



BIG SOUNDS FOR A SMALL BOY—(St. Petersburg, Fla.)—Four-year-old Randy Scott appears dwarfed by the array of pipes keys and pedals as he sits at an organ in the First Baptist Institutional Church. The St. Petersburg youngster has been playing the piano since he was three years old without taking a music lesson. He is now taking lessons and is in the beginners' music book which is geared for a 7 or 8-year-old child. (UPI Photo)

Asthma Prevention is Advocated in Infancy

HANOVER, N. J. — Methods of preventing bronchial asthma, an incurable disease of unknown origin, by detection and treatment in early life need no longer be a mystery to the physician, according to a report by a leading pediatrician in the November issue of *The Physician's Panorama*.

The author, Gifford M. Tepper, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics at Albany Medical College points out that allergic diseases, of which asthma is the most serious, run in families. Wherever the hereditary factor is identified, Dr. Tepper urges that the physi-

cian regard any infant suffering frequent colds, sniffles, and earaches as a candidate for bronchial asthma.

Once the probability of asthma is recognized in an infant, the mother can be educated to remove from the diet allergenic foods and from the household environment offending substances such as feathers, dog hairs and dust, Dr. Tepper explains.

In discussing the preventive approach, Dr. Tepper places great emphasis on co-operation between the physician and the mother:

educating the mother for the long pull. We are teaching her attitudes. This is more important than whether or not applause is tolerated. Each month we give an additional list of foods.

"By such technique, we postpone the early introduction of such foods as wheat, eggs, and citrus fruits. Nutrition is easily balanced.

"The mother is educated in the ever-changing ways of our food industry. . . Mixtures galore abound in the market. For instance, jarred bananas contain orange juice and most pear products contain lemon juice. You will find it in fine print at the bottom of the jar."

As early as the first six months of life the predisposed infant, Dr. Tepper finds, become sensitive to house dust, animal danders, molds and pollens — important agents in the onset of the respiratory allergies that lead to asthma. In this area mother education is equally vital, he notes.

Of all tell-tale signs of the pre-asthmatic condition, family history is the most important, Dr. Tepper says, and he reports that 50 per cent of children from marriages where one mate is allergic will show allergies in the first 6 years and this percentage rises to 75 when both mother and father are allergic.

Sigmas Ask Shriver Reconsider Child Programs in Mississippi

NEW YORK — The members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, an organization of 40,000 college trained Negro men have inaugurated a national letter writing campaign protesting the termination of funds from the Office of Economic Opportunities to the Child Development Group of Mississippi.

In releasing the text of the letter being mailed to Sargeant Shriver, Executive Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, from local Chapters of Phi Beta Sigma, William E. Doar, Jr., National Executive Secretary said, "The Fraternity was shocked to learn of Shriver's termination of funds to the Child Development Group in Mississippi, and charged him with bowing to apparent local political pressures."

"It was our feeling that the Office of Economic Opportunity basic principle of 'maxi-

mum feasible participation of the poor' should be supported by all Americans. The Child Development Group of Mississippi seems to epitomize the above mentioned tenants which is so crucial in the fight against poverty."

We the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., wish to go on record as in accord with the action taken by the National Citizens Committee For The Development Program in Mississippi, as reported, and we reurge that all funds be channelled through Child Development Group in Mississippi rather than any other Board or Agency.

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Cites Two Faces Of "White Backlash"

NEW YORK — However the term "white backlash" is defined, it is "important to recognize that large numbers of white persons in some unexpected places have found issues on which they feel free to express their racial prejudice," John A. Morsell, NAACP assistant executive director, said here after studying the election results. He cited the two faces of "white backlash."

"In some places the issue has been the spurious one that whites face imminent inundation of their neighborhoods by Negroes," he pointed out. "In others it has been the phony issue of personal security and safety in the streets. Illinois was an example of the former New York City of the latter. California was a demonstration of both."

In New York City, he said, "anyone who does not think at least half of the votes against the Civilian Police Complaint Review Board reflect race prejudice needs to wake up to reality."

Parenthood is Catholic Concern, Physician, Nun, Priest Agree

NEW YORK—(WMNS)— Addressing a conference here just prior to Pope Paul's announcement of his continued study of the morality of modern birth control methods, an American nun, a Mexican priest, and a Roman Catholic physician from Chile agreed that responsible control of conception is needed to produce a new and truly human world order.

Sister Mary A. Schaldenbrand, professor of philosophy at Nazareth College in Michigan, said that "the objectives of family planning . . . insofar as they are realized, contribute impressively to the building up of a world of not merely masses, but persons." The responsible control of conception, added, is also a significant factor in freeing women from a "narrowly conceived role of preserving the species" which denies them "the full scope and free exercise of their personal powers." Sister Mary emphasized that women's "unhindered participation in the broadest range of human activities is of utmost importance . . . to the fulfillment of our hopes for building up on a global scale a society of persons."

Another critically important contribution of family planning, she observed, is that it diminishes sexual fears and anxieties, making more possible true sexual communion, thus "liberating time and energy for the development of personal capacities and their exercise within the larger human community."

PRIEST SPEAKS OUT

More and more Mexican women are using birth control methods banned by the church, despite grave moral conflict, not because they do not love children, but because they love children intensely and want them to have the opportunity to live meaningful lives. This is the view of Padre Alfonso Orozco, professor of moral theology at the Seminario del Espiritu Santo, in Mexico City, who for several years has assisted at the only family planning clinic in his country.

Wilkins Works For Civilian Review Board

NEW YORK — Taking his campaign into the streets, NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins toured four New York City areas on Election Day to urge citizens to vote to keep the Civilian Police Complaint Review Board.

Wilkins addressed crowds at four of the organization's branch offices in Queens, Harlem, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Accompanied by Gloster B. Current, director of branches and field administration, he also campaigned in the streets.

He was well received in the communities he toured. These areas returned a strong vote to retain the Board. However, the vote in other areas was overwhelmingly against the Board which was rejected.

NAACP STATE ASS'NS RE-ELECT PRESIDENTS

NEW YORK — Both Aaron campaign into the streets and Dr. Charles C. Roquemore of Wellington, Kansas, will be starting their tenth years as presidents of their respective NAACP State Conferences as a result of this year's elections.

In Texas, Rev. Emerson Marcee of San Antonio will start his sixth term in that capacity, while in South Carolina, Rev. J. Herbert Nelson of Orangeburg will start his second term.

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ing 1959 to 1963 have been educationally and psychologically damaged almost beyond measure.

Since the whites set up their own private schools, the Negroes have borne the brunt of school closings, but unquestionably the whole community has lost in the struggle.



TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT MAKES HER TICK—(Los Angeles) — Dr. James Whitmore listens closely as he tries to find out what makes Mrs. Melvina Taylor tick. The ticking sound in Mrs. Taylor's head began about a year ago, and Mrs. Taylor isn't the only one who can hear it. The ticking sound which resembles that of a pocket watch, has so far evaded diagnosis. It can be heard at a distance of about two feet. (UPI Telephoto)



RUSHED TO THE REAR—Da Nang, South Viet Nam—A Marine wounded by Viet Cong fire from a village inside the demilitarized zone (DMZ) is rushed to the rear by buddies —one of whom (left) holds a plasma bottle. At right, other troops move up to the attack. (UPI Photo)



DANCE ROCKY DANCE—(New York) Gov. Rockefeller gets into the swing of things at his re-election rally at Manhattan Center. Gov. Rockefeller called on Mama Lou Parks to help him step up the pace in what might become a new dance step — the Rockefeller Rock. (UPI Photo)

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