

RELIGION & RACE

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WRONG PEOPLE

BERKELEY, Calif. - (NPI)--Two University of California sociologists declared last week that the wrong people have been found to be prejudiced on racial and religious grounds. According to the pair, Dr. Charles Y. Glock and Rodney Stark, most church members harbor racial and religious prejudices. Not only that, nearly one-third of the clergy is guilty of the same thing, despite the official position taken by most churches.

PALM SUNDAY

PHILADELPHIA - (NPI)--United Presbyterians have been urged to devote Palm Sunday (April 7) to a day of prayer, repentance and renewal, in order to "lay our racism and fears before the Lord and seek His forgiveness." The message was contained in a letter to the denomination, written by the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

AWARD WINNER

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Dr. Howard Thurman, dean-emeritus, Boston University Chapel and a veteran leader in Negro education, has been selected to receive the 1968 Gutenberg Award of the Chicago Bible Society. The 69-year-old Florida-born grandson of a slave, graduate of Morehouse Collete, and former professor at Howard University, will receive the award during the Society's 128th annual meeting on May 3.

MERGER STUDIED

DAYTON - (NPI)--Merger of 10 Protestant denominations into a "church truly catholic, evangelical and reform," was the prime object of the seventh meeting of the Consultation on Church Union last week. The potential merger, affecting about 25.5 million church members, is being carried on by the AME, AME Zion, CME, Christian Church, Methodist, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Protestant Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ, and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S., with observer-consultants from more than 20 other religious groups, including Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox.

OFFENSE AGAINST GOD

SAN ANTONIO - (NPI)--In declaring his support of open housing Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, declared "discrimination in the selling, renting or leasing of a home is morally wrong because it is an offense against God." He added that such "also offends the human dignity of the person who is denied the right to buy a home simply because of his religion, color or race."

METHODIST SUPER

LIMA, Ohio - (NPI)--The new superintendent of the Methodist Church's local district--which includes 64-70 all-white congregations--is the Rev. Sumpter M. Riley, pastor, all-Negro Cory Methodist Church. His appointment, by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of the Ohio West area of the church, will become effective the day before Rev. Riley celebrates his 65th birthday--which is June 10.

ENTERS ORDER

BARDSTOWN, Ky. - (NPI)--The first Negro to enter the order of the Congregation of the Resurrection is Brother Thomas Augustine Biven of Bardstown. The 300-year-old order is located in Dundas, Ontario, Canada.

NEW SICLE CELL TEST

GARY - (NPI)--A new, faster test for detection of sicle cell disease is in the works, thanks to successful testing of chemicals used in the projected examination process.

The new test was being studied at Methodist Hospital laboratories in an effort to find a faster, more accurate way to detect the affliction, which mostly affects black people.

Chancel Choirs Present "The Song Of Easter"



The combined chancel choirs of Trinity and Zion Methodist Churches present "The Song of Easter", a musical composition depicting the death and resurrection of Christ... This work was arranged by Roy Tingwald and first performed by Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians. Locally, this work was performed for the Easter Sunrise Service in 1966.

Mr. Anthony Thomas, choir director of Zion Methodist will direct the concert, and TV 3 news director, Mr. John Howe will serve as narrator. Two performances will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 7, both of which the public is cordially invited to attend. The first performance will be presented during the 9:30 a.m. Service at Trinity Methodist Church, 6043 West Charleston. The second and final performance will be presented at Zion Methodist Church, 2108 Revere at 4 p.m.

Organist for the concert will be Mr. Raymond Barnes, Trinity Methodist choir director. The choirs will also be accompanied by a musical ensemble composed of outstanding musicians from the city.

Credit Union Office Open Three Evenings

The Vegas Central Credit Union office, located at 813 West Owens, has arranged for the office to be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 5 to 7 p.m. for the accommodation of working persons who wish to make loan applications, payments, or purchase membership in the Credit Union at the attractively low membership fee of 25 cents.

INSURANCE EXECUTIVE

New York, March 29 -- Norman O. Houston, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, has been elected to the board of directors of the Institute of Life Insurance.

Mr. Houston, a co-founder of Golden State in 1925, was named to complete the four-year-term of Charles H. Schaaff, who has retired as president of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield. Mr. Schaaff, whose term expires in 1970, had been a board member of the Institute since 1967.

A native of San Jose, California, Mr. Houston attended the University of California at Berkeley, and graduated from the University of Southern California, majoring in business administration. He was secretary-treasurer of Golden State from its founding to 1945, when he was named president and comptroller. He has been board chairman since 1967.

Mr. Houston is a member of the International Accountants Society, the American Management Association, and the International Executive Reserve Corps.

He helped organize the National Negro Business and Professional Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, a group of influential Negroes committed to raising money for legal defense of civil rights cases.

Jo Mackey PTA Youth Banquet Set For Apr. 26

The Jo Mackey School PTA will stage its 1968 Youth Banquet at the school on Friday, April 26th, according to Mrs. Ruth Hicks and Mr. Floyd Plymouth, co-chairmen of the affair.

The second annual PTA Awards Installation Banquet for adult members of the organization will be held on Friday, May 24th. Officers to be installed are Mrs. Cleather Manning, President; Mrs. Bertha Green, Secretary; Mr. Curtis Hall, Treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Johnson, 1st Vice President; Mr. H. P. Fitzgerald, 2nd Vice President; and Mrs. Mary Jackson, 3rd Vice President.

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