

RELIGION & RACE

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AFRICAN SITE

GENEVA - (NPI)--Tentative selection of the African continent as the site of the first conference on World Economic Development has been made by the joint sponsors--the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace. The conference is expected to convene during the period April 22-28, 1968.

GUIDELINE

NEW YORK - (NPI)--"Special initiatives should be taken and priority given to strengthen relationships with the Negro denominations," declares Section V-1b, "Elements of Metropolitan Mission Strategy," of the "Guidelines for Development of Strategy for Metropolitan Mission," issued by the Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. one-third to one-half of the population is Negro ... (but) regardless of local numerical strength, any adequate ecumenical metropolitan mission strategy must seriously engage participation from representatives of Negro denominations."

ANTI-RACISM VOTE

ROME - (NPI)--One of three resolutions adopted during the closing session of the Third World Congress on the Lay Apostolates recently took a strong stand against any form of racism. The resolution, in part, urged continued efforts "to make clear, without any possibility of equivocation, the total non-acceptance of racism, which is contrary to all human values and the Christian faith."

CELEBRATION

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Forty years of dedication to Christian and civic development in the nation's capitol were celebrated by Bishop Smallwood E. Williams, founder-pastor, Bible Way Church last Thursday, as a climax to a 30-day observance of the 40th anniversary of both the church and pastor. A testimonial banquet honoring Bishop Williams was held at Hotel America, at which religious, civic and political figures locally and nationally paid tribute to the minister.

URBAN CRISIS FUND

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Endorsement of a proposal for the establishment of a \$1-million "urban crisis" fund to work toward solving "the aching urban questions shattering our culture," was registered last week by the United Presbyterian Board of National Missions. Monies for the fund are to be raised outside normal denominational channels and apart from current budgeted items.

PRIVATE CLUBS

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Episcopalians throughout the Chicagoland area have been asked to take the lead in urging private clubs in which they may or may not hold membership to do away with racially discriminatory policies. The drive, approved at the recent annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Chicago, was prompted by a suggestion from the local chapter of the Episcopal Society for Culture and Racial Unity, an unofficial church organization.

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READY ZION'S FESTIVAL HARVEST TEA



COMMITTEE MEMBERS responsible for the December 3rd scheduled Zion Methodist Church's Second Annual Harvest Tea interrupt a planning session for a "frankly publicity pic" just to put the date of the anticipated event on VOICE readers' minds ... Continued success of Zion Methodist Church's many varied projects and activities are rightfully attributed to the cooperative zeal of members who accept such committee appointments (See Eddy Kim's Who's Who for more on Zion's Fall Festival Harvest Tea).

Translate New Testament To Simple Understanding

MADANG, New Guinea - (NPI)--A new translation of the New Testament is expected to be available next year to nearly a million New Guineans.

Its uniqueness lies in the fact that it had been translated in pidgin English--a corruption and simplification of English, which is considered the common language in the northern part of the eastern half of New Guinea.

The translations were made by a committee from the British Foreign Bible Society, which has been responsible for translating the Bible into about 1,290 languages.

Cry From The Wilderness

by Dorothy King



NORTH LAS VEGAS RESIDENT Bob Maldonado (standing in door) and NLV Neighborhood Council Service Worker Harold Ortega.

Harold Ortega, Service Worker of the North Las Vegas Neighborhood Council, is eminently qualified for his present position. His is a long history of grass roots community involvement.

A Mexican-American from Holbrook, Arizona, Harold Ortega first discovered he liked working with and helping others during his service in the U.S. Navy where he found gratification in working with the Youth Council.

After his four-year stint in the Navy ended with an honorable discharge in 1954, young Harold settled in Los Angeles where he found employment with the Los Angeles Times newspaper while attending El Camino Junior College.

SEIZED WITH that restlessness characteristic of unsettled youth, the young man felt an urge to come to Las Vegas where he has found his niche and, more importantly, the girl who became Mrs. Ortega who shares his pride and joy in their five-year-old son and in his every undertaking.

Harold worked here as circulation manager for the Review-Journal before leaving that newspaper for the Valley Times where he was employed for four years. It was when he went to work for Moon Mullens (now Clark County's Chief Probation Officer) as a camp counselor (See WORKER, page 13)

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Non-Violence Back In Civil Rights Movement

MILWAUKEE - (NPI)--Comedian Dick Gregory has hailed the Rev. James Groppi, leader of open-housing demonstrations, for putting "non-violence" back into the civil rights movement. The Roman Catholic priest, advisor to the NAACP Youth Council, has "built a bridge between black and white" at a time when Negroes were becoming more militant, Gregory said.