

A Special Report  
on the  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
of the  
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE

The Educational Services Department of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, under the leadership of Sister Margaret Ellen Traxler, SSND, is now completing its fifth year of service in the field education in race relations. This report gives a brief sketch of the many programs and services presently provided by this department.

TRAVELING WORKSHOPS IN HUMAN RELATIONS

By the end of 1969 the Traveling Workshops will have traveled nearly a half million miles and visited almost every state in the Union. The Workshops now operate on a year-round basis, to bring the teamwork of a sociologist, a psychologist, an economist, a historian, and a community planner, all Ph.D.'s to bear on the problems of racism facing us today. The workshops are affiliated with Loyola University of Chicago. This summer the workshop will be held in the Midwest, East and West. Ohio, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania will be visited during the fall.

COOPERATING HELP FOR INTEGRATED COLLEGE EDUCATION

CHOICE serves as a brokerage for small Southern colleges to obtain the services of Northern professors for teaching positions. The Northern teachers work in this program at a greatly reduced salary replacing their Southern counterparts so that the Black college teachers can further their own studies. In 1968, seventy-three teachers were thus placed saving the colleges over \$44,000 and allowing regular faculty to complete further studies.

SISTERS' URBAN EDUCATION

SUE program got under way on a year-round basis in fall, 1968. SUE enrollees are trained to give leadership to other groups extending medical and educational services to the disadvantaged. The program is affiliated with Mundelein College of Chicago which grants nine semester credits for successful completion of the program. Similar training programs will be begun by SUE graduates or consultants in Paterson, New Jersey and Pittsburgh.

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The basic SUE program is a three-month course. Because many teachers cannot easily be released for this long a time, the program has also sponsored weekend seminars on subjects related to poverty, race and peace. Two SUE centers for teachers will be sponsored this summer.

#### NATIONAL PLACEMENT BUREAU

The National Placement Bureau helps recruit and place teachers interested in CHOICE and related services. As of March, 62 teachers had been assigned to Black colleges for this summer and 11 had been directed to full time professorships beginning in fall, 1969.

#### PROJECT BRIDGE

An ethnic leadership program for national parishes in Cleveland, began under the auspices of the department and is now continuing under a local board of directors with support from the Ford Foundation. The program has included training for nationality-group leaders and clergy, parish-level training sessions for parish and neighborhood leaders, special daytime training for lay women, in-service programs for teachers, and youth programs.

#### SUMMER IN SUBURBIA

A program designed to counteract white racism. In the pilot SIS effort, 73 nuns made 30,000 house calls to talk about racial prejudice. Similar programs are now being planned in Baltimore, Memphis, and Cleveland.

#### LIBRARY LIFELINE

Library Lifeline is a new program sponsored by the Department of Educational Services in which northern schools send new or nearly new library books and textbooks and school supplies to depots in the South. The materials are then redistributed to poor white and black schools.

The department is also planning a Textbook Evaluation Commission to examine texts used in American Catholic schools, appraise them on the basis of racial, ethnic and religious orientation, and publish reports on its findings.