Negro Priests Plan Meeting in Detroit

Detroit — (NC) — A group of Negro priests will hold a special pre-conference caucus here

Editor's Desk

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from the dead; and His Resur-rection became the symbol and promise of the hopes of man for eternal life.

His Resurrection may also be the symbol of the hopes of man in his day-to-day life.

ON EASTER Sunday is recited a prayer from the Psalms which could well be a prayer for each day of the year: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

May we work with renewed dedication to the springtime of justice and rights for all, a pledge of the Resurrection.

Dear reader, may your heart rejoice in the Risen Christ. Happy Easter.

Sands of Time

Twenty years ago this newspaper reported that Mrs. Ella Hoffman of Raleigh was elected to the State leadership of the Catholic Daughters of America at their convention at Wilmington. . . That the Asheville Council of the K. of C. was to be host to the annual convention of the Knights in May. That the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Gabriel's Church in New York will sponsor a benefit bridge party for the new motor chapel of the Diocese in the Starlight Room in Hotel Pennsylvania in New York.

this year prior to the annual meeting of the Catholic Clergy Conference on the Interracial Apostolate.

The conference is a national organization of white and Negro priests who work in urban ghettos. This is the first time in its 20-year history that the black priests have chosen to schedule a private gathering of their own in addition to the full confer-

The caucus will meet in the morning of April 16 in Detroit and the over-all conference will begin there that evening.

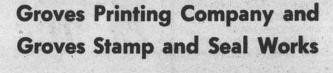
HOST AND principal speaker for the conference will be Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Father Herman A. Porter, a Negro priest who is pastor of St. Ann's church, an all-white parish in Warren, Ill., said the idea for the black caucus originated with a group of white and Negro priests who met to plan the annual meeting.

"There was a feeling that Negro priests as a group have been looked upon by the black community as alienated from the causes of civil rights and human dignity," Father Porter stated. He said the purpose of the black caucus is to dispel this illusion.

"AS PRIESTS we are natural leaders in these causes," he stated. "We want to make this clear to our fellow black men and to the leaders of our Church."

Father Porter said the Negro priests will probably make a statement of their position when they join the full meeting after their own caucus



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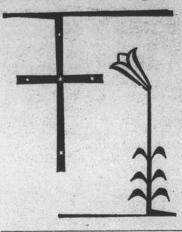
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be the celebrant at a noon Mass at the Cathedral, followed by a 1 p.m. luncheon at which J. Waters, director of motor vehicles safety, will be the speaker.

Afternoon activities will include tours of the State Art Mu-seum and the new Legislative Building.

A business session is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, to be followed by a banquet at 7:30 p.m. Raleigh's Mayor Travis Tomlinson will give the welcome and the principal speaker will be Auxiliary Bishop McLaughlin.

AWARDS WILL be presented to the Outstanding Catholic

to the Outstanding Catholic Daughter in North Carolina, to the Daughter who has brought in the most members and to the

Court with the winning exhibit. On Sunday, the final day of the convention, delegates will tour the Bishop's residence at 9 a.m. and attend a coffee hour. Mass is scheduled at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral.

At 12:30 p.m., new State officers will be installed. Adjournment will follow a 1 p.m. lunch-

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stopped running, although the violence remained largely confined to the few blocks where it broke out. During the night firemen an swered more than 150 calls, five of which proved to be major fires. Scores of suspected looters were put under arrest, adding to the 120 persons arrested during

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the riot were joined by an estimated crowd of 200 others who
began looting stores and battling

police with rocks, sticks and gasoline bombs. By noon, three

blocks of Beale Street was in

shambles, as was a short stretch

of Main Street and the intersec-

tion where Clayborn and St.

Gov. Buford Ellington immedi-

ately sent 4,000 National Guards-men and 250 riot-trained state

troopers into the city and put

another 8,000 Guardsmen on alert at their home armories

throughout Tennessee. Mayor

Henry Loeb ordered a 6 p.m. to

5 a.m. curfew. All city buses

Patrick's churches are located.

lice reported a number of sniping incidents, none of which re-

the first hours of the riot. Po-

sulted in casualties. Larry Payne, a 16-year-old Negro youth, was shot to death when he reportedly emerged from a looted store carrying a butcher knife and charged a policeman. By morn-

Non-Violent Movement

ing a spokesman for Gov. Ellington's office announced that the riot was under control.

Father Greenspun tempered his pessimistic prediction about the end of non-violence by noting that the number of militant Negroes in Memphis is still comparatively small.

"The main problem is teen-agers on the streets, wild kids with nothing to do," he stated. He said he feared the riot might cause a white backlash, however, and he expects it to damage his efforts to raise funds in white parishes to help the striking sanitation workers.

"That would be a shame," he remarked, "because there had been a growing trend of white sentiment against the city's militant stand."

Father Greenspun said his parish will continue to assist the Negro leadership in providing food and supplies to the jobless workers.

ECUMENISM COMMISSION

Kampala, Uganda — (NC) -Representatives of the Association of the Members of the Episcopal Conferences of East Africa (AMECEA) announced at their meeting here that they were mov-ing immediately to set up national commissions for ecumenism.



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