

RELIGION & RACE

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WEEK'S QUOTE

"The painful, but inevitable broadening of each man's allegiance from his own ethnic, racial, religious, national, cultural and economic group to the wider embrace of all mankind constitutes the central revolution of our time. Every human person is affected by this revolution, which calls for changes in the provincial attitudes and behavior of all the people in the world... Human rights... are not intended to be the exclusive prerogative of a few... rather... human rights are God-given and hence inviolable."--Statement issued by the Baha'i Community of North America during its centenary celebration in Chicago, Oct. 5-8.

TRUE METHODISM

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--When the Methodist general and jurisdictional conferences convene next year, they will be distinguished by the numbers of Negro delegates selected to represent the annual conferences. Twenty-four Negroes will be representing integrated annual conference at the General conference; and 41 at jurisdictional conferences. These new delegates will join in making final recommendation to the General conference for the complete desegregation of the annual conferences by 1972.

RESTRUCTURE

NEW YORK - (NPI)--An eight-point plan to restructure the Commission on Religion and Race, United Presbyterian Church, was approved by CORAR's executive committee last month. The proposal, is aimed at strengthening the entire program of the church in matters of race for the ensuing years.

STUDENT AID

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI)--More than 300 "unqualified" Negro students will be beneficiaries of educational assistance from the United Church of Christ at the denomination's 32 colleges and universities, according to an announcement made last week by the Rev. Charles E. Cobb, executive coordinator, Committee for Racial Justice Now, a denominational unit. Under the plan, students selected would be those unable to enter college because of poor grades in high school, poor counseling, lack of money, low motivation and indifference of parents.

Baptist Youth Choir Lauded



READY TO SERVE--Pictured are a segment of the Nevada District and State Baptist Youth Choir organized by District Directress Sister A.V.P. O'Neal "to render Service to God" through engaging in activities of the Pride of District Association, State Baptist affiliate of which the Rev. J. L. Simmons is Moderator.

Mrs. O'Neal wished to take this opportunity on behalf of Rev. Simmons, and Dr. V.C.L. Coleman, President of the Nevada State and Inter-State Baptist Convention, to express sincere appreciation to the parents of the youngsters in the 48-member choir for their cooperation in making it possible for the children to attend the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress held in Hawthorne, Nevada, and the State and Inter-State Baptist Convention in California.

Members of the 48-voice inspirational choir pictured at rehearsal Monday night are--seated, from left in photo above -- Phyllis Lucas, Lynatte Thomas, Francine Wack, Charles Reid, Elaine Anderson, Phyllis Stephen, and Rachelle Anderson... Standing, from left, are Stanley Stephen, Sidney Ealye, Sallie Ellison, Rev. O'Neal, Don Franklin, Larry Green, and Mrs. O'Neal, Directress.

Officers of the choral organization pictured in photo left (from left) are Stanley Stephen, President; Larry Green, Director; Lynatte Thomas, Pianist; Phyllis Stephen, Secretary; and Francine Wade, Treasurer.

The Spiritual Clouds Sunday Musicale Feature

Pastor Elder C. H. Parsons extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend a Musical Program featuring The Spiritual Clouds at the Vegas View Church of God in Christ, Sunday, October 22 at 8 p.m.

Appearing with The Spiritual Clouds will be other well-known spiritual singing groups in the Benefit Musicale for the Church located at 1906 Glider Street in North Las Vegas.

'67 33d Degree Masons

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Dr. John W. Davis has been elected president of the class of 1967, 33d Degree, United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. F.M., Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. (Prince Hall Masonic affiliation).

The 86 class members were elevated to the 33d degree during the organization's 27th triennial session, held at the Shoreham Hotel.

Also elected were Aubrey E. Ballard, Washington, vice-president and Dr. Joseph H. Earl, Sr., Washington, D.C., treasurer; Robert Lee Marshall, Tuskegee, Ala., secretary; and O. B. Johnson, Shreveport, La., director of public relations.

During the session, Dr. John G. Lewis, Jr., of Baton Rouge, La., the organization's sovereign grand commander, hailed Black Power's role in establishing a free society.

"When all the fog has been cleared and all the hysteria reduced, Black Power will be recognized for what it is, only another phase in the age-old, time-honored quest for a society in which liberty, equality, and fraternity come closer to being a reality than a mere dream," he said.

Xmas Telephone Calls For Overseas Servicemen

The Department of Defense will cooperate again this year with the Communications Workers of America (CWA), AFL-CIO, in CWA's eleventh annual "Hi-Mom" Christmas Telephone Call Program.

This year's "Hi-Mom" program is expected to exceed the 4,000 calls between overseas servicemen and their stateside families made during the 1966 program. Again this year, the program will be expanded in South Vietnam commensurate with the United States buildup in that country.

Each year since 1957, CWA has made available a sum of money to United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) to be used by USO Clubs overseas, including Alaska and Hawaii, to pay for free telephone calls home at Christmas time by selected servicemen and women. CWA local unions participate by awarding free Christmas calls to selected families who have relatives in the Armed Forces.

THE PROCEDURE this year will follow that initiated in 1966 with calls, including those awarded to families in the United States, being initiated overseas and placed on a collect at home basis. The CWA will reimburse the families for the charges. A new category consisting of five calls from each of ten military hospitals located in the Pacific area will be added to the program this year and will be paid for by CWA at the point of origin.

Servicemen overseas who are selected by the USO and local military commanders to make calls will be responsible for alerting their families in the United States to the approximate time and date when the call will be placed.

Stateside families allotted free calls by CWA local unions will be responsible for notifying their servicemen overseas when to place the collect calls. The serviceman will be responsible for notifying his commander.

All overseas commands have been authorized and encouraged to support the 1967 "Hi-Mom" Program to the extent permitted by available resources.

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