



Incidents Plague N. Y. City

Is Anti-Semitism on the Rise?

New York — (RNS) — Acts of vandalism and arson against Jewish places of worship and schools here have drawn strong statements from Jewish agencies urging civic authorities to take immediate steps to halt the desecrations.

The Thanksgiving evening burning of a chapel in a yeshiva in Brooklyn was the third synagogue fire within a week and the 11th such incident in the past three months.

Damage to the chapel in the Yeshiva of Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn was estimated at \$150,000 by Rabbi Melech Silber. He said that the Torah, scrolls, many other religious articles and a library in the recently opened, \$800,000 school were completely destroyed.

Mayor John V. Lindsay, after touring the charred ruins of the yeshiva's chapel, announced a six-point program designed to protect houses of worship from arson and vandalism.

Emphasizing that the 11 incidents were not perpetrated by "any single racial or religious group," nor by "any one group of individuals," the mayor disclosed that 10 arrests have been made in connection with the incidents and that all were whites and seven of the 10 were teen-agers.

Haskell Lazere, executive director of the American Jewish Committee's New York Chapter, questioned whether the element of racial or religious tension should be ruled out.

In a telegram to the mayor, Lazere said that his committee did not claim "that religious hostility is a factor, but we feel it essential that this possibility be examined."

"Are the incidents simply isolated or is there a pattern which is developing? What protection is being provided to the congregants to pre-

vent physical attacks while they are on the way to and from the synagogues? Are there ways in which we can mobilize existing community organizations in the areas where the synagogues are located to utilize their services in a coordinated way to stop further attacks?"

In his six-point program, Mayor Lindsay ordered:

- Creation of a special police task force to increase surveillance and protection of churches and synagogues.

- Police sergeants to review incidents involving threats against

houses of worship in their precincts and to help plan countermeasures.

- Establishment of a private telephone number to place religious institutions in quick contact with police and firemen.

- Auxiliary police units to protect synagogues.

- Detectives and fire marshals to check thoroughly all fires in houses of worship.

- His Urban Action Task Force into areas where synagogues have been desecrated.

'Not Conspiracy,' Official Says

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Verbal and physical attacks on Jews and their property in ghetto areas are mainly a problem of crime in the streets and not an "anti-Semitic conspiracy," delegates to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America's convention were told.

Joseph Karasick, UOJCA national president, maintained that such activity was "a police problem, not a rightist revolution."

"Jews are entitled to adequate police protection, precisely like all other law-abiding citizens but let us recognize that the problem is mainly one of a crime in the streets and not an anti-Semitic conspiracy," he declared.

Karasick addressed the 70th anniversary national biennial convention attended by some 2,000 delegates here. The UOJCA is the central representative organization for nearly 3,000 Orthodox Jewish congregations in the United States and Canada.

The Union's leader expressed the concern of the Jewish community

over elements of anti-Semitism evidenced in the recent public school teachers strike in New York City.

Karasick offered a possible explanation:

Like the Jew before him, the Negro is discovering that one effective way to combat job bigotry is to go where his hard-won skills are "measured on their merits — the civil service," he explained.

The UOJCA president noted that the two areas in which the ghetto Negro was most likely to meet the Jew was in public school teaching and social casework, two areas in which competitive examinations are the door to admission.

It is in these areas that the Negro, "scrambling at long last up the ladder" sees the Jew in his way, Karasick claimed, and the Jew already sees the aspiring Negro as a professional threat, particularly when proposals are seriously made that "blacks should get special consideration in easing professional requirements for jobs."



Horns will blow at a concert of modern and ancient religious music marking the centennial of the Rochester Diocese at Nazareth College Arts Center next Tuesday evening. Chuck Mangione, popular nite-spot performer and composer, is pictured rehearsing with an orchestra and chorus he will direct in the premiere of his jazz "Mass of St. Bernard's". Feature of the concert will be an original cantata, "The Promise of the Father", by Dr. Wayne Barlow of the Eastman School of Music, commissioned by the Diocese for this occasion.

Tuesday Night Concert

Music to Note a Centennial By

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

It takes all kinds of music to celebrate a century.

The Diocese of Rochester has tapped the talents of jazz notables and a local nationally-known composer to signal the start of "the next one hundred years." Their work, which includes three premiere performances, makes up a large part of the Centennial Concert, titled "Sacred Music from Past to Future," next Tuesday night in the Nazareth College Arts Center.

Pope Plans Christmas at Steel Mill

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI announced here that he intends to offer midnight Mass at Christmas this year in a large state-controlled steel plant in Taranto, southern Italy, about 250 miles southeast of Rome.

In an address to a large crowd of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, the Pope said that Christmas should not be "a day of worldly indulgence and selfish pleasure."

"As for our plans," he said, "We would like to let you know that we plan to celebrate midnight Mass at Taranto, at the steel works there."

"God willing," he said, "We will make our crib this year among the blast furnaces of the steel works."

Chuck and Gap Mangione, popularly associated with Rochester night spots, have prepared two jazz compositions of a religious nature for the concert.

Dr. Wayne Barlow of the Eastman School of Music wrote the featured work, a cantata for a small orchestra and chorus.

Chuck Mangione will direct instrumentalists and singers in the first public performance of the Gloria from his own jazz "Mass of St. Bernard's". His brother Gap has scored Joe Mooney's "Act of Contrition" especially for this concert.

Mooney, a jazz singer who made his mark in the thirties, wrote the prayer setting 35 years ago, but it has never been performed publicly. "It's the best thing I have ever heard as far as an expression of contrition is concerned," says Capuchin Father John Frega of St. Bernard's, a one-time jazz performer with Mooney and one of the concert organizers.

"The Promise of the Father," Dr. Barlow's composition, will be sung by the combined choirs of Nazareth College and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Classical polyphony will be provided by the Holy Rosary choir which director Don Meminger has made known in many public performances throughout the diocese. Father Benedict Ehmman of St. Michael's, chairman of the diocesan music commission, will lead the St. Bernard's seminarians in Gregorian chant. Under their usual conductor, William Ferris, the seminarians will sing folk-Mass songs.

The Church can use all kinds of music. Curtain time is 8:15, Tuesday, Dec. 10.



The diocesan Centennial Supplement wanted to all subscribers recently has been prepared for concert and style. The copy are available for \$1.00 to County of Genesee, 1000 E. Main Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Get a copy for friends who are non-subscribers. For people who have moved out of the diocese for students away at school.

Bishop Urges Leadership For Renewal

The arousal of a "creative minority" in the diocese to lead the necessary renewal of the family of God, suffering from "confusion" and "stagnation," is the urgent appeal of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in today's editorial. (See page 6.)

Sketching the characteristics of the "creative" people needed to bring "the light of truth and the fire of love" into diocesan life, the Bishop declares that they "will renew the Church from below, not from above," "must find monologue with Christ before dialogue with Christians" and "will always realize that like Our Lord they will encounter an unbelievable power of evil."

"The Holy Spirit never operates through majorities," the Bishop writes. "Only twelve were with Christ and only ten times twelve with His Spirit on Pentecost."

"God's way of renewal is through a leaven in the ordinary lump of humanity . . . through flames of inspiration burning in the torches of a few."

The editorial especially cites two

3 from Diocese Named To National Council

The Rochester Diocese has recommended three delegate-nominees — a priest, a layman and a laywoman — for the newly-established national Advisory Council of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Pastoral Office announced today.

Father Thomas F. Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Corning, Mr. Mark Tuohy, parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Brighton, and Mrs. Daniel G. Kennedy, of St. Thomas More parish, Brighton, were nominated for the national committee to advise the Catholic Conference.

Mr. Tuohy is the Commissioner of Public Safety for the City of Rochester and also a member of the Bishop's Advisory Board for the Diocesan seminaries. Mrs. Kennedy is wife of a Rochester attorney.

The names of some 250 nominees were forwarded from ten regions around the country to the USCC's executive board in Washington. A regional meeting in New York City last week prepared this province's slate from the names suggested by the eight dioceses of the state.

From this list of nominated diocesan priests and laity, the executive board will soon choose 10 priests and 20 laymen and lay women, along with 10 bishops, five religious men and five religious women to make up the 50 member national advisory council. It is expected that this Council will meet in connection with the next semi-annual gathering of the nation's bishops in Houston next Spring.

Among the criteria for membership on the Advisory Council are: a sense of the needs of the Church; a familiarity with social and religious issues of the day; personal maturity, independent thinking and outspokenness.

According to plans announced by Archbishop John F. Dearden, of Detroit, president of the USCC, the purpose of the Council will be:

- Advise the USCC on matters referred to the Council by the U.S. Bishops for consideration;
- Review and comment on reports of the USCC departments;
- Initiate matters for the attention of the USCC.

Bishops Speak Out on Problems Facing Farm Workers

The California Table Grape Boycott Is Part of This Issue

Following is the text of the statement on farm workers released (Nov. 13) by the Catholic bishops of the United States during their annual fall meeting in Washington.

The problems of farm workers have been receiving increased attention in this country in recent years. Greater awareness on the part of the general public has resulted in some progress such as is mirrored in the Migrant Health Act. However the workers' dramatic struggle to improve their lot has sometimes produced divisions and protracted conflict in the relations between the two parties.

We, the Catholic bishops of the United States, address ourselves to this problem with the high hope of assisting in a reconciliation between grower and worker.

For 30 years the disadvantaged field workers of this nation have stood by helplessly and listened to other Americans debating the farm labor problem. Burdened by low wage scale, mounting health problems, inadequate educational opportunities, substandard housing, and a lack of year-round employment, they have often been forced to live a life devoid of security, dignity, and rea-

sonable comfort. For the past three years, however, many of them have been attempting to take their destiny into their own hands. This is a very healthy development.

Farm workers are now very painfully aware that not only do they have to struggle against economic, educational, and social inequities, but they have also been excluded from almost every piece of social legislation as well.

The conflict that began in California is now spreading throughout the nation and is clearly a national issue. Farm workers are demanding legislative protection for their natural right to organize for purposes of collective bargaining. They are demanding inclusion under a law which has protected the bargaining rights of other American workers for 33 years, namely the National Labor Relations Act.

Tragic as is the plight of farm workers, American growers and farmers also find themselves in a sea of difficulties. Mounting costs, foreign competition, water shortages, and many other problems are closing in upon them.

We are aware that the small grower is often the victim of circumstances beyond his control, and that

his sincere willingness to pay high wages meets with obstacles which he cannot overcome without a realistic coordination of all his strengths. We urge him to examine his situation carefully in order to see that his situation carefully in order to see that his co-called independence is unreal and could result in his vanishing from the American economy. We believe that this would be tragic for our country.

To protect himself, his interests of the farm workers, and the interests of agriculture, we plead with him to unite with his fellow farmers and growers in association proper to themselves. This is their natural right and perhaps even their duty at the present moment of our history. At the same time we wish to note that throughout this century, our state and federal governments have done much to assist growers and farmers with their difficulties. The same, unfortunately, cannot be said for the men working in the fields.

Catholic bishops in several of the states most deeply affected by the current crisis in the field of labor have already addressed themselves to the need for federal legislation to provide machinery for the peaceful settlement of disputes between growers and farm workers. In this state-

ment, speaking in the name of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, we wish to add our support to the position taken by these individual bishops, since the problem and its solution are national in scope.

We urge the 91st Congress to provide the legislation necessary both to protect the rights of farm workers and to provide the peace and stability so essential to the well being and prosperity of the agricultural industry. Specifically we urge that Congress enact legislation:

- 1) To include farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act.
- 2) To include farm workers more effectively under a national minimum wage which will ensure them a decent standard of living, and
- 3) To include farm workers under the national employment insurance program.

As a servant of justice, the Church must speak out on controversial issues such as these even with the knowledge that she might be misunderstood. Sensitive to the problems of both sides, the Church must encourage dialogue by helping to create an atmosphere of charity and justice. It was in this spirit and for this

purpose that the Second Vatican Council reaffirmed the traditional teaching of the Church with regard to the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively and, under certain conditions, to resort to the strike.

When, however, socio-economic disputes arise, efforts must be made to come to a peaceful settlement. Recourse must always be had above all to sincere discussion between the parties. Even in present-day circumstances, however, the strike can still be a necessary, though ultimate, means for the defense of the workers' own rights, and the fulfillment of their just demands. As soon as possible, however, ways should be sought to resume negotiations and the discussion of reconciliation.

In calling for the legal protection of the rights of farm workers, we, the bishops of the United States, do so with sympathetic awareness of the problems faced by the growers and, more specifically, by family farmers. It is our prayerful hope that ways can be found at the earliest possible date "to resume negotiations" and to bring about a "reconciliation" between the parties to the current farm labor dispute. We pledge our united efforts to achieve this objective.

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