



Dr. Zelma George

Danforth Talks Set Feb. 18-19 At Sacred Heart

BELMONT—Dr. Zelma George, sociologist, actress-singer and authority on Negro music, will be a Danforth visiting lecturer at Sacred Heart Junior College here Feb. 18-19.

While here, Dr. George will give an illustrated lecture, including several selections, on "Understanding the Negro Spiritual," and a convocation address on "The Negro: Problems, Goals, Methods." In two informal class meetings with students and faculty she will discuss "Africa: Myth and Reality" and "Change and Conflict Around the World."

Dr. George is a specialist in interpersonal, intergroup and international relations. Her father was minister of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago, which at the time of his death was the largest Protestant church in the United States.

Dr. George was a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1960

Jewish Group Gives Award To Cardinal

BOSTON — (NC) — Richard Cardinal Cushing touched off a cheering demonstration by an audience of 1,300 Jewish persons here when he predicted the Second Vatican Council will approve a declaration absolving Jews of direct blame in the death of Christ.

"If we don't, I'm wasting my time talking of brotherhood," said the archbishop of Boston after he was presented with the annual Good Will Award of Temple Ohabei Shalom Brotherhood, oldest and largest Jewish organization of its kind in the country. He was selected for the award because of his "compassion, generosity, love and brotherhood."

Cardinal Cushing said the one great fear communists have centers around religion. He added: "For that reason they try to eliminate it from the lives of their people."

He said that he has 25 engagements to talk to groups of other religious faiths, including a lodge of Masons, before Easter. The cardinal added: "Who would have thought even five years ago that a Catholic archbishop would be preaching good will in a Protestant church or in a synagogue? Or that a rabbi would be addressing other faiths? We sure have come a long way in a short time — and its going to get better."

and has performed numerous other government assignments.

The Danforth visiting lecturers program is sponsored by the Danforth Foundation and the Association of American Colleges "to strengthen the intellectual, the religious and the cultural aspects of liberal education in the United States."

Relaxed Atmosphere

Church Groups Back School Aid In Peaceful House Hearing

WASHINGTON—(NC) — Catholic and Protestant spokesmen applauded President Johnson's school aid proposal in a placid House hearing where the only disagreement came over minor technical questions.

The release from the charged atmosphere of such hearings in the past was noted all around.

A Catholic spokesman smilingly commented that it was a relief not to fear getting out of the hearing room alive. The major Protestant spokesmen spoke of the bill as an "instrument of reconciliation." Congressmen praised the compromises they saw being made by all sides, church groups and educators.

The President has proposed a \$1.2 billion program of aid to improve the elementary and secondary schooling of children from poverty-stricken families.

A total of \$1 billion would go to public school districts in low-income areas. The law would require that these districts extend to needy parochial and other private school pupils assistance in the form of dual enrollment or shared services programs.

Additionally, the proposal would spend \$100 million for textbooks for all school children and school libraries and another \$100 million to create a system of public-private community educational centers to offer cultural enrichment and special courses to all school children.

In the day-long hearing before a subcommittee headed by Rep. Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky, Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt reiterated the general endorsement of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He heads the department.

The monsignor proposed that to carry out the intent of the legislation for public-parochial school cooperation, some form of consultation should be required between authorities of the public and private systems on the types of programs to be offered and the books to be provided.

"The door has been opened," he said, "for full-dress discussion of

good school programs, aid to low-income areas, needs of libraries and textbook requirements and imaginative requirements . . .

"Here is the opportunity for educators generally in the United States to tell the Congress and the people what they want and what they need. New evidence of these needs can be placed before

Congress and private, nonprofit schools are given an opportunity to show that they are educating large numbers of disadvantaged children. They have a good case for being helped. We are pleased to do what we can to present this case to this committee, to the Congress and to the country," he said.

Orthodox Prelate Sees Closer Ties to Catholics

BRUSSELS — (NC) — The present relationship between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches is no longer marked by opposition and hostility but by a feeling that

they complement each other, an Orthodox prelate stressed here.

Addressing an ecumenical meeting, attended by Leo Cardinal Suenens of Malines-Brussels and several Protestant and Orthodox clergymen, Archimandrite Andre Scrima declared that the ecumenical movement is continuously growing even though the differences dividing the churches are not to be passed over lightly.

The prelate, who was personal representative of Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople at the ecumenical council, pointed out that interchurch arguments and the evolution of each church within a closed sphere are now things of the past.

Several facts prove that a deepening of the concept of church is going on now, Archimandrite Scrima said. Recent signs of such development are, according to the Orthodox prelate, the ecumenical council, the Pan-Orthodox Conference of Rhodes, the World Council of Churches and the meeting in Jerusalem of Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul VI.

Semester Plan To Be Revised

BELMONT—Sacred Heart Junior College here will go on a new semester plan beginning in August of this year.

A complete semester will be completed before the Christmas holidays and the students will then be less concerned about the exams during the Christmas vacation.

The faculty will have ample time to make preparations for the new semester which will begin when classes reconvene on Jan. 15.

Heretofore the student could return to college early in January. The semester ended the last of January and the semester break entailed the problems of travel, etc.

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