

Editorials

Riot Report in Focus

FROM CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICES

The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders report has cited "white racism" as the chief cause for the fact "that our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."

The report said that eradicating white racism, eliminating the ghettos and providing equality for all Americans is "the major unfinished business of this nation" and that there can be "no higher priority for national action and no higher claim on the nation's conscience."

Why Riots?

The commission studied 24 disorders in 23 cities. It found:

- Riots were not the result of planned conspiracy.
- Disorders were not the result of a single "triggering" incident, but rather the result of built-up tensions.
- Police were involved in incidents building these tensions.
- Police were involved in half of the "triggering" incidents.

Grievances in Ghettos

The commission listed these points as highest on the list of grievances in the ghetto:

- Police practices.
- Unemployment and underemployment.
- Inadequate housing.
- Poor education.
- Poor recreation facilities.
- Poor political structures.

The commission found that Negroes were clearly worse off than whites, no matter where they lived, because of outright discrimination by whites. The report also said that despite the 1967 riots and some post-riot relief programs, "little basic change in the conditions underlying the outbreak of disorder has taken place."

The Difficult Path

The commission does reject the black separatist programs of black power and asserts that the only course to follow is one aimed at achieving total integration. But it describes how difficult and far off this goal may be:

- Central city Negro population by 1975 will grow from its present 12.5 million to about 20 million.
- At the same time, the white population of the cities will shrink.
- To create an unsegregated population distribution (in the 207 largest U.S. cities) an average of more than 85 percent of all Negroes would have to change their place of residence within the city.

Immigrants and Negroes

The report outlined reasons why Negroes cannot be compared to European immigrants:

- The immigrants came at a time when America needed large numbers of unskilled laborers. When Negroes began coming to the large cities, the economy had little use for unskilled laborers.
- Political machines were strong and growing when the immigrants came. When the Negroes came, the political machines were no longer so powerful that they could provide jobs and other favors and were unwilling to share their remaining influence with Negroes.
- Cultural factors differed. Immigrants, not used to affluent societies, felt no great deprivation. Negroes are painfully aware of American affluence, and their continued lack of it.
- Family structure of the Negroes has been destroyed by slavery and unemployment.

The Choices We Have

Admitting that the future of the cities is grim, the commission lays out three choices facing the nation:

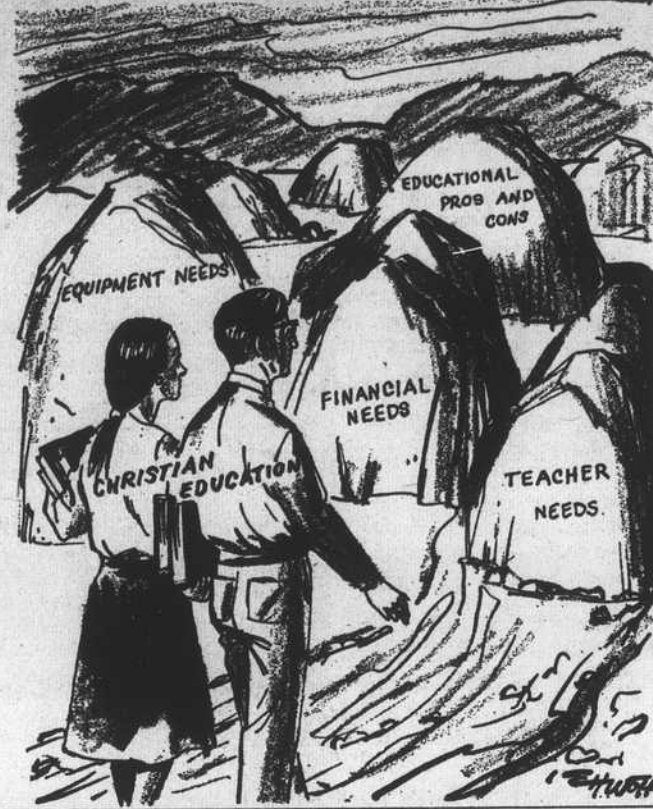
1. Continue present policies.
 2. Adopt a policy of "enrichment" to improve the quality of ghetto life, while abandoning integration as a goal.
 3. Pursue integration through "enrichment" and policies which will encourage Negro movement out the central city areas.
- Rejecting the first two, it warns that the third choice—the only one acceptable to the ideals of America—will require an unprecedented effort.

Recommendations

It makes these recommendations:

- Generate a new will to tax ourselves to the extent necessary to meet the vital needs of the nation.
- New and more vital communications with residents of the ghetto.
- Involve ghetto residents in local government policies and programs.
- Set up police review boards.
- Set up local neighborhood action offices.
- Open up opportunities to all.
- Provide the means to effectively take part in government and make needs known to it.
- Increase communications between black and white.
- Create two million jobs in three years—one million by industry and one million by government.
- Tax incentives for industrial development in rural and urban areas.
- Eliminate de facto segregation in public schools.
- Extend pre-school programs to every poor child.
- Greater parent and community participation in public schools.
- Repeal the welfare restrictions voted by Congress last year which would cut aid to families with children.
- Set up standards so that every family receives an income above the poverty level.
- Repeal laws which forbid welfare payments to mothers and children while there is an unemployed father in the home.
- Enact open housing laws covering all dwellings.
- Expand Model Cities and rent supplement programs.

Whitber?



In Current Thought

Scores Entertainment Industry For Failing Public in Trust; TV is 3rd Parent in Home

Hollywood, Calif. — (NC) — An established television personality here sharply criticized the entire entertainment industry for using an overabundance of questionable material and failing in responsibility to the public.

Two thousand persons from the movie, radio, recording and TV industries gave Bob Dornan, young star of Station KHJ-TV, a standing ovation after he addressed the 17th annual breakfast of the entertainment industry in the Palladium.

Earlier the media workers attended a Mass offered by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles in Blessed Sacrament church. They heard the cardinal extol them as a core loyal to the foundations of morality in the Ten Commandments and exhort them, for the sake of the nation's youth, to uphold morality standards.

Dornan brought a gay, light-hearted breakfast program to an abrupt halt when he began to speak (March 3). He scored each of the four industries represented for irresponsibility by projecting false notions and questionable material.

He indicted the recording industry for producing "rock music with dope and sex lyrics that make the kids laugh because adults can't understand them." He criticized radio for broadcasting and popularizing the records. He indicted major magazines for glorifying "psychedelic paranoia through cover stories."

Dornan called the new movie code "useless" and said the floodgates are open for depiction of sadism, nihilism and hedonism.

The TV star saved his hardest volley for his own industry. "Television," he said, "is the third parent in the home. It is the parents' biggest competitor. Children spend more hours before the tube than they do at any other activity, including sleeping, schooling or eating."

"And what are they getting? A diet of murders, violence and mayhem repeated over and over and over," he said.

"Whose ideals are going to prevail? Yours or those of the tube, the films, the books and magazines, the records?" he asked.

"The burden is on the media to regulate themselves. But par-

ents must stand fast on principles and must discipline their children," Dornan said.

Legion of Mary

Annunciation Marks Annual Dedication

Raleigh — When Our Lady revealed at Fatima the need for penance and prayer, she made this request: "Establish devotion. . . I ask for the consecration of the world to my Immaculate Heart."

The fulfillment of this treaty carried the promise that "Many souls will be saved. . . There shall be peace in the world."

In 1942 Pope Pius XII, consecrated the Church, and the human race to the Immaculate Heart. On March 29, 1931, members of the Legion of Mary consecrated themselves both individually and collectively to Our Lady and have continued this practice annually on or near the 25th of March.

This ceremony is called the "Acies," a Latin term meaning "an army ranged in battle array." The Legionnaires gather in a body to renew their loyalty to Mary and to receive the blessing for another year's battle with the forces of evil.

On March 24th the day before the feast of the Annunciation active, auxiliary and junior members of the Legion of Mary at Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Goldsboro, Southern Pines will assemble at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral here. Bishop Waters will lead the group of spiritual Directors and legionnaires in their consecration to the Mother of God. He will deliver the Allocutio and the service will be concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Acies ceremony will be preceded by a Comitium meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral School Hall.

At Chapel Hill

'Easter Awakening' Season Feature Now at Planetarium

Chapel Hill — "Easter the Awakening," the Morehead Planetarium's annual program depicting the world's physical and spiritual rebirth, has opened for its nineteenth season.

The program begins by recounting the story of Creation found in Genesis, then proceeds to a discussion of the wandering date of Easter and of calendars in general. Months of work by the planetarium technical staff combine with the traditional yet always new story of the crucifixion and resurrection in an unforgettable pageant of sight and sound.

"The problem facing the ancients in devising adequate calendars," explained John A. Zunes, narrator of the opening performance, "is that of reconciling three periods of time: the month, day, and year; which are not related in any uniform way. As a result, all calendars must employ some elaborate system of continuing corrections, such as inserting leap year."

Following the scientific part of the program is the dramatic and inspiring recreation of the Easter story, which brings together Biblical text, music, colorful reproductions, three-dimensional tableaux and transitory effects.

Although "Easter the Awakening" is one of the Planetarium's most popular programs, the large seating capacity of the sky theatre makes reservations unnecessary. Planetarium Director A. F. Jenzano suggests, however, that all groups planning to attend should arrive at least 30 minutes before program time.

Program Hours

Public program times are 8:30 p.m. daily; 11 a.m., 1, 3, 4 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2, 3, 4 and 8:30 p.m. on Sundays. Special 3 p.m. holiday programs are also scheduled for Good Friday, April 12 and Easter Monday, April 15. Additional presentations are offered at 11 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. on weekdays for school groups with advance reservations.

NEW ATTITUDES

Madrid — (NC) — A new synagogue for some 2,500 Jews is being built here, thanks to the climate of religious freedom now prevailing in Spain, according to speakers at ground-breaking ceremonies on March 10. Rabbi Salomon Gaon, head of the Sephardim Community in Spain, presided.

100% Parish

A fifth parish in the diocese that has subscribed to total the North Carolina Catholic coverage of each family is St. Francis Church at Franklin. The Rev. Francis Korzinek of Glenmary is pastor. Many thanks. Ed.

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