advanced study and of one-year scholarship grants for outstanding

teachers to pursue studies in the subject they teach.

Private, nonprofit colleges would be able to take part in a proposal for grants to meet part of the cost of special projects to strengthen courses specifically for teachers.

The biggest single part of the measure is limited to public schools. It proposes \$50 million in each of five years for grants to state educational agencies. The money would be used to assist in conducting demonstration projects to improve the quality of instruction in public schools and to help state agencies promote improved teaching practices.

Ribicoff told the subcommittee the bill is not a substitute "for any other proposal of this administration."

This apparently was a response to reports that the measure is intended as a replacement for the administration's unsuccessful legislation for grants to build public schools and help pay their teachers.

Seniors Named NMS Finalists

The National Merit Scholarship Cooperation of Evanston, Illinois, has informed Mother M. Potts, principal of St. Genevieve of the Pines, Asheville, that two of the 1962 senior students have been named finalists in the nationally competitive examinations for Merit scholarships.

THE STUDENTS, who have both attended St. Genevieve's



Nona Walker Frances Babb

since the kindergarten are: Miss Frances Rae Babb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis F. Babb of 20 Sunset Drive, Asheville.

Miss Babb, whose father is a meteorological technician with the Weather Wing, is interested in mathematics and science. Miss Nona E. Walker, daughter of Commander and Mrs. Calvin A. Walker of 10 Arborvale Road, is interested in foreign languages.



POPE VISITS AMERICAN ART COLLECTION — During a recent visit of His Holiness Pope John XXIII to the Princeton Index of Christian Art at Vatican Library, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, explains the use of a new slide projector which he added to the Index equipment. Pictured from left to right: Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College; Father Guy Ferrari, O.S.B., an American who is curator of the Index; Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals; Pope John; and Cardinal-designate Anselmo Albareda, O.S.B., prefect of the Vatican Library.

Seeks Shared-Time Plan For Private Education

CHICAGO—(NC)— The head of the nation's biggest private school system said his schools and public schools should "study in detail" shared-time education, especially on the secondary level.

Msgr. William E. McManus, superintendent of Chicago Catholic schools, said there are no definite plans at present for an experiment, but he added in a statement:

"It will not do for public and nonpublic school officials to go on talking endlessly about cooperation. They ought to try something together. And this is what the 'shared-time' plan suggests."

Pledging continued growth of Catholic high schools, he noted, however, that despite the 18,200-seat expansion begun in 1960, they are still forced to turn down applicants.

"We want to have an open mind," he commented, "toward an idea or plan that would be in the best interest of the American community and might also be an

expeditious way to extend the advantages of Catholic schools to a larger number of students."

In the meantime, Public School Superintendent Benjamin C. Willis said he had talked informally with Msgr. McManus and other educators about the plan. He said further discussions will be held.

Guy Cornwell, assistant superintendent of public instruction, said that public schools would be able to receive state aid for the part-time Catholic students.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective on Tuesday, March 6th, Father William Lynch, O.M.I., succeeded Father Matthew Noonan as Pastor of St. Ann's Church in Fayetteville.
Rt. Rev. George E. Lynch
Chancellor



BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
600 Bilyeu Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
February 23, 1962

My dear Brethren:

Through the kindness and generosity of a North Carolina family interested in the welfare of the Church, and in order to pay back some of the wonderful gifts received through the hands of the Church, I am able to offer to two small parishes for the building of a church in a place where there is no church at present, matching funds of a minimum of \$5,000.00 in 1963, and under the same conditions for two similar parishes in 1964, and one similar parish in 1965, on a matching basis of \$5,000.00.

This offer by this generous Catholic family envisions help in small parishes in North Carolina. Applications for this money should be promptly sent to the Bishop, for 1963, if a parish is interested.

Hoping that other Catholic families who have been so blessed by God will be inspired to do likewise for the Missions in North Carolina, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent S. Waters

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Bishop of Raleigh