CIC Civil Rights Banquet

Presentation of the first annual "PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD"

To:

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY (posthumously)

and

JOHN HOWARD GRIFFIN (author of "BLACK LIKE ME")

Wednesday, April 22, 1964, 7 pm. • Donation $5.00

Gold Room • Blackhawk Hotel • Davenport, Iowa

Speaker: JOHN HOWARD GRIFFIN
Tickets by reservation only. Money must be in by April 17th.

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By establishing the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award, we of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council intend to commemorate one of the most notable events in the modern history of Christianity—the publication of the encyclical Pacem in Terris. Further, we intend to honor the person of Pope John XXIII, a man who for a brief time was truly the leader of all men of good will, Protestant, Catholic, Jew, and non-believer. Finally, we intend that this award proclaim the inseparable connection between freedom, equality, and peace in the lives of all people.

We do not want to forget what Pope John XXIII has meant to all of us who are genuinely concerned that each man realize himself and his dignity fully, no matter what his race, creed, color, or national origin may be.

Because we feel that John Fitzgerald Kennedy fulfilled this aspiration of us all so admirably, as father, citizen, naval officer, Congressman, Senator, President, and Christian, we humbly and yet pridefully announce his selection as the first recipient of the Davenport CIC's Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award.

John Howard Giffin has been selected as the second recipient of the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award in view of the great personal sacrifice and courage he has exhibited in helping the Jewish people escape Nazi racism and in working for justice, understanding, and love between Negroes and whites in the United States. Mr. Griffin's efforts translate the spirit and principles of Pacem in Terris into concrete reality.