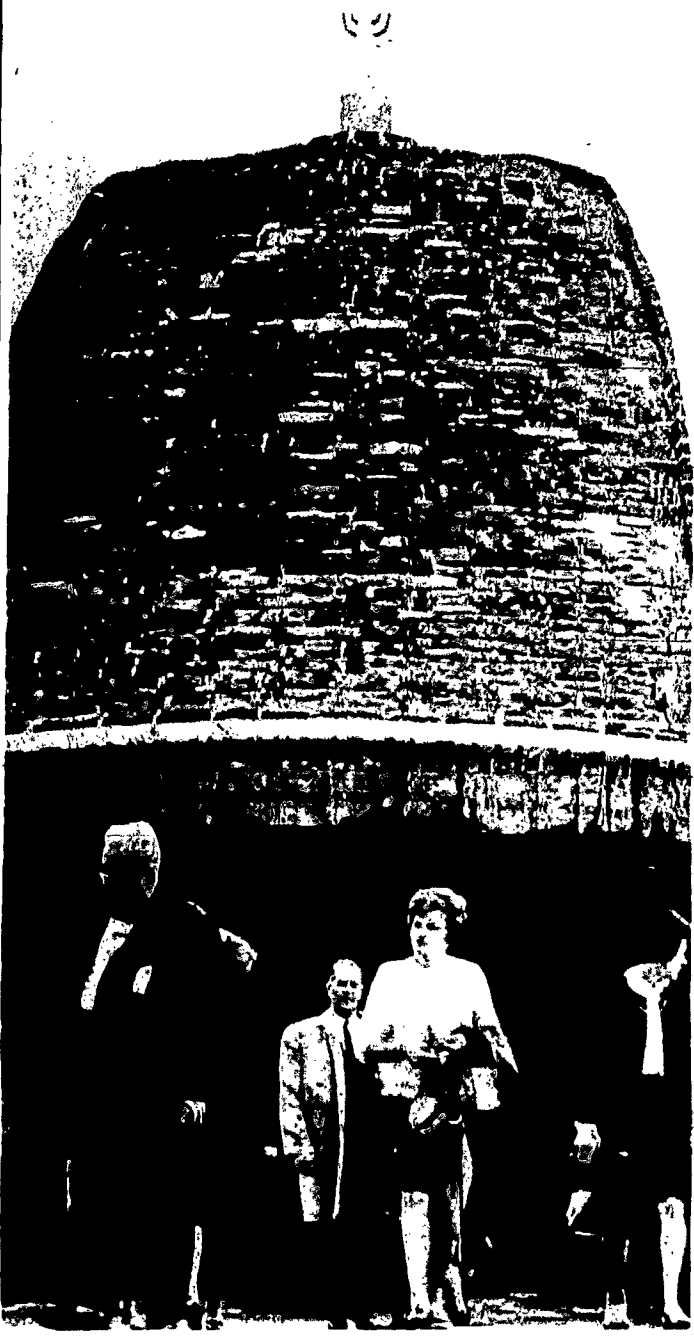


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Modern sculpture unveiled at the Dachau concentration camp near Munich is memorial to prisoners who died there during World War II. Some of the 2,000 who attended the memorial services place wreaths in front of the exterminating gas ovens in infamous "Barracks X". At right is a synagogue, one of three houses of worship on the site. (RNS Photo).

Archbishop Byrne To Address Women

Washington — (NC) — Coadjutor Archbishop Leo C. Byrne of St. Paul and Minneapolis will give the keynote address at the 34th biennial convention of the National Council of Catholic Women Oct. 14-18 in Denver, Colo.

Archbishop Byrne will address the opening session (Oct. 15) of the convention and introduce the convention theme — "The Faith: R.I.P." ("Renewal in Progress").

Women's organizations will be discussed by Dr. Dan W. Dodson, director of the Center for Human Relations and Community Studies, School of Education, New York University. Dodson, author of "The Role of the YWCA in a Changing Era," will speak on "Why Women's Organizations?"

A view of the structure through which the NCCW and its affiliates participate in parish life will be presented by national chairman of the organization's four program areas: Church Communities, Mrs. Leonard Swidler, Philadelphia; Family Affairs, Mrs. Philip H. Des Marais, Washington, D.C.; Community Affairs, Mrs. Denning Schattman, Fort Worth, Tex.; International Affairs, Mrs. Edgar G. Boedeker, St. Louis, Mo.

Other convention speakers and workshop leaders will include: Dr. Gerald L. Moulton, Arizona State University; Dr. Virginia Aggar, vice president for medical affairs, The National Foundation-March of Dimes; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Bird, co-authors of "The Freedom of Sexual Love"; Msgr. Marvin Borden, director, Division of World Justice and Peace, United States Catholic Conference; Mrs. Mary Dublin Keyserling, director, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor; Father Edward M. Hays, pastor of experimental parishes in Holton and Mayetta, Kansas.

Grape Boycott Support Kills Church Program

Fresno, Calif. — (RNS) — The Fresno Area Council of Churches may be nothing but a telephone listing as of Nov. 30, following a decision here to release the only two staff members, the director and a secretary, on that date.

Composed of the major Protestant denominations in the vicinity, the Council will be, for the present, defunct because of financial deficits, according to the Rev. Herbert W. Neale, president. A loss of income was partly attributed to the Council's support of the strike and boycott against table grape growers in the San Joaquin Valley.

The board of directors terminated the positions of the director, the Rev. Wynn B. Yinger, and the secretary, Mrs. Bernice Wells. Said Mr. Neale, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, "our rent has not been paid since last March."

Mr. Yinger, the director, charged that the Delano-centered dispute between vineyard owners and grape pickers had led to a "give's strike" against the Council.

It had known for some time that the Council's support of the grapepickers' strike and buyers' boycott, led by Cesar Chavez, had led to strong grower and farm pressure against it. The Northern California Council of Churches recently confirmed reports that support of the table grape boycott had inflamed tensions within Protestant denominations.

Explaining his views on pressures against the Fresno Council, Mr. Yinger said he feared that conservative political and economic action would have grave implications for the future of the San Joaquin Valley, notably depriving the area of leadership.

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2 Faiths Join to Fight Glasgow Crime

Glasgow — (RNS) — Fifty Roman Catholic priests — specialists in youth work — will spearhead a youth drive in October as part of an interreligious campaign to combat lawlessness in this Scottish city of 1 million.

The project was announced by Archbishop James D. Scanlan who said that priests from many areas of the British Isles were being brought in to help 250 local clergy mount a six-week "mission for youth." It is the first project of its kind in Britain.

Crime, violence and lawlessness are rampant among Glasgow's youth; it is on these problems that the priests will concentrate.

"Their aim," said Archbishop Scanlan, "will be to get all the young people in the Church living good lives, to act as 'apostles' and persuade others who might not live such good lives to become involved in the youth activities which each parish or group of parishes will be organizing during this mission."

The project stems from the report, just published here, of a committee set up two years ago by the Roman Catholic Church and the (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland to discuss growing violence and lawlessness in Glasgow.

Contents of this report and Archbishop Scanlan's project were announced at a press conference. Another speaker was Dr. Ian Henderson, professor of Systematic Theology at Glasgow University, who was joint convener of the committee with the Very Rev. John Costigan, a Jesuit, of St. Aloysius College, Glasgow.

Prof. Henderson said of the report, "We have taken a stand alongside our Catholic friends on the Christian principles which should be followed in combating lawlessness."

He also said the report, later approved by the Glasgow Presbytery, "went a very long way finally to dispose of the myth that the source of lawlessness in Glasgow is religious rivalry."

The report echoed the joint committee's concern at the increase of violence, which it called "An example of a growing lack of respect for the law of God and the rights of others."

It appealed for a greater participation by members of the two Churches in youth work and community affairs, adding "Christians should not be content with their duty of giving a personal example of honesty, truth and justice. They must also actively support the public and private institutions dedicated to bettering the conditions of human life."

The report also called for

"energetic support" of present organizations and the promotion of new ventures to help young people, and it was in this context that Archbishop Scanlan announced the command-like drive to be launched in October.

Copies of the joint report are to be sent to every church in Glasgow Presbytery and the Roman Catholic archdiocese. It will also be the subject of statements from the pulpit at an agreed date in the near future.

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Rochester Native Now Viet Chaplain

Latrobe, Fla. — Lt. Col. Christian G. LaFrois, O.S.B., U.S. Air Force chaplain, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Cam Ranh Bay, South Viet Nam.

Father Christian, a native of Rochester, is a Benedictine priest from Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe. While at Saint Vincent, he was a prefect in the Preparatory School and served as its football coach for a number of years. He was ordained in 1946 and has been a chaplain for 16 years.

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