

## RELIGION & RACE

By NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

### ON HIS SIDE

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - (NPI)--The removal of the Rev. Canon Nicholas Holt from his post as vicar of the soon-to-be-built Cathedral Church of Christ the King and director of the Department of Social Relations Episcopal Church, brought a swarm of demonstrators to the home of the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Bishop of the diocese of Western Michigan. Rev. Holt was dismissed because of his involvement last summer in civil rights activities.

### RESERVATION WORK

PORTLAND, Me. - (NPI)--The Roman Catholic diocese has set up a Division of Indian services to minister to the needs of Indians on three reservations within the state. The new Division will have supervision over special programs and personnel, covering educational, medical and social needs on a year-round basis.

### ILLEGITIMACY BAN

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. and the American Jewish Congress have joined forces in a friend-of-the-court brief, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to rule against discrimination of children born out of wedlock. Their brief charges that discrimination because of illegitimacy is "as illegal as discrimination because of religion or color."

### CLEAN UP URGED

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Cook County Board president Richard Ogilvie was asked by 27 Negro ministers of the Rock River conference, Methodist church, to "take immediate steps to improve conditions in the county jail." The minister expressed their concern about the deplorable conditions which have been brought to light because "a disproportionate percentage of the inmates come from several neighborhoods we serve and will be returned to those neighborhoods."

### \$8,000 WRANGLE

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The granting of \$8,000 to Julius W. Hobson, president of ACT, by Presiding Bishop John E. Hines, has caused a wrangle to develop among local Episcopalians. Crux of the dispute is that the grant--which Hobson said is to be used to pay off \$10,000 in legal fees incurred in court battles with the District's school system--was made without conferring with diocesan officials.

### SUPPORT

LANSING, Mich. - (NPI)--The right of the Michigan Civil Rights commission to enforce the state constitution's anti-discrimination provisions in housing has been unanimously supported by the three major religious bodies within the state. Recently, the Michigan Catholic conference, Jewish Community Council and Michigan Council of Churches jointly filed a friend of the court brief with the state supreme court in a case where a school superintendent was refused a home because of his race.

### ELECTION

PITTSBURGH - (NPI)--Forrest L. Parr, president, Business and Job Development corporation, and an elder in Bethesda United Presbyterian church, has become the first Negro layman to be elected moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. Unanimously selected by 350 ministers and elder delegates at a meeting of the presbytery, he will be installed Jan. 11 for a one-year term. His new post as spokesman for the presbytery's 203 churches is a step up from the vice-moderatorship which he is presently holding.

### RIGHTS PROTECTION

GENEVA - (NPI)--The World Council of Churches, in supporting Pope Paul VI's call for a Day of Peace to be observed Jan. 1, urged that "far more speedy action, both national and

## MUSICALE TO AID BUILDING PROJECT



SUNDAY (Jan. 7) at 3 p.m., The New Jerusalem Baptist Church will present the first of a series of Musicales to benefit the Church Building Fund... Rev. F. N. Addison, Church Pastor, and members extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend Sunday afternoon's inspiring program.

Building of the "Greater" New Jerusalem house of worship is, in every sense of the word, a self-help project. An 'outside' estimate of cost was \$85,000, but dedicated church workers expect to complete it for a lesser sum through the donation of labor and hope to complete the project this year... Pastor Rev. Addison is general contractor and Rev. Joe Jefferson is architect for the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church being erected next door to the present house of worship.

Observing "workers" on front footing, several weeks ago, is Rev. Lovely as Rev. Sam Roberson (left) and Deacon Jesse Jackson (in foreground) and (rear, from left) Rev. J. Jefferson, Rev. F. N. Addison, and Elie Camel "dig in" on their labor of love. That part of the new sanctuary has since been completed, but the work goes on.

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### BRO'S MOVING ON UP

CHARLESTON, S.C. - (NPI)--The first black man has been elected to the City Council since Reconstruction days. He is St. Julian Devine, Devind Transfer Company, a moving and hauling firm. Devine was elected without opposition to one of 16 aldermanic seats.

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international, be taken to ensure the protection of human rights for all men without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion." The appeal was issued jointly by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, chairman policy-making central committee and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary.

### Even In South Carolina!

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Negro public servants have been named to top positions--previously for whites only--in three cities across the nation.

In New York, Augustus A. Beekman was named deputy assistant chief of the fire department. In Gary, Alfonso Holliday became the city's first Negro fire chief. And in Washington, Public Safety Director Patrick V. Murphy appointed Robert N. Hough, commanding officer, Second Police district, as his personal assistant and community relations specialist.

For Beekman, it was a step up the ladder from one first to another. Thirteen months ago, he was named deputy fire chief--the highest uniformed rank ever held by a black man in the fire department. Then he moved up to deputy assistant chief, being assigned to take charge of the department's community relations bureau.

Chief Beekman's earlier promotions were achieved through the civil service merit system. He was appointed to his new post.

Beekman has been a fireman for 20 years--but not as long as Gary's new chief, who has been a department employee since 1927. Holliday moved up to captain in 1948, battalion chief in 1952, and assistant chief in 1954. He will make \$10,000 a year in his new post.

IN NAMING Holliday as fire chief, mayor-elect Richard G. Hatcher retained William Staehle, 40, a white man, as the city's planning director.

In Washington, Hough became the highest ranking Negro officer on the city force when he was promoted from captain to inspector. According to Murphy, Hough can be expected to "double the contacts of my office with the public." The top police aide will work out of Murphy's office in the District building and police headquarters.

Though he was picked over police officials with more seniority, Hough's 29 years of police experience and his educational background "qualified him superbly for the new job," Murphy said.

Hough earned a bachelor's degree in education at Howard University in 1933, and received several types of command schooling in the armed forces. He served as an army officer in World War II and the Korean police action, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve in 1963.