

A United Methodist speaks



Senator George McGovern, Democrat from South Dakota

McGovern fight draft supports end to law

The following speech was given by Senator George McGovern, Democrat from South Dakota, during debate over the draft extension bill. Senator McGovern is a United Methodist.

Mr. President, today we face once again a major choice about the kind of Nation we are and the kind of Nation we want to be. We are asked whether we will continue or end the conscription of young Americans into the Armed Forces. I recognize that conscription has its place in our system. At a moment of grave national peril, we need a mechanism for raising an army and navy necessary for defense. But, aside from such a situation, we have traditionally refrained from providing military manpower through compulsory service.

The draft has been an unusual phenomenon in American history. It has been rarely used. As a result, thousands of immigrants came to this country to escape the forced servitude that was characteristic of the requirements for military service in Europe. The United States was known as a country of freedom where this form of national service was the exception, not the rule. Senator Goldwater has stated the case forthrightly:

"This is a moral matter. As a conservative, I believe that the most precious and fundamental right of man is his right to live his own life. When force is used to tell a young man how he shall spend several years of his life, then I consider this to be an invasion of his personal liberty."

How ironic it is that a Nation that has been the shelter for the victims of military despotism abroad should now see thousands of its sons flee to avoid our own conscription. How can we continue to call young men to offer their lives or a portion of their lives for their country while the rest of us make no sacrifices whatsoever for the continuation of the war in Indochina? What corporation sacrifices part of the profits it is making on the production of armaments and other military supplies? What defense plant worker is forced to sacrifice his chance at a decent income and to accept wages no higher than the average pay of combat personnel? And which of the armchair warriors in Government who support the continuation of the war year after year and willingly send young men to fight in it makes the sacrifice of any personal convenience for the sake of that war?

There is no longer any justification for conscription. We are, in fact, in danger of justifying it merely because it has been our practice for so long—since 1940.

The Senate has heard persuasive arguments concerning the establishment of a volunteer armed force. The problems to achieving such a military force are essentially technical. If we have the will, we can create a well-paid and professional military force.

So let us now act with courage and vote to end the draft—a practice which is alien to our traditions, to our values and to our National interest.

Black Catholics demand black Cardinal

VATICAN CITY

The Rev. Lawrence E. Lucas is a Roman Catholic Priest with a demand to make — and for a change, it has nothing to do with celibacy. Lucas has come to ask the Vatican to appoint a black priest to replace retiring Washington Archbishop Cardinal Patrick L. O'Boyle.

Lucas, Harlem born and raised, is president of the Black Clergy Caucus in the United States and parish priest at the church of the Resurrection in Harlem.

Lucas met Archbishop Ernesto Ciaraldi, the Secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops, and has a scheduled meeting with Archbishop Giovanni Benelli, the Vatican's Under Secretary of State. Benelli is the Vatican's key executive official.

Lucas gave Ciaraldi a copy of his book, "Black Priest, White Church" and said he received "understanding and sympathy."

The Harlem priest is one of 10 black clergymen suggested for the Washington job by the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus, together with other groups representing black priests, Sisters and seminarians.

He is one of a six-member delegation in Rome to press the cause of a black Washington bishop. Roughly 70 per cent of the city's population is black.

Lucas said he is raising with Vatican officials the possibility of having a Black Rite Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

"I'm very concerned with the Roman Catholic Church being true to what it says it is," he said. "It is supposed to be Christ present in the world, but I don't see it like that. Its priorities are not the priorities of Christ — the poor, the oppressed, the exploited, impoverished and imprisoned."

Lucas said a Black Rite Church would have to be something "which reflects the culture and experience of black people just as the church in France reflects that of French people."

A mere difference in liturgy would not be enough, he said. "You always find the idiot who thinks all you have to do is throw in a few Negro spirituals," he said.

"On the other hand, the possibility of the spirit of the gospels being explained in terms relevant to the situation of black people is a big and large unmet need."

Lucas was scathingly critical about the "white hierarchy" in the United States. "They have no affiliation, no relationship, no communion with black people," he said. "They are not interested in changing the system."

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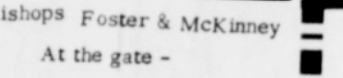
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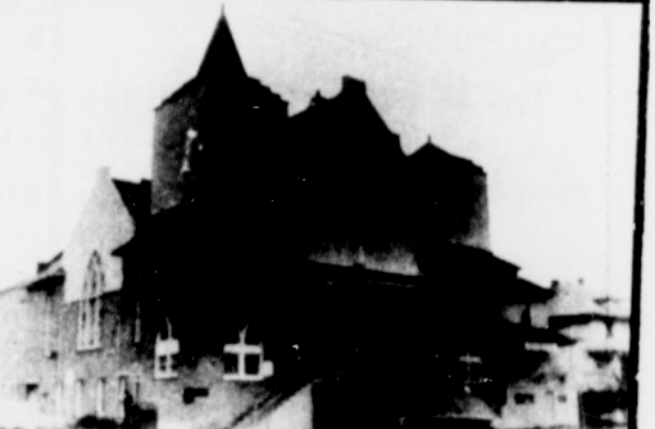
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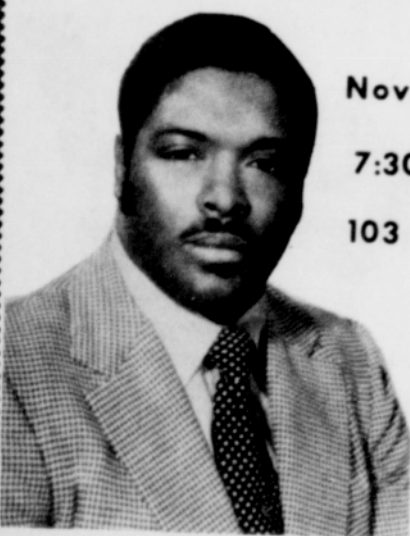
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Speak to us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ in whom Thy word comes most clearly. Help us here, to shut out other and lesser voices and to scorn empty phrases.

Re-dedicate us to the way of true wisdom which never forgets to begin its pilgrimage for truth in the right places. Guide us to act with purposes inspired by faith in the novel, the new, or assuming that answers shall ever be found in new forms of ancient follies.

Turn us from so much concern over conditions in the world while considering too little the heritage of life and faith received through Christ. Help us to heed Him first and most seriously-daring to believe that other things will then be added unto us. Teach us to be ashamed when we lose hope before we have tried earnestly to follow His way of love and faith or to put our trust in His promises.

We earnestly seek Thy help for us all. We are, so many of us, lost or strayed away. We are ever prone to follow the desires of our own hearts rather than the designs of Thy Kingdom. Forgive our foolish ways!

Bless those who need to know Thy care and presence. Make us instruments of Thy love--channels of Thy will--means through whom Thy strength and comfort may come. Help us to see the needs of others with the eyes of the heart.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Melfort speaks at Bethel



Rev. E.V. Melfort

The Rev. E. V. Melfort pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Yakima, Washington will deliver the morning message at Bethel A.M.E. Church on Sunday October 31, 1971 at 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Mr. Melfort is also a candidate for the Yakima City Council. He has already won the primary.

He has had pastorate in Pa-coima, Oceanside and L.A., Calif. and the father of seven children.