

'God Bless You All'

Students Distribute Clothing in Fayette Co.

"This is the first new piece of clothing I've gotten since 1949," cried one woman. "God bless you, God bless you all," echoed another.

These were the sounds that greeted three Cornell students during Christmas vacation as they distributed 5,000 pounds of clothing to families in Fayette County, Tenn.

Roommates James A. Paley, Roger A. Stetter and David Radin, all '68, organized the drive as an independent project.

After arriving in Fayette, they contacted the local Negro leaders to aid in the distribution of the articles.

"Since most of the clothing that we had received were men's and women's overcoats, we had a little trouble fitting the children," said Paley.

"It was fun watching a seven year old boy climb into a size 40 sports jacket," he said.

Between intermittent trips to the Memphis Airport to pick up additional clothing that had been shipped, the students managed to hand out "Christmas presents" to over 50 families.

"One of the more interesting cases was a family of 17 living in a two-room shack," said Stetter.

"They had no running water, no heat, no work, and no money. There were three beds for the 17 of them. All the children stayed home in the winter because they had no clothing to wear to school," he said.

Approximately half of the shipment was left in churches throughout the county to be distributed at Sunday services.

Plans for the "Fayette County Clothing Drive" originated in Cornell. The only obstacles that stood in the way were the lack of clothing to take down and money to cover the costs.

Clothing began to filter in after the group canvassed a few fraternities and Ithaca organizations, but hope faded for reaching the goal of one and one-half tons.

"We were receiving at most 70 pounds a day. At that rate we could not have filled the trailer we had rented, no less ship down additional boxes as we had planned," said Radin.

"Many of the organizations from which we had anticipated collecting large amounts of clothing had already emptied their



—Photo by James A. Paley
CLOTHING FOR FAYETTE COUNTY is distributed by David Radin '68 (in truck) and Roger Stetter '68 (on ground) to impoverished Negro families.

coffers to the members of the Ithaca College fraternity that burned down," said Radin.

A major breakthrough in the collection drive came when the group contacted Frank Pollatsek, manager of a dry cleaning chain in New York who agreed to donate unclaimed articles to the project.

After Prof. Douglas F. Dowd of the Department of Economics made the initial arrangements, Paley spoke to Pollatsek. "I asked him if he could possibly contribute a ton of clothing," Paley remembers. "The only question that he asked was why we wanted so little," said Paley.

The remaining problem was to raise the money to cover the shipping and transportation expenses. Various professors were approached, with many contri-

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St. John's Closes for T. A. Strike

New York (AP) — St. John's University said yesterday that the school will be closed today because of the transit strike. A teachers' union also called off its strike against the school.

"As soon as the transit strike is resolved or as soon as St. John's attempts to open, the call will go out to our pickets who are now on standby alert," a spokesman for the union said.

The Very Rev. Joseph T. Cahill, president of the university, said it would be decided on "a day-to-day basis" whether to keep the school closed for the duration of the transit walkout.

Rev. Cahill also said that when the school was reopened, he would expect teachers to cross any picket line set up by the United Federation of College Teachers, AFL-CIO. The union called for the strike after 31 persons were fired from the university's staff in a dispute the union says is over academic freedom.

Any teachers who "don't cross the picket lines on the first day will be warned that they have a contractual obligation to the students," Rev. Cahill said.

He said after the first day, teachers who do not show up will be dealt with on an individual basis, but he did not elaborate.

Asked if students who refuse to come to class in support of the teachers' strike would be expelled, Rev. Cahill answered "I don't think there's any question of suspending or expelling anybody at this time."

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butions coming from the government and mathematics departments Stetter, who handled the financial aspects of the project, said, "The generosity of the many people I spoke to was one of the most gratifying experiences of the entire venture."

The total collected, however, was not enough to pay for the cost of shipping the enormous amount of clothing collected from the dry cleaners, and Stetter, Paley and Radin plan to continue fund raising until at least part of the \$350 they need is collected.

UJB Decisions Approved In Five Disciplinary Cases

The Faculty Committee on Student Conduct upheld Undergraduate Judiciary Board rulings in five disciplinary cases.

The committee passed on the UJB's decision to give a warning to a freshman engineer who had a girl in his room "for a few minutes one Sunday afternoon," according to UJB chairman David C. Baxter '66. It was explained the girl was making a phone call.

A sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences was given a warning for painting the word "Jew" on the Eddy St. Arch. Baxter said it was considered the student was "in a depressed state and had been drinking." He explained the disciplinary action was based upon evaluation of the "defacement and the strong possibility of derogatory intention."

One sophomore coed in the Arts College was given a warning and curfew reduction on two weekends for "signing out to an unmarried man's apartment through disguising her name." The man involved got an unrecorded reprimand from the proctor.

A senior student in the New York State College of Agriculture had driving privileges suspended until he graduates and was also given a warning after being arrested and fined \$100 by civil authorities for driving with New York State driving privileges suspended.

One sophomore Arts student was given a reprimand for stealing a can of milk from the Uris Staff Lounge.

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