

## RELIGION & RACE

### TWO GRANTS

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Two grants have been awarded by the Ford Foundation for programs intimately connected with religion and race. A \$230,000 award was given to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to train Negro ministers in urban leadership and assist them in launching programs which deal with crises in urban areas. The remainder, \$522,220, went to the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice for expansion of its interdenominational Project Equality program, designed to end racial bias in employment.

### HATE UPSWING

OXFORD, England - (NPI)--A warning that racism is on the rise in England was made last week by the prior of Blackfriars, the Rev. Guy Braithwaite, O.P. A former missionary in South Africa, the prior noted the same phrases "many white Catholics...in South Africa...spoke (contemptuously) of Africans and the Colored....I have heard repeated in England...expressing points of view which are absolutely typical of the hardening racial prejudice."

### UPGRADING SOUGHT

NEW YORK - (NPI)--A confrontation between white and black members of the Unitarian-Universalist church is in the works as the result of a drive by a group known as The Black Caucus to achieve a bigger role in the workings of the denomination in the future. The caucus is to meet in Chicago next Feb. 14-16 to decide on the final form of its program before submission to the General Assembly, meeting in Cleveland, May 25-28.

### TURNABOUT COMING?

DURBAN, South Africa - (NPI)--South Africa's system of apartheid policies is running counter with the economics of the country, and is thus doomed to collapse within a short time, according to Archbishop Denis Hurley, O.M.I. He predicted that the country will be forced to choose between continued separation of the races, and increased economic development. "If the country keeps its apartheid rule, it will fail as an independent nation."

### DEEP ALARM

DES MOINES, Iowa - (NPI)--Alarmed over what was termed "a developing racial crisis" throughout the state, 48 key leaders of various religious bodies are sponsoring a series of six public meetings beginning Jan. 21 to "inform citizens of the crisis that exists and arouse us all to take positive action in meeting the problems before us." Specifically the meetings, to be held during a period of 10 days, will call attention to "racial crisis, lack of respect for law, segregated housing, and other tensions and problems."

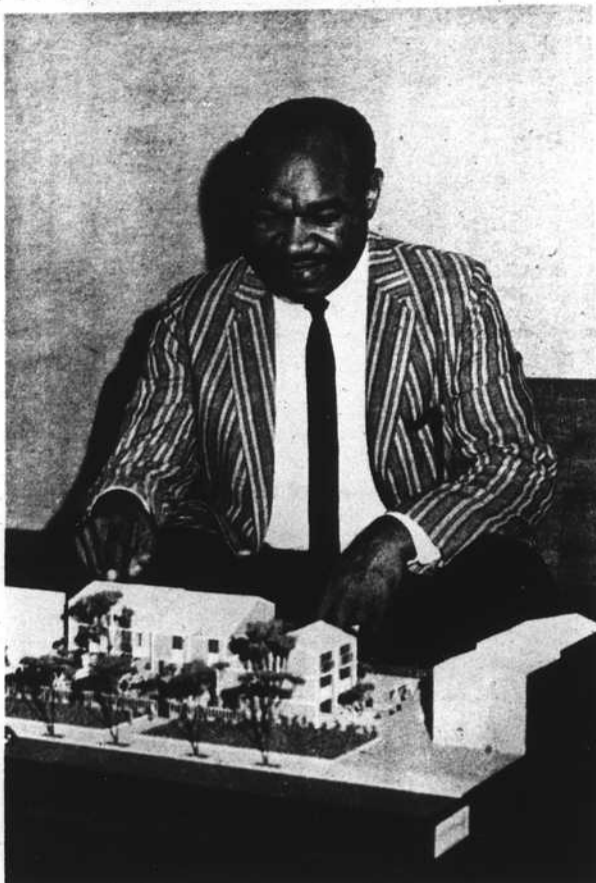
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equal protection of the laws.

In 1958, Speiser won a 7-1 ruling from the United States Supreme Court that the California loyalty oath required as a condition for veterans and church tax-exemptions was unconstitutional. In 1961, he gained another Supreme Court victory when the Court ruled that a belief in God could not be required as a condition for public office. And in 1963, in *Haynes v. Washington*, which laid the ground work for the *Escobedo* and *Miranda* decisions, he persuaded the Court to hold that a confession obtained from a defendant who was prevented from obtaining a lawyer would not be admissible in a criminal case. He has represented many persons subpoenaed by congressional and state legislative committees. Speiser has also represented over fifty people in government loyalty-security cases winning all but two.

In the spring of 1959, he attended Brandeis University in Waltham Massachusetts, after being awarded one of the first Florina Lasker Fellowships in Civil Liberties and Civil Rights.

## Architect Realizes Goal



HIS PRIDE AND JOY is this scale model of moderate-income housing which architect Bob Gordon helped design, and which is included in a six-townhouse cluster currently under construction in the nation's capital. An alumnus of Howard University's school of architecture (1959), Gordon has set his sights on a bigger goal--city planning. (NPI Photo)

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WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Bob Gordon believes that children should not grow up in homes that lack adequate bathrooms, dependable central heating systems and completely equipped kitchens.

Along with his eight brothers and sisters, Gordon did, and he is convinced that the experience had a lot to do with his decision to become an architect.

"We lived in the sticks," Gordon recalled recently, "in one of the Maryland suburbs of Washington."

Mere memories of childhood surroundings for the family of 11 during the 1930's brought a rueful smile and a deprecatory shaking of the head. It was during his high school years, Gordon feels, that distaste for the family's original environment evolved into active determination "to do something."

"I received a great deal of encouragement from several of my teachers when they found out that I was thinking of going into architecture," he recalls.

"I discussed my feeling that as an architect I could influence the design of housing and perhaps improve the environment for others."

The combination of faculty support and burning plenty of oil in his study lamp resulted in a scholastic record that opened the doors of Howard University, Washington, to Gordon when he applied in 1952 for admission to the school of architecture.

AFTER FOUR years, army service interrupted his education, but he picked up some valuable practical experience during his assignment to the post engineer at an army area headquarters in France.

Being stationed overseas also yielded an esthetic bonus. The student of architecture was able to travel around western Europe and see some of the cathedrals and other buildings he had studied in his design classes.

On shedding his uniform, Gordon returned to school, and finally in 1959, the big day came: he received a degree as a bachelor of architecture from Howard.

Early in his career, Gordon worked on preliminary studies for streets, garages, shopping malls and subway locations for Washington's "National Capital Downtown Committee." Then there were stints with two architectural firms in Washington, where he helped design schools, motels, hotels and apartment houses.

For the past three and a half years, Gordon

## Evangelist Featured At Showboat Hotel Banquet

Sister Wilma Cola, widely heralded evangelist from Los Angeles, California will be the feature attraction at a Banquet sponsored by the Missionary Society of Victory Baptist Church, Saturday, Jan. 25, 8:30 p.m. at the Showboat Hotel, 2800 E. Fremont Street.

Reservations may be made and tickets obtained by calling 642-4001, telephone number being utilized for the occasion by members of the Missionary Society. Dinner tickets are priced at \$6 each.

A member of the McCoy Memorial Church in Los Angeles, Sister Cola has earned an enviable and well deserved reputation in her chosen field and is billed in her personal appearances throughout the country as "A Dynamic Woman of God".

## MDTA FUNDS APPROVED

WASHINGTON -- Manpower Development and Training Act projects have been approved for Clark, Washoe and Elko counties in Nevada, Senators Alan Bible and Howard Cannon announced this week.

Bible and Cannon said the projects will provide up to 52 weeks of training for 122 unemployed workers in auto mechanics, farming, typing, stenography, and computer programming.

Three Clark County projects in auto mechanics and programming, conducted at the Southern Nevada Vocational-Technical Training Center in Las Vegas, will cost a total of \$159,483. Of this the federal MDTA contribution will be \$154,212, Bible and Cannon said.

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Two Washoe County projects in typing and stenography, conducted at Wooster High School, will cost a total of \$66,561, of which \$64,590 will be the Federal contribution, the Nevada senators reported.

Bible and Cannon said the Elko County project in farming, to be conducted at Elko High School, will cost \$33,636 with a Federal contribution of \$32,754.

Funds cover training costs and allowances to trainees and are approved jointly by the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare.

## Leave Your Paint Clothes Behind

MTA

has been realizing the goal traced to childhood memories of inadequate housing: "influencing the design of housing through my work as an architect."

With one of the partners in the Silver Spring (Md.) firm of Collins & Kronstadt, Leahy, Hogan, Collins, he is involved in land and architectural planning for several housing projects in an urban renewal area in downtown Washington.

One of these is a cluster of six townhouses now under construction by the National Association of Home Builders, for sale to residents in the renewal area (or other qualified families displaced by renewal or highway construction).

GORDON SAID he found these houses--which are using concrete panels for walls, floors and roofs--and Sursum Corda, a group of rental housing units nearby, "particularly satisfying to work on because tight spaces are more challenging than detached houses on large suburban lots."

Instead of the conventional side-by-side arrangement facing a parallel row of houses across the street, Gordon and his associate are grouping the six NAHB houses around landscaped areas in such a way that each overlooks a small park, protected play area for children or its own private courtyard.

Gordon finds that architecture is an effective medium for helping create better housing than he and his brothers and sisters grew up in, but he is beginning to feel that a broader approach might enable him to make even further improvements in the environment.

"For some time I've been thinking about studying city planning," he says. "I hope to begin training in this field at Catholic University this year."