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400 Honor Educator, Cleric, Business Leader at Citation Dinner

Fr. Eagen receives citation from Murray Goodrich

Les Gehres congratulates Honoree Dick Silberman

Co-Chairman Hamill exhibits citation to Dr. York

George Whitney Chairs Anniversary Dinner Featuring Canadian Council President

Four hundred business leaders and their guests responded to Chairman George A. Whitney's invitation to honor USCD's Herbert York, Diocesan Chancellor Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, and Richard T. Silberman at the Royal Inn at the Wharf on March 30. The San Diego Region's observance of NCCJ's 43rd Anniversary also featured an exciting address by Richard D. Jones, President of Canada's Council of Christians and Jews. Presentation to the honorees were made by National Board of Governors Member, Murray D. Goodrich to Fr. Eagen, Co-Chairman Leslie E. Gehres to Richard Silberman, and Co-Chairman Samuel W. Hamill to USCD's acting Chancellor, Dr. Herbert F. York.

Dr. Richard D. Jones

Rev. Melvin Harter, Executive Director of the San Diego Ecumenical Council opened the program with an invocation. After dinner was served, the Chairman thanked his committeemen and guests for the capacity attendance and then he introduced the head table guests including the presidents of the Urban League, Robert Matthews, and NAACP, Charles Reid. He then presented his Excellency, the Most Reverend Leo T. Mahar, Bishop of San Diego who delivered a thoughtful message and prayer.

George A. Whitney

Following the presentations of the citations and some interesting responses from the honorees, NCCJ Chairman Alvin R. Cushman, spoke briefly and then presented the speaker of the evening. Canada's Mr. Brotherhood, Richard D. Jones, who proceeded to draw gales of laughter from his large audience with his bucolic humor and energetic presentation before launching into a discussion of Canadian-American problems and the growing need to develop a society in which all people can achieve a reasonable and acceptable life.

Rabbi Joel S. Goor of Temple Beth Israel closed the meeting with his usual excellent benediction.

SAN DIEGO REGION

Adm. Leslie Gehres, co-chairman — Alvin Cushman, chairman — Samuel Hamill, co-chairman

National Board Members—M. D. Goodrich, S. K. Emery, Elmer Glaser. — Nathan R. Jerald, Executive Director

"—to promote justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews, and to analyze, moderate and finally eliminate intergroup prejudices which disfigure and distort religious business, social and political relations, with a view to establishment of a social order in which religious ideals of brotherhood and justice shall become the standards of human relationships." (NCCJ BY LAWS)

ANNUAL MEETING LABELED "ONE OF MOST SUCCESSFUL"

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the NCCJ held in New York on November 22 and 23 was called "one of the most successful such gatherings we have ever held" by Dr. Sterling W. Brown, NCCJ president. Some 74 board members and their mates attended.

The meeting opened with five concurrent workshops dealing with the problems of youth relating to our major social institutions; the effect of the mideast crisis on Christian-Jewish relations in the U.S.; the crisis in public education; business' stake in equal employment opportunity; and the role of law enforcement in a free society. The workshops were spirited and constructive and the suggestions they developed were termed "exciting and helpful" by lay leaders and staff alike. Leading the workshops were: Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, Mr. Francis T. Ahearn, Dr. Joseph Manch, Mr. Richard Netter, Hon. Harry P. Cain.

Former Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco (left) is congratulated on being installed in New York as the first Orthodox co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) by two of his fellow co-chairmen, Ambassador Robert D. Murphy (center) and Oscar S. Straus II. From its founding in 1928 until now, the NCCJ has had three national co-chairmen, representing Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Ambassador Murphy is the current Catholic co-chairman; Mr. Straus the Jewish. William F. May is Protestant co-chairman.

The Charles Evans Hughes Award dinner, attended by more than 500 people, was equally stimulating. Dr. Brown issued a clarion call for "Brotherhood Now" and for the need to make "a commitment to brotherhood." Of course, the awardees helped make the evening a memorable one. The Honorable Constance Baker Motley, first black woman ever appointed to the federal bench and Dr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, president of Notre Dame University and chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, were acknowledged to be two of the most deserving recipients ever named. A highlight of the evening was the introduction of Mrs. Motley by former Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark —done by telephone from his California office. The dinner received tremendous press coverage with the New York newspapers and the national wire services carrying the story.

Mr. Christopher (center) chats with two fellow San Franciscans, Cyril Magnin (left), who presented Mr. Christopher at the installation, and Victor B. Levit.

Monday's business sessions — as lively as usual — were followed by the installation of former San Francisco Mayor George Christopher as the first co-chairman of the Eastern Orthodox faith and then by an interfaith panel discussion moderated by Dr. Brown. The panel participants were Rev. Robert G. Stephanopoulos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, Sister Katharine Hargrove of the Manhattanville College of The Sacred Heart, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Temple Emanu-El of Englewood, New Jersey, and Dr. David Hunter of the National Council of Churches.

NCCJ SPONSORS NCCB

At a major press conference at the Building for Brotherhood on November 24, Dr. Sterling W. Brown introduced William T. Gossett and Elizabeth Hughes Gossett as the co-chairmen of the National Committee for Commitment to Brotherhood in 1971. Since then the NCCB, whose fifty-seven members provide a cross-section of American leadership, has taken clear shape and issued a brochure and other materials.

The National Committee for Commitment to Brotherhood in 1971 was endorsed in June by the National Conference's co-chairmen, whose representative on the NCCB is William F. May.

The press conference announcing the formation of the NCCB was extremely well covered by radio, television, newspapers and wire services. Shown at the press conference from left are: Mrs. William T. Gossett, Mr. Gossett, Dr. Brown, Whitney Young (National Urban League executive director), Roy Wilkins (NAACP executive director) and Miss Betty Brooks (assistant national director for development for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference).

The NCCB is conducting a national program to gain support for three predominantly Negro organizations which, like the NCCJ, reject violence and uphold the Christian-Judaeo tradition of securing social change through peaceable means. The program of the NCCB is designed to overcome the racist and separatist ideologies that are polarizing whites and blacks.

By efforts to strengthen the NAACP, the National Urban League and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the NCCJ has indicated its own commitment to interracial brotherhood. Being a predominantly white interreligious and interracial organization, the NCCJ is able to interpret the activities of these organizations among whites and to encourage whites to affiliate with them, although their retaining Negro leadership is essential.

Being predominantly black and guided by black leaders, the NAACP, NUL and SCLC can strengthen NCCJ's relationships to the Negro communities. Hence the Commitment program is a genuinely brotherly endeavor. By closer association, these four organizations can, in the spirit of brotherhood, complement each other and accomplish far more on behalf of racial understanding and national unity than they can separately.

The interfaith dialogue featured four spokesmen and was moderated by Dr. Brown. Shown here from left are Mrs. Brown, Dr. Brown, Sister Katharine Hargrove, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Dr. David Hunter and Rev. Robert G. Stephanopoulos.

NCCB NAMES ARE "HEAVYWEIGHTS"

The National Committee for Commitment to Brotherhood in 1971 has as members some of the most famous men and women in America and from almost every walk of life—religion, politics, law, education, industry, entertainment, communication, labor, etc. The list follows:

Co-chairmen
William T. Gossett
Elizabeth Hughes Gossett

Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy
Morris B. Abram
Congressman Herman Badillo
Catherine Basie
William M. Batten
Mrs. Bruce B. Benson
Dr. Sterling W. Brown
Walker Cisler
Nathaniel Colley
Dr. Edgar D. Draper
Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
Arthur J. Goldberg
Floyd D. Hall
Senator Fred R. Harris
LaDonna Harris
Senator Mark O. Hatfield
Rev. Dr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC
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Edward L. Wright
Mrs. Edward L. Wright
Whitney M. Young, Jr.

THE ETCETERA COLUMN

Dr. Brown presents an award to Miss Virginia Graham for The Virginia Graham Show "which has helped lessen intergroup tensions through informative and useful dialogue." The award, which also named Miss Graham "Outstanding Female Television Personality of 1970," was made on national television by Dr. Brown.

WKRC-TV in Cincinnati, Ohio, was given a special award for its "Dialogue" series of religious news programs. The station is owned by the Taft Broadcasting Company. The award was presented on television by Dr. Brown to Mr. Sam Johnston, vice president and general manager of WKRC-TV.

The recently published NCCJ booklet, "The Employment of Persons with Arrest Records and the Ex-Offender," is on its way to becoming a best seller. In the slightly more than three months since it became available, approximately 3,500 have been distributed. The price of the booklet is 50 cents and may be ordered from any NCCJ regional office or the national office.

Among the other recent publications of the NCCJ are the speech delivered to the Brotherhood Award dinner in Detroit by Lee A. Iacocca, president of Ford Motor Company; Books for Brotherhood, 1970 issue; We Want Brotherhood Now folder and table tent; and the folder describing the NCCB and the three agencies for which it advocates support. In preparation is the new bibliography of materials and new, revised study guides for elementary, junior high and high school grades.

When Louis Nizer was given a Brotherhood Award in New York, some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry attended. The guest speaker was David Frost and among the dignitaries were men like Sidney Kingsley, Joseph E. Levine and Spyros P. Skouras. Shown here are Otto Preminger, Jack Valenti (executive director of the Motion Picture Association of America), Mr. Nizer and Dr. Brown.

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IN RECOGNITION

William F. May is chairman and president of American Can Company and one of the four national co-chairmen of the NCCJ. He is the NCCJ co-chairman's representative on the NCCB.

He has been active in the NCCJ and in other humanitarian causes for many years since attending the University of Rochester and Harvard School of Business Administration.

He joined American Can as a laboratory technician in 1938 and, through his drive, hard work and enormous abilities as an engineer, administrator and businessman worked his way up the corporate ladder, becoming chairman and chief executive officer in 1965 and president in 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Gossett are co-chairmen of the NCCB. Mr. Gossett is one of the most respected lawyers in the United States.

Mrs. Gossett, daughter of the late Charles Evans Hughes, is a member of the Board of Trustees and has long been active in the cause of equal rights, both locally in Detroit and nationally.

Mr. Gossett, recently named chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Twentieth Century Fox, is a senior partner in a Detroit law firm. Once associated with the Charles Evans Hughes law firm, he was chief counsel to the Ford Motor Company and is immediate past president of the American Bar Association.

Able and energetic, they are ideal co-chairmen.

DATES FOR SUMMER INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED

The fourth annual summer institute in Mexican Culture will be held from July 29 to August 19, 1971 and applications are now being accepted., Participants will be limited to 35.

Co-sponsored by the NCCJ and the University of the Americas, the workshop is held at the university's new campus located in Puebla, Mexico. Its coordinators are Dr. J. Oscar Lee, vice president for program development of NCCJ in New York, and Mrs. Helia Araujo De Box of the University in Mexico.

The workshop's purpose is to increase the understanding of Mexican culture among those who need to deal on an interpersonal or intergroup basis with people of Mexican background. Since its inception in 1968, the workshop has met with wide acclaim. A brochure fully describing the workshop has been prepared and is available from Dr. Lee.

San Diego NCCJ's First Full Time Director Retires June 1

Workshop Season Opens at San Diego State, June 14

The annual Teachers' Human Relations Workshop at San Diego State College will be directed this year by Dr. Joseph B. Duckworth. The co-director will be Nathan Jerald and featured speakers will include Dr. J. Oscar Lee, NCCJ Program Director; Don McEvoy, National Director of Community Relations and the Administration of Justice; Dr. G. Tom Gitchoff of San Diego State, and Police Inspector W. B. Kolender.

The 1971 workshop will consider the roles of American institutions now undergoing change and the relations of these to educational needs of society in achieving realistic human rights for all of our people. Teachers will be invited to submit descriptions of projects following the workshop for additional graduate credits.

Mexican Workshop Scholarships Offered for Pueblo, Mexico In August

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is offering scholarship aid to American teachers of Mexican-American students in this area to attend a three week Human Relations Institute in Mexican Culture in Pueblo, Mexico, July 28 - August 19. Interested teachers should call the local NCCJ office at 232-6113.

BUSA APPLICANTS: Attention!
High School age youth wishing to enroll for Brotherhood USA Camps should call Mrs. Toliver at 262-0841 or 262-2604— or the NCCJ office.

Pomona Site of 1971 Southern California Police Institute June 6-11

Police-Community Chairman, Inspector W. B. Kolender has announced that the Third Southern California National Institute on Police-Community Relations, June 6-11, 1971, will be held on the campus of California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, California. The chief purpose of this year's Institute is to focus on the problems of training in the field of community relations. The program is designed for those who are responsible for training in police academies, police science departments in colleges and universities, community colleges, and in-service training in police depts.

White House Youth Conference Follow-Up Scheduled for Reno in June

The National Conference is providing a follow-up to the White House Conference on Children (December 1970) and Youth (April 1971). This provides an opportunity for the national youth serving organizations to send teams of adult and youth to discuss not only implementation of the recommendations made in Washington and Estes Park, but also to discuss specific ways in which changes can be made in the programs of organizations and in communities to meet the needs of the Seventies.

NCCJ will offer partial scholarships, with each participant paying $30 towards the cost of board, room and registration and NCCJ providing scholarship aid for the rest. Travel is not included. Non-scholarship participants will pay $55 for room, board and registration. The workshop will begin with dinner on Sunday evening and conclude with lunch at Friday noon.

Nathan R. Jerald, San Diego Regional Director Since 1965 Closes Out 17 Years in Inter-group Services

On June 1, Executive Director Nathan R. Jerald, having reached last September the mandatory retirement age of 65, will retire from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mr. Jerald spent his first dozen years after college as a college and high school teacher of English and elementary school principal in central Illinois. From 1945 through 1953 he served as a YMCA Secretary in Galesburg, Ill., South Bend, Indiana, and Seattle, Washington. In 1945 he joined the National Conference of Christians and Jews in San Francisco, and two years later became Director of the Maryland Region in Baltimore where he served until coming to San Diego.

Nathan R. Jerald

While officially no longer on the NCCJ staff, Mr. Jerald will serve as co-director of the San Diego State College/NCCJ Teacher Workshop in Human Relations, June 14-24. Earlier in June Mrs. Dorothy Jerald, a teacher in La Mesa-Spring Valley school district and Mr. Jerald will fly to Hawaii to meet their daughter and three grandchildren enroute to spend the summer at the family residence in El Cajon. The Jerald's have five grandchildren, three living with their daughter Judy Sackheim in Tokyo, two with their daughter Jackie Schneider, in New York City. They also have a son, Jon, who is attending the California School of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.

Mr. Jerald plans to continue his work in education, specializing in inter-group relations and teaching preparation.

Most young people today are less prejudiced than their parents. For this, the NCCJ can claim some credit.

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