A. Philip Randolph, prominent labor and civil rights leader, will be the recipient of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council's Fourth Annual Pacem in Terris, Peace and Freedom Award, Charles W. Toney, CIC President announced today.

Mr. Randolph, on being informed in Washington, D.C., of his selection by the CIC executive board for the 1967 award confirmed plans to be in Davenport for the formal presentation. The presentation will be made, Toney stated, at the special Pacem in Terris Award banquet, Wednesday, April 5, 7 P.M., in the Gold Room of the Hotel Blackhawk.

"The CIC executive board was enthusiastic about the nomination of Mr. Randolph, and more so about his acceptance," Toney noted. "He is respected by millions as the 'dean of civil rights' and amply merits whatever honor attaches to the Pacem in Terris Award."

The award, believed to be the only one of its kind, was originated by the Davenport CIC in 1964 to achieve a dual purpose: to honor the memory of Pope John XXIII and his historic encyclical letter of the same name, and to reward the distinguished efforts of contemporaries in the areas of peace and freedom.

Previous recipients of the Pacem in Terris Award were the late President John F. Kennedy and John Howard Griffin in 1964, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., 1965, and R. Sargent Shriver, 1966.

Most recently, Mr. Randolph has been among those civil rights leaders who have addressed themselves to the "new-look" of the freedom movement in the United States. While not subscribing to the more extreme definitions of "black power," he has been quoted as contending that the civil rights movement is entering a new phase.

Currently he is international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters which he founded in 1925, and vice president of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

In 1942, Mr. Randolph organized a March on Washington movement to aid in eliminating discrimination against Negroes in defense industries. These activities prompted President Franklin D. Roosevelt to create the original President's Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The 1967 Pacem in Terris Award winner directed the August, 1963, March on Washington which highlighted the civil rights activities of that summer.

Mr. Randolph is also the recipient of the NAACP Spingarn Medal for outstanding achievement in the field of race relations and civil rights, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1964, the nation's highest citizen's award.

Order tickets now for the Pacem in Terris Awards Banquet which will honor A. Philip Randolph and several local citizens. The latter "Merit Awards" will be announced later. Please use the order blank and return envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Tickets by reservation only.

Tickets may also be purchased at Toney's Barber & Beauty Shop, 11th & Ripley; Cecile's Beauty Shop, 225 W. 14th; Catholic Supply Center, 4th & Brady; Public Service Desk of the Times-Democrat, 124 E. 2nd.; Cunningham's Religious Art & Church Goods, 3920 - 14th Ave., Rock Island; or from any member of the Executive Board of CIC.
In Memoriam

MONSIGNOR J. D. CONWAY
On Sunday, February 5, 1967, the CIC lost a very dear friend in the untimely death of Monsignor John Donald Conway, pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Davenport, and nationally-known author. Monsignor was working on an article at his desk late into the night when death came suddenly.

He was widely known for his dedication to social justice and racial harmony, which was very evident in his writing, speaking, and actions. While serving as pastor of the Newman Student Center at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, he worked hard to obtain equal rights in housing and public accommodations for non-white students. In August, 1963, he marched in the street with the Catholic Interracial Council to participate in the Quad City Civil Rights Rally. His talk, along with that of John Howard Griffin, highlighted the rally. Monsignor Conway was instrumental in convincing the Catholic pastors of Davenport to support open-housing in 1964. Several times he participated in Friendship House Weekends as Childerly Farm near Chicago. His articles and book reviews appeared frequently in COMMUNITY magazine published by Friendship House. His articles, which appeared in over 50 periodicals in the U. S., frequently contained outspoken defense of social justice, especially in the area of racial harmony and civil rights.

We of the CIC are particularly indebted for the years that he served as a member of our Executive Board and was host to many of our meetings and activities at St. Mary’s parish.

We will miss his friendship, counsel, and especially his strength and courage.

Monsignor died the day before he would have gone on a well-deserved vacation. Just hours before his death, he told a friend, “My work is all done.” We will miss him, but we rejoice that he is enjoying an eternal “vacation”. Perhaps the most fitting words are those of Christ at the Last Supper just before He died: “You therefore have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one shall take from you.” (John 16:16-22)