

RELIGION & RACE

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TRI-FAITH SUIT

CHICAGO - (NPI)--A Negro couple and four white couples have been joined by the three major denominations Chicago Conference on Religion and Race in a suit which seeks to overturn an agreement purportedly existing between Hinsdale (Ill.) trustees and brokers subscribing to the United Multiple Listing Service. The suit filed in U.S. District Court, accused the village and 14 real estate brokers of adopting a plan that promotes racial segregation.

ENDORSEMENT

COLUMBIA, S.C. - (NPI)--Some 14 state religious leaders have given a strong endorsement to a month-old organization "designed for community uplift and to preserve and expand racial harmony." The organization, known as the South Carolina Task Force for Community Uplift, was originally proposed by the state NAACP branch. It is headed by the Rev. A. McKay Brabham, editor, South Carolina Methodist Advocate.

CONCLUSIONS

DETROIT - (NPI)--Among the conclusions reached at last month's follow-up to the World Conference on Church and Society held in 1966 at Geneva, was one which held "Violence and no violence are alternate forms of power.... Both require various stages of propaganda, persuasion, negotiation and follow-up measures." Another believed that "systematic violence may be violently confronted by its main victims, as well as by others on their behalfs; and must also be confronted by nonviolent attempts to overturn injustice."

TOWARD SAME END

HARRISBURG, Pa. - (NPI)--The recent action by the Pennsylvania Catholic conference for immediate enactment of open housing legislation on the state level, has evoked a similar position in Nebraska and Michigan. Bishop Glennon P. Flavin of the Lincoln (Nebr.) diocese expressed support for open occupancy measures as did Lansing's (Mich.) Bishop Alexander M. Zaleski.

HONORARY CHAIRMEN

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Named honorary co-chairmen of a dinner honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel Dec. 10 are the Rt. Rev. James Montgomery, suffragan bishop, Episcopal diocese; Rabbi Robert J. Marx, president, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, executive director, Church Federation of Greater Chicago; and the Rev. A. Leon Bailey, pastor, Quinn Chapel AME Church. The affair is the 11th annual fund-raising dinner of the Joint Negro Appeal.

Young Pastor's Legacy

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Mount Calvary Baptist church has been left well cared for by its young pastor of nine years' standing, the Rev. A. Edward Davis, 38, who died recently.

It was disclosed after his death that Rev. Davis had made the church the beneficiary of a policy covering two parcels of land which would practically eliminate the institution's indebtedness.

Rev. Davis also made ample insurance provisions for his wife and six children.

The most abiding legacy the young minister left was his dynamic influence on his congregation.

Among his projects were the establishment of a college scholarship program for average students and the planned construction of an old people's home.

Increasing the church's membership from 1,000 to 3,000 during his tenure, Rev. Davis arranged for babysitters and bus transportation so young families and old persons could attend church services and activities.

Rev. Davis died 19 years after entering the ministry at age 19.

ZION'S TEA A SMASHING SUCCESS



GRATIFIED AND REWARDED at the unqualified success of Zion Methodist Church's 2nd Annual Harvest Tea Sunday at Doolittle Recreation Center are the Church Pastor and a segment of the group responsible for that success. Seated (from left) are Dora Lee Woods, Ida B. Hooks, Coleen Wilson, and Almeta Moody. Standing (from left) are Willie L. Stokes, Rev. W. M. Walker, Pearl Joe, Mattie Smith, Church Pastor Rev. Marion D. Bennett, Atha Toliver, Lamar McDaniel, and Theodora De Yampert, over-all Chairman of the event... For full story on Zion's Tea, see Eddy Kim's Who's Who, page 8.

SNHRC Announces New Commission Appointees

That four Clark County civic leaders have been appointed to the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission was jointly announced today by Las Vegas Mayor Oran Gragson and Clark County Commission Chairman James G. "Sailor" Ryan. Drawn from all walks of life, the four are Dr. Kirk V. Cammack, Wing Fong, The Rev. Father Elwood LaVoy, and Mrs. Arlyse Breeden.

Dr. Cammack, a surgeon, recently returned from a voluntary tour of duty tending wounded civilians in Vietnam. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, member of the Southwest Surgical Congress, and the Western Surgical Society.

Wing Fong, a well-known banker and businessman developer of the Imperial Drug Shopping Center, is president of the Retail Merchants Bureau, director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Nevada State Bank, director of the President's Board of the American Cancer Society, a founder of the Nevada Southern Arts Complex, and a member of advisory committees for Nevada Southern University and the Clark County School District.

The Rev. Father Elwood LaVoy is pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish. He built the parish, celebrating the first mass on December 14, 1964. He is director of Catholic Youth Organizations for Southern Nevada, area Catholic Chaplain for Boy Scouts of America, a native of Nevada, born in Reno and growing up in Sparks. He was ordained, after seminary attendance, in Rome, Italy.

Mrs. Arlyse Breeden is Assistant Personnel Director for the City of North Las Vegas, member of the Society of Equal Employment Consultants, Southern Nevada Personnel Association, American Society of Personnel Administrators, past president of Executive Secretaries Association, and Charter President of Las Vegas Chapter of National Association of Insurance Women.

The Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m., in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Las Vegas City Hall. The Commission office is located at 327 Maryland Parkway, phone number is 384-5882 for anyone seeking its services.

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Probe Starvation Report

COLUMBIA, S. C. - (NPI)--Black children are going hungry in South Carolina while state officials stand idly by, a citizen's committee has been told. Dr. Donald Gatch of Beaufort county said the children were afflicted by parasitic disease and serious malnutrition.

A committee of the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty, a Washington-based, anti-poverty agency, heard the testimony. Dr. Gatch said he knew of eight Negro children, including three in a single family, who died of worms and other parasites in his area before he stopped counting five years ago.

"If eight white children in Beaufort county had died of parasites, something would have been done eons ago," he added, asserting that "there's no damn sense in people going hungry in this country."

Mrs. Victoria DeLee, a civil rights worker in Dorchester (S.C.) county, told the panel of children's starvation deaths in her home town.

South Carolina is the only state in the Southeast that does not take part in the federal government's direct commodity distribution program. Only 13 of the state's 46 counties participate in the U.S. Agriculture Department's food-stamp program.

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