

# Church Still Most Segregated Way Of Life: Gregory

## Compares Houses Of Worship With 3 Other Lodgings; Still Can't Decide

ATLANTIC CITY—The American church today is still the most segregated way of life. They've integrated the swimming pools and the prostitute houses and the

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L.W. PRENTISS

The Most Neglected American

"For much too long," President Lyndon B. Johnson said, in a statement accompanying the signing of the 1964 Federal-Aid Highway Act, "the man who owns and drives an automobile has been treated like a stepchild."

The status of the motorist, as summed up by President Johnson, is this: "We require him to pay for the highways he uses and we require him to pay in advance. We divert his taxes to other uses but we delay the building of the roads that he deserves. We denounce him for getting snarled in traffic jams not of his own making. We complain about what he costs us but we never thank him for what he adds to the worth and wealth of our economy. We could not get along without him, but we often talk as though we can't live with him."

Although he described the American motorist as "often the most neglected member of our society," the President held out some encouragement. "Today, as never before," he said, "the Federal, State and local governments are working together to meet the highway needs of this Nation on wheels."

The bill signed by the President authorizes the appropriation of \$2 billion to the States during the next two years to

bowling alleys and all those places but not the church. It kind of makes you wonder which one of those houses the cross should be on."

"A white person can go to the majority of churches in America without ever seeing a Negro; and a Negro can go to church almost anywhere without ever seeing a white," Gregory said.

"It's always a pleasure," he said, "to be around the church when it is speaking out on this great racial injustice. I personally feel that had the church spoken out a little earlier, there would be a lot of people living today who are not."

Gregory, who originally was to have received the award last May, received it here prior to the PIC's participation in a silent vigil supporting the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's efforts at the National Democratic Convention. The presentation was made by Mrs. Joan Block, national vice president of PIC, at a luncheon given in Gregory's honor.

As the President was careful to point out, the highway program operates not only through Federal-State-local cooperation but also "because of the leadership of dedicated men of both parties." And the fact that leaders of both of the major political parties are aware of the magnitude of the dividends paid out from our investment in highways is a good omen for the future of the highway program.

These dividends include lower vehicle operating costs, time savings, the reduction of accident costs and the savings of lives, and great indirect benefits extending throughout the national economy.

As the President said, "This is one of our best investments, and I think most of the informed leaders of this country will agree on that point."

## L. Weaver Sees Goldwater's Nomination As "A Throwback To The Dark Thirties"

CHICAGO (UPI)—The nomination of Sen. Barry Goldwater for the Presidency of the United

States means that we are faced with a "reversal to the dark days of the Thirties," said Assistant Labor George L. P. Weaver last week.

Speaking to the members of the United Transport Service Employees union, in Chicago, Secretary Weaver called Sen. Goldwater "an amateur ham radio operator who has been short circuited and doesn't even know it."

Pointing out that the candidate has been in the Senate since 1953, and not a single piece of legislation bears his name, nor has he played a major role in drafting any legislation, Weaver said he finds it significant that Sen. Goldwater is known mainly as

a ham radio operator. Ham operators, he said, "shut themselves up in a little cubby hole, away from everything and receives messages over the airways. This much I know: you can't close yourself up in an ivory tower and understand human needs by remote control."

Weaver said that Sen. Goldwater's campaign is rapidly transforming the Republican party into a haven for all the ultra-conservatives, advocates of preventive war, John Birchers, hatemongers, and racists.

Pointing out that the four years of the Kennedy-Johnson administrations have brought great accomplishments in securing the

rights and opportunities of minority citizens, he said that much of this would be reversed if the GOP should win the election.

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