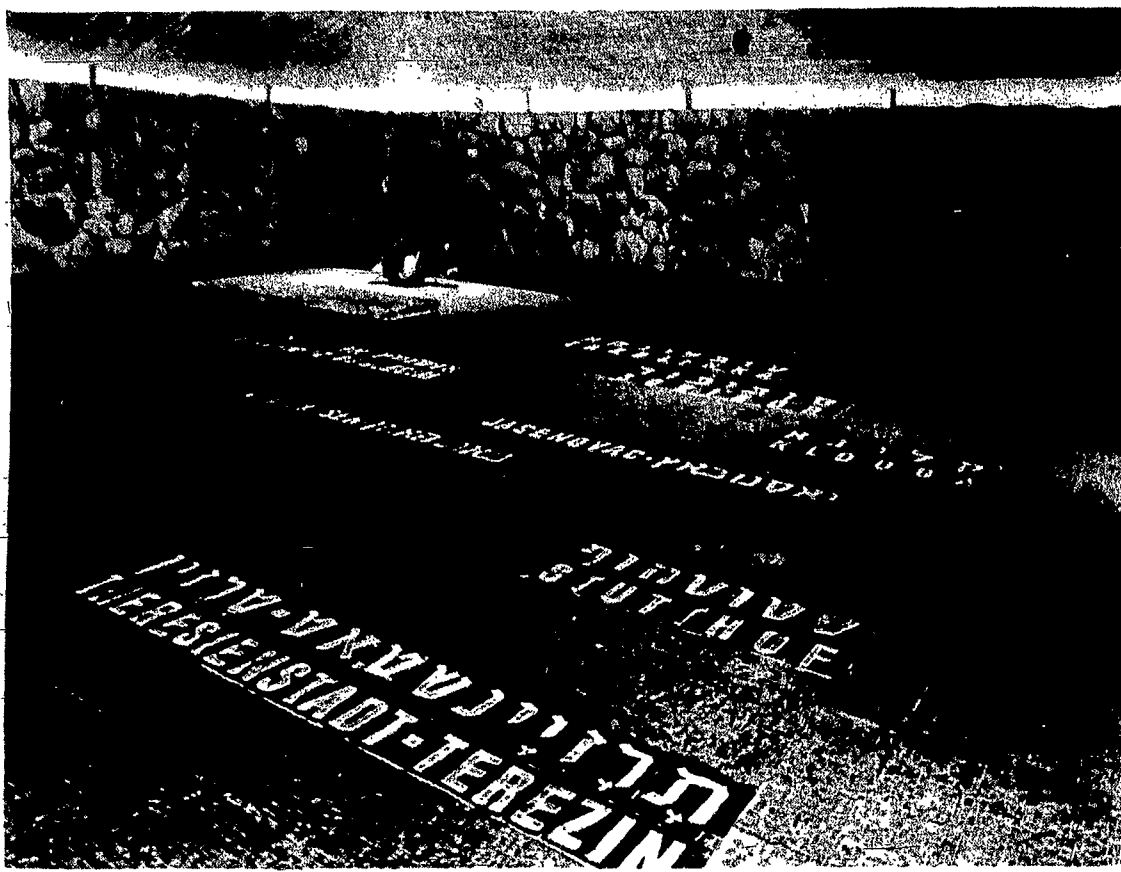


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In Memory of Six Million

Yad Vashem is a complex of buildings on a hilltop west of Jerusalem's center which is dedicated to the memory of the 6 million Jews who were slain by the Nazis during World War II. At the middle of the hilltop is the central shrine. The shrine's interior is starkly simple. A broad expanse of floor stretches to the four walls. In one corner is an eternal flame flickering in half light. Set in the floor are names, nothing more: Buchenwald, Auschwitz, Dachau, Treblinka, Bergen-Velsen, and others. (RNS)

Nuns Open Methadone Clinic

New Orleans — (RNS) — "Bethlehem—House of Bread," an interracial, interdenominational operation staffed by Dominican nuns, has opened a methadone clinic for women heroin addicts in the city. (Methadone is a non-euphoric morphine derivative. Administered in stabilized doses under medical supervision, methadone allows the former addict to become a productive citizen of society, according to proponents of the system. The treatment is the subject of continuing controversy.)

Sister Mary David, O.P., director of the House of Bread, which was formed to aid needy women and children, considers the methadone clinic consonant with the work of the House. "There are at least 500 female heroin addicts that we know of in New Orleans," Sister David said. "But we plan to reach beyond the addict with our treatment. We hope to make visits to their homes — but only if invited — to be sure the family has adequate housing, clothing, and food."

A physician will give each patient a thorough physical and will be responsible for prescribing methadone dosages. Once a week, after the patient is on methadone, a physical checkup will be made. One of the difficult aspects of the clinic is that it must be open seven days a week. "You can't turn addicts loose for the weekend with their supply of methadone — because they will just peddle it on the street and start a market in methadone," the clinic's Dr. Frank Minyard said. A group of Presbyterian women, retired nurses, have volunteered to come in occasionally and take over the weekend operation of the clinic for the two nuns.

Albany — The lifeblood of the State capital is beginning to flow rapidly again: political news is getting a bigger play as both parties jockey for positions before the voter for the November election.

There's an extra reason for an "eyes on November" attitude up here this year: the coming re-apportionment special legislative session is expected to be held later that month.

Originally called only to deal with the court-required redrawing of New York's Congressional District boundaries, there is lots of pressure building up to include other, and at least as pressing, items during those special days.

The Governor is free to add anything to the agenda. He is under strong pressure from some in his own Republican party as well as downstate Democrats to add: welfare, aid to the cities (specifically New York City) and education funding to the topic list.

Last March Governor Rockefeller was expected to name a special blue-ribbon committee of his own to examine the financing of both public and non-public elementary and secondary schools in the state.

In mid-summer his press office said "soon" in response to a question of when the Commission might be expected to be named.

Since no action has been taken in the 10 months of this year it seems unlikely the group, when announced, will be able to get anything ready for consideration by the Governor or the legislature until after the 1970 elections — an absolutely outrageous delay.

As a matter of fact even without the Commission school aid is going to be a hot topic for 1970.

Sometimes the obvious inequity of things becomes so apparent it is almost humorous if it weren't so sad.

The July 24th release noted the \$5 million being made in direct grants to 45 New York State colleges and universities under the Higher Education Opportunity Programs (HEOP). Some 2272 students were to be aided in direct grants made to the institutions for special programs for these students.

to aid economically and educationally deprived students through special programs. The colleges set up the programs; applied and got the funds.

The next day, July 25, the Education Department released the news that \$24 million was being allocated to 52 New York State colleges and universities under another aid program; the Bundy aid bill. However, no Catholic or religious-oriented colleges are included. The reason given: the Blaine amendment prevents it.

Governor Rockefeller, you recall, vetoed a bill the legislature had passed in 1969 calling for a strict interpretation of the Bundy law that would have made religious-oriented colleges eligible as they are eligible to receive the HEOP funds.

Just another piece of the confusing picture that throws various road-blocks in the way of reaching students in religious-oriented non-public schools and colleges under the guise of adhering to the Blaine amendment.

It gets curiously and curiously every year.

Bishops Ease Stand On 'Youth Dedication'

Berlin — (RNS) — Roman Catholic bishops in East Germany have officially revised their attitude toward Communist youth dedication ceremonies and declared that the Church will in future renounce any sanctions against those youngsters who take part in the rites, or their parents.

Previously, participants in the "Jugendweihe" were generally considered to be excluded from Communion.

The Catholic bishops said they had modified their attitude because, although the rites must still be regarded as atheistic, this fact has over the years become ever more difficult to recognize by the people.

When the ceremonies were instituted by the East German regime in 1955, both the Catholic and Protestant Churches warned believers against participating in the "atheist rites" and threatened that young people who did take part in the ceremonies would be subject to Church sanctions, including denial of confirmation and communion.

Because of the political pressure imposed by the Communist regime on youngsters and parents to force young people to participate in the rites, the Churches gradually adopted a more lenient attitude.

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Cardinal Urbani Dies; Champion of Laymen

Venice — Giovanni Cardinal Urbani, whom Pope John XXIII chose as his successor in the Venetian Patriarchate in 1958, died Sept. 17 after a heart attack. He was 69 years old.

As head of the Italian Bishops' Conference, by papal appointment, the cardinal-archbishop would have represented Italy in the international Synod of Bishops scheduled to begin Oct. 11 at the Vatican.

His death leaves the membership of the College of Cardinals at 131.

Cardinal Urbani, a native of Venice, was credited with infusing new life into the national bishops' organization. He contributed significantly to the Vatican II documents on the lay apostolate and on "The Church in the modern World."

As a priest and Catholic Action leader in Venice during the German occupation in World War II, he played

an important role in protecting his native city and its historic treasures. He took part in negotiating the surrender of the city to the Allies, and meanwhile, secretly, he had saved many Venetian Jews by hiding them in Christian households.

As a churchman, the cardinal was regarded as conservative, but politically, on the major postwar ideal of a united Europe, he made himself known as a radical proponent.

Worldwide, he was noticed for his statements on modern manners and values. Being on the scene of the annual Venice international film festival, he spoke more than once about the need for "illuminated and general apostolic action" to prevent the world from actually being as prize-winning films depicted it.

On his deathbed he asked that this message be given to his priests: "Tell them to love the Pope, their priesthood and their celibacy."

Threat of Nuclear War Grows, U Thant Claims

United Nations, N.Y.—(RNS) Secretary General U Thant said here that the threat of a nuclear war "is increasing every day."

He did not attribute this to any particular situation, but made the statement in the context of the Sino-Soviet confrontation.

He said it was time for every government to make serious efforts to associate Communist China with the other four nuclear powers in disarmament talks. Only such a development was the indispensable step "to fashion a world without fear."

Regarding the relations between Moscow and Peking, and for that matter, relations between Peking and Washington, U Thant very much hoped that these would be restored to normalcy, if not to cordiality.

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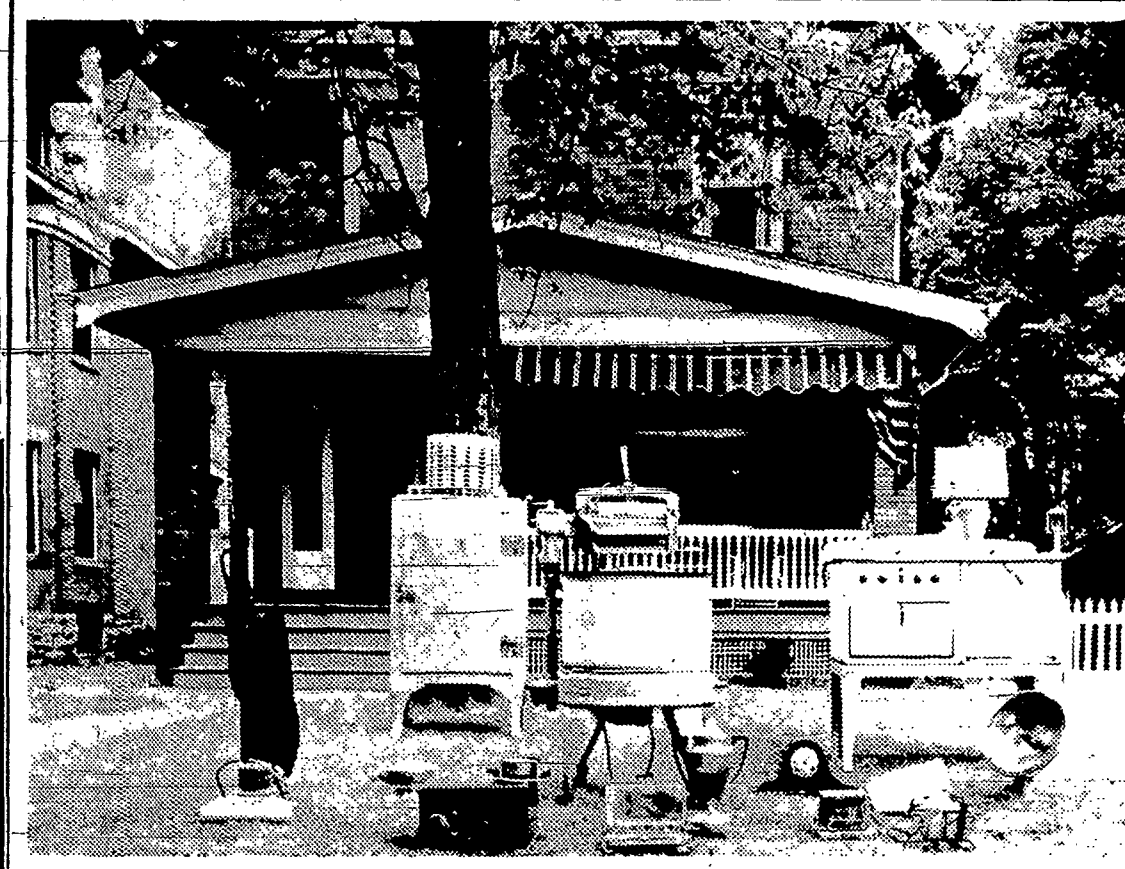
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