

RELIGION & RACE

RECONCILIATION CALL

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--A reconciliation call to not only "continue to say that race prejudice is wrong in the sight of God...but also to find practical ways to uproot it and end the discrimination it breeds," was issued last week by Vice-President William R. Tolbert Jr., Republic of Liberia. The statement, in a "Message for Baptist World Alliance Sunday," to be observed Feb. 4, was issued in the vice-president's role as president of both the Baptist World Alliance, and the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education convention, as well as his pastorate of two churches in the Monrovia area.

SHIFTS POSTS

JACKSON, Miss. - (NPI)--The ten-year service of the Rev. James Wiley Brown on the faculty and staff of Jackson State College ended recently when the minister took over a post as director of institutional development at Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex. In his new job, he will be administratively responsible for select current and long-range educational, physical and financial objectives and programs for the school.

WARNING

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--A warning to Negro ministers and lay leaders of the Seventh-Day Adventist church "not to yield the field of religion to a new generation of young pagans who would judge Christianity by its mistakes," was delivered last week by Evangelist E. Earl Cleveland, an alumnus of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala., and Associate Secretary, Ministerial Association, at the world headquarters of the denomination. He noted that "some of the new breed civil rights leaders have no knowledge of Christianity's positive and lasting contributions to the dignity of man."

UN CHURCH

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--With the installation last week of the Rev. William Thurmond, Negro graduate of the University of Alberta, as assistant minister of Sunnyside Baptist church, the former all-white congregation has become something of a United Nations in miniature. Its 300 members boasts not only whites and Negroes, but Latin Americans and Far Easterners. A Chinese and a Pakistani are on the church's staff.

APPOINTMENT

WILMETTE, Ill. - (NPI)--Named to head the newly established North American Baha'i Office for Human Rights (NABOHRO), is Mrs. Juliette B. Bufford, a Negro community worker of Chicago. NABOHRO, with offices in Wilmette, will be responsible for the human rights programs of the Baha'i communities of North America, and the promotion of International Human Rights Year (1968).

Federal Education Aid

WASHINGTON--Nevada has been allocated \$1.1 million educational assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Senators Alan Bible and Howard Cannon announced today.

The Nevada senators said \$879,759 of the total is direct funding assistance to school districts with special programs for educationally disadvantaged children.

Bible and Cannon said the program is designed to benefit children of low-income families or under public care and children of migratory farm workers.

Other Federal assistance allocated to Nevada included \$49,178 to the Youth Training Center in Elko and Girls Training Center in Caliente; \$150,000 to state administration; \$17,583 for handicapped children; and \$16,852 for migratory children.

According to Bible and Cannon, a school district breakdown of the \$879,759 allocation for disadvantaged children, provides \$448,225 for Clark County.

INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

For older people and other beneficiaries who continue to work, the recent changes in social security will enable them to make more money and still draw some or all of their social security benefits.

The amount of money a person can earn in a year and still draw all his social security benefits has been raised. Beginning with 1968, a person who makes as much as \$1,680 can still collect all of his social security benefits. Even if he earns considerably more than that, he may still draw some benefits. The old law had set that limit at \$1500, through 1967.

Here's how it now works. If you are working regularly and do not earn more than \$1,680 a year in wages, you will receive all of your social security benefits each month.

If you are working regularly and make more than \$1,680 a year, \$1 will be withheld from your benefits for each \$2 you make over \$1,680, and up to \$2,880. If you make more than \$2,880, \$1 will be deducted from your benefits for each \$1 you make above that amount.

However, regardless of your total earnings for the year, you will receive your social security check for any month in which you do not earn more than \$140 in wages and are not active in self-employment. This means that you could make any amount over \$1,680 a year, and still receive your checks for any month that you do not work, but with deductions against the months you do work.

Remember, these new provisions apply to earnings in 1968. The old law applies to earnings and benefits in 1967.

AS IN THE old law, there are no deductions taken from your social security benefits for any month after you reach 72, regardless of how much you earn in the year.

The provisions of the retirement test apply also to dependents of people who are receiving disability benefits, but not to the disabled worker himself. Special rules, including medical considerations, apply to people who are receiving benefits because of disability.

About 760,000 people across the country are expected to receive some \$175 million in additional benefits during 1968, as a result of this change.

The Las Vegas social security office will answer any questions about the new changes in the law. The office is located in the new Federal Building at 300 Las Vegas Blvd., South. The telephone number is 385-6371.

Clergy Joins Housing Suit Before High Court

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Clergymen and laymen of all faiths are rallying behind a suit seeking a U.S. Supreme Court ban on discriminatory housing practices.

The suit was filed by Joseph Lee Jones and his wife, of St. Louis, who were turned down on racial grounds when they sought to buy a home in a huge, private housing development in the city's suburbs in 1965.

Filing friend-of-the-court briefs in the case are a group of 24 Roman Catholic Bishops, the (Protestant) National Council of Churches, and the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Others filing briefs in the case are the NAACP, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, the American Jewish Committee, seven national and 81 local Jewish organizations affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, and U.S. Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D.-Wisc.), and the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing.

THE BRIEFS argue that the Civil Rights Act of 1866, passed shortly after the end of the Civil War under authority of the 13th Amendment, prohibits discrimination because of race in the sale of real and personal property even though no state action is involved.

The briefs also aver that in the present instance involving the construction and maintenance of an entire community, there is sufficient state action to warrant relief against discrimination under the 14th Amendment.

The case is before the Supreme Court on appeal from an adverse decision handed down last year by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court agreed to review the case last Dec. 4. It is expected to hear arguments during the March term.

The Catholic brief was filed by Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington and Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore, along with other bishops, who maintained that the "constitutional right to purchase a home without discrimination on account of race" is "grounded not upon social convenience but upon antecedent moral rights deriving from the very nature of man."

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NEW EXAMINATION FOR OFFICE HELP OPENED

Officials of the Federal Job Information Center announce that a new examination for Office Aid has been opened. This examination will be used to fill entry level career-type clerical positions. Typical duties of these positions are: answering inquiries in person; by phone or by letter, sorting, filing, and locating records; operating a cash register checking groceries; maintaining financial, personnel, time, leave, and payroll; supply records and other similar work.

Successful candidates in the examination may be hired in positions with the Bureau of Reclamation in Henderson and Boulder City, Nellis Air Force Base, U.S. Public Health Services Radiological Health Laboratory, Las Vegas, Nevada, and the other Federal agencies. The salary range for these positions is \$4108 and \$4466 per year depending on experience and education.

The deadline for the written test is February 20, 1968.

Graduating high school students that will be seeking career full-time employment this summer should act now and file for the written test.

Details are given in announcement FN-8-02, available at the Federal Job Information Center, Room 1-614, Federal Building, 300 Las Vegas Boulevard, South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Copies of the announcement and application forms for the written test will be mailed to candidates upon telephone or written request.

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