

# RELIGION & RACE

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## AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--A seven-point program, giving specific attention to the needs of the colored constituency of the Seventh-day Adventist church, was approved last week by the denomination's Autumn Council, composed of officials from 10 overseas divisions as well as 60 conferences in the U.S. and Canada. The program will be beamed at the inner cities of the nation and is designed not only to "help the people after the riots" but also "before the fires start."

## HOUSE CHAPLAIN

CHICAGO - (NPI)--The Rev. Roy L. Miller, pastor, Greater Institutional AME church, served last Thursday (Oct. 26) as chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives, upon invitation of Rep. Barrett O'Hara (D.-Ill.). While in the nation's capital, Rev. Miller preached the Sunday morning sermon at Metropolitan AME church, pastored by the Rev. George Dewey Robinson, a prominent candidate for the bishopric in 1968.

## CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE

ST. LOUIS - (NPI)--Episcopalians throughout the nation were urged last week to "take a constructive role in the creation of an open, multi-racial community at every level of life." The plea was contained in a pastoral letter issued by the Rt. Rev. George L. Cadigan, Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, which also noted, "We live in a country with a shameful legacy of systematic degradation of Negro Americans by white Americans. There is a racist strain which runs very deep...It must be eradicated...because it debases all persons, Negro and white."

## BETRAYAL OF RIGHTS

HOUSTON - (NPI)--Negroes were called upon last week by Dore Schary, national chairman, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, to "reject violence as a betrayal of the civil rights movement." He asserted that "racist revolutionaries, in offering KKK-type solutions of violence and separatism, bear a major responsibility for the acceleration of the white backlash."

## OPPOSITION TO RACISM

ROME - (NPI)--U.S. delegates attending the Third World Congress of the Lay Apostolate, took the lead last week in urging the congress to take a definite stand against racial discrimination. The delegation's move was headed by Rawson Wood of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

## 92 GROUPS

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Recent reports list 92 groups in 30 metropolitan areas in 10 states as active participants in Project Equality, the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice's program aimed at convincing suppliers of religious denominations to adopt an equal employment opportunity policy. Included in the 92 are 53 Protestant, 19 Catholic, 13 Jewish, four Unitarian Universalist, and three Eastern Orthodox groups. Some 7,500 local congregations and more than 15,000 firms are active in the program.

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Donations for the Saturday party are .50 per adult and .25 per child. Special donations arranged for the entire family. So plan to attend the action at Zion Methodist Church's "Family Fun Night".

## HHH On Unemployment

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Equal opportunity isn't enough, according to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, who believes that the unemployed must be encouraged to seek jobs.

"It is not enough to open the gates of opportunity and say 'Come through,' because a man who has been told to stop outside for a long time has an automatic reflex even when the gates are open.

"He doesn't come through...It takes a little encouragement. It means you sometimes have to take him by the hand. You have to stay with him.

"And that is exactly what we are going to have to do with our unemployed," Humphrey said.

The Vice President noted that "the skills needed for America today are embedded in hard-core employed--in the unskilled and the illiterate, in those who over decades have been pushed down and oppressed and do not even realize there is a chance."

## "Christian Self-Defense"

MILWAUKEE - (NPI)--The Rev. James E. Groppi has threatened to "beat someone's brains in" the next time he sees a policeman knock down a Negro girl and kick her in the stomach.

The open-housing-march leader swore he would use a baseball bat in "Christian self-defense" should he ever again witness such an attack on his demonstrators.

"If we're going to have non-violence, preach it to both sides. Why does the black man have to accept it and not the white man?" he asked.

The Christian church, he declared, should rid itself of racism or close shop.

"Either we throw ourselves 100 per cent into the fight for racial justice or shut down," he said. "There is no place for racism in Christianity."

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# Cry From The Wilderness

by Dorothy King



IN APPRECIATION--Mrs. Sarah Ray accepts a beautiful piece of art work made especially for her by a grateful blind citizen.

"So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto Him and He heareth the cry of the afflicted." --Job 34:28

"An Angel of Mercy"--Yes, I think we could add another well-deserved title to describe our grass-roots Neighborhood Councils Service Workers.

This week, we bring to your attention the Jo Mackey Neighborhood Council Service Worker Mrs. Sarah Ray, mother of two fine young men and proud grand-mamma of 7 delightful youngsters.

Mrs. Ray moved to California from Toledo, Ohio and in Los Angeles, she became engaged in the type of community service that has involved her here. When Mrs. Ray came to Las Vegas in January, 1966, she wasn't sure she would stay. But in March of that year, she found herself again in the familiar role of providing assistance to others.

IT WAS AT that time that I became acquainted with her and her unlimited compassion and capacity for extending herself for the benefit of those less fortunate and less informed on how to obtain needed services. Along with her, Mrs. Ray and 15 others, we canvassed ALL of Las Vegas to provide necessary information to Medicare eligibles when the program was ready for implementation.

Jo Mackey's Council Service representative is a prodigious worker. A member of the Second Baptist Church, she is faithful to her duties as a Sunday School teacher, and equally indicative of her concern for youth, is the fact that she serves as a volunteer librarian at the North Las Vegas Boys Club on weekends.

While making her rounds as a Neighborhood Council Worker, Mrs. Ray discovered a number of young boys whom she thought would enjoy the recreational facilities and camaraderie of the Boys Club but who could not afford the nominal membership fee. She promptly arranged with the Director of the Club for the youths to perform odd jobs around the Center to enable them to earn membership fees. At last count, there are 24 Boys Club members who were able to join the Club through the concern and efforts of Mrs. Ray and her Neighborhood Council members who helped provide such items as tennis shoes, shorts, shirts, etc. She also manages to find time to take groups of neighborhood youngsters skating.

MRS. RAY makes complete and detailed reports to her Council on who needs what in the Council's area, and it is heartwarming to see how great is the response from Council members. They baby sit, help with grocery shopping, conduct sewing classes, transport children to health centers for immunization, and provide any and all information requested on a variety of subjects.

The Jo Mackey Neighborhood Council organized a tutoring class for adult learning and members assisted VISTA volunteers with the teaching. They were delighted with what this service meant to a number of residents. A man wanted to learn to write his name and address; several women wanted to learn to read and spell and be taught how to use a dictionary. One asked to be

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