

ALTAR CALL

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"INTEGRATION, NOT ENOUGH"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has now proclaimed another Altar to which more than Negroes and liberal whites can subscribe. The initial address defining his new role was made to an overflowing throng in the Chicago Coliseum the day before Easter.

Declaring that racism, extreme materialism and militarism are the three pernicious evils overwhelming our society today, he called for a combining of the "fervor of the civil rights movement with the peace movement." And, with this and other pertinent facts on the US's involvement in the "blasphemous" war in Vietnam, the Nobel Peace prize winner has launched a career anew--peace and civil rights.

On the same program was Dr. Benjamin Spock, noted pediatrician and co-chairman of SANE, a national group laboring for a sane nuclear policy. Dr. Spock reiterated that our great need is "an alliance of civil rights groups, peace groups and religious groups" that would form what could well be called a Brotherhood of Man Group, "and Dr. King should be its leader."

Needless to say, the Negro community is just as divided on its attitude about America's involvement in Vietnam as is the white community. And, Dr. King is just as aware of the criticism he will get from both as he coalesces peace and poverty; Negro rights and Asian rights, in his two-pronged assault on the stated evils.

VIEWING THE evils, one ought be able to see how when they are interlocked and operative in a dominant white society, it is always the dark-skinned people who are the inevitable victims of the tyranny these evils breed.

"It isn't enough," Dr. King concluded his address, "to be concerned about integration, but about the survival of a world in which to have integration."

This then is the rationale which justifies Dr. King's new posture and implores all who value life, to follow. And thus, Dr. King has opened up an opportunity for uniqueness on the part of down-trodden, dark-skinned people the world over.

It is possible that the saving force in our war-torn world could well be the commitment of dark people, with their innate fervor, beyond their own lacks and deprivations, to that greater good for all men...a world brotherhood in which all could live in peace and plenty.

Thank you, Dr. King, for this much-needed Altar. May God help us to see its greatness.

Pot Luck Dinner Set By Zion Church Group

As was announced at the first program presented under the sponsorship of Zion Methodist Church's Commission on Family Life, April 9, the Commission has scheduled a "Family Night Pot Luck Dinner" for Friday night, May 5, at 7 o'clock at the Church.

A film of interest to every member of the family will be shown and every family in the community is invited to participate. All that is requested is that every family bring food according to the size of the family and in keeping with the menu planned for the Pot Luck Dinner. The menu is Fried Chicken, Green Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Rolls, Coffee, Punch, Cake and Pie.

MUCH INTEREST has been expressed in the stated goals of the Commission since its initial program the theme of which was "Christian Living and Development In the Home and School." The presentation was conducted in panel form and moderated by the Commission's coordinator and chairman, Mrs. Margaret Simmons.

Presentations made were by Mrs. Barbara Kirkland whose subject was "Developing Christian Living in the Home from Birth to Six Years"; "Developing Christian Living in the Home from Six to Twelve" by Mrs. Mabel Hoggard, and "Christian Living as it Relates to Discipline in the School" by Mrs. Helen Anderson.

After the panel and audience discussion, it was agreed there is a great need for "Family Life Christian Education".

C.O.G.I.C. Choir On Musical "Express"



In photo above, the Nevada State Chorus of the Churches of God in Christ are shown at one of the several musical presentations the 53 voice choral group staged during its week-end tour of the Northern California Bay area.

Headed by Las Vegas' Bishop C.C. Cox, Nevada State Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ, and accompanied by members of the various local churches, the entourage departed Friday night by chartered LTR bus and returned in the wee hours of the morning Monday.

Featured artists of the musical junket were the Upperettes, the Holy Boys and the Tredwell Singers; soloists Loyce Hall, Tillman Johnson, Morris Chapman, and Geneva Clark. The VOICE'S "Teen-Age Talk" columnist, Brenda McKinney who made the trip has a detailed account of the week-end's program of events on page 10.

Bishop C.C. Cox, in photo left, is seen addressing assembled guests at a Testimonial Banquet honoring Mrs. Mattie McGlothen, President of the Women's State Convention of the Churches of God in Christ, one of the highlights of the delegation's visit to Northern California.



Texas Church Completes Modern Housing Complex

By LEON L. LEWIS

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas - (NPI)--The St. John Baptist church, pastored by the Rev. Betram C. Collie, last week announced the completion of a 124-unit modern housing development, called the Medallion Apartments, for low-income families.

The completion climaxed a drive launched by Rev. Collie with community backing several months ago, and he was quick to express his gratitude. He told this NPI reporter:

"I am very grateful to the people of Grand Prairie for the whole-hearted support they have given me in this effort to help make our city the greatest and fastest growing 'Little Town' in Texas."

REV. COLLIE has been in the forefront on many community efforts, and the Medallion Apartments is rated as one of "the area's most modern housing developments." Well designed and modernly furnished, it has central heating, is air conditioned, and has ample play areas for children as well as laundry facilities.

St. John's is one of several Grand Prairie churches that have undertaken to provide modern housing for low-income families.

Prior to coming to Grand Prairie, Rev. Collie operated one of the leading funeral parlors in Miami.

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