

Rabbi's Criticism of Key '73 Draws Rebuke From Editor

Dallas (RNS) — A United Methodist editor here has strongly criticized Jewish leaders who have warned that intensified Christian evangelism could threaten the Jewish community.

The Rev. Spurgeon Dunnam III, editor of The Texas Methodist, addressed himself particularly to the comments of a New York rabbi on Key 73, the broadly based evangelistic program set for 1973.

"If Jewish leaders are seriously concerned about the effects of Christian beliefs on Jews, we suggest they should concentrate their efforts on solidifying the beliefs of their own people, rather than asking Christians to 'lay off,'" Mr. Dunnam wrote in the Dec. 22 issue of the weekly paper that has a wide circulation in Texas and other states.

In early December, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, voiced concern that Key 73 and other evangelism programs might be used to proselytize Jews.

He urged Christians "to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitute for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people."

He also said that Key 73, which has "calling the continent to Christ," as a theme, could be an opportunity to "clarify Christian recognition of Jews and Judaism as valid sources of truth rather than as objects of conversion."

Mr. Dunnam responded that Rabbi Tanenbaum is, in effect, asking Christians to negate their own faith. "The Jewish leader wants Christians to avoid any

attempt to convert Jews," he wrote.

"For Christians to accept this suggestion would be to compromise a basic principle of our faith," that is, to take the Gospel to the whole world, he said.

The editorial maintained that "calling our continent to Christ is completely different from seeking to force our continent to accept Christ."

Christian Unity Week... Prayer is the Theme

The theme of Christian Unity Week, Jan. 18-25 will be prayer, according to Father Titus Cranney, SA. Ecumenism "has come upon hard times," Father Cranney said in a statement from headquarters of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Cumberland, R.I., "and that is a reason why prayer is so necessary."

Unity Week was begun in 1908 as the Church Unity Octave by Father Paul James Francis, SA. Since then ecumenism has grown with the foundation of the World Council of Churches in 1910 and the second Vatican Council.

The phrase from St. Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us to pray," will be used as the theme for the week, said Father Cranney. In the Gos-

pel, this phrase precedes Jesus' teaching the apostles the Our Father.

In Rochester, Father Henry Atwell, head of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, will speak at the Unity Week observance of the Four Downtown Churches at St. Luke's Episcopal, Sunday, Jan. 21, at 10:45 a.m.

In Avon, where Father Atwell is pastor of St. Agnes, services will be held at 7:30 each evening, Jan. 21-26, in the various churches.

A typical service is that arranged at Holy Family Church, which will be the gathering place for eight area congregations at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

Msgr. George Cocuzzi, pastor, said that the opening procession would include clergymen from Trinity Lutheran, Trinity United Church of Christ, Grace Presbyterian, Lyell Avenue Baptist, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi and Holy Family.

In addition to the liturgy of the word, there will be a general confession of sins against Christian Unity, recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed, and the Sign of Peace.

An exchange of pulpits is the customary way of observing Christian Unity Week in Greece, according to Father L. John Hedges, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo. He said he would speak Jan. 28 at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services at Bethany Presbyterian, across Dewey Avenue from St. Charles. The Rev. Hugh Outterson, Bethany pastor, will give the sermon at several St. Charles Masses the same day.

Father Hedges said there were four other such neighborhood exchanges scheduled for the 28th and three for the preceding Sunday. The Greece Pastors Association also has arranged pulpit exchanges.

467 Killed In Ulster During 1972

Belfast (RNS) — Deaths from bombing and gunfire in Northern Ireland in 1972 totaled 467, according to an official announcement released here.

Meanwhile, the terrorist "Provisional" wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), in a New Year's message to the British Army in Ulster, pledged more violence on its part in 1973.

"We guarantee that you will be fought with even greater vigor," the message said.

Meanwhile, in Dublin, Martin McGuinness, 23, identified as an IRA "Provo" commander in Londonderry, was arrested by Irish police. He was on the list of "most-wanted men" in Northern Ireland. IRA "Provo" political chief Rory O'Brady was arrested earlier in Dublin.

Both men face charges of membership in an illegal organization, under new legislation aimed at curbing IRA activities.

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New Treasurer Named At Nazareth College

Stephen C. LaSalle has been appointed treasurer of Nazareth College, according to an announcement by Dr. Alice L. Foley, president. He replaces Tom James who resigned to accept a new position at Chatham College in Pittsburgh.

"Mr. LaSalle comes to us with a splendid background of experience both in finance and personnel administration," Dr. Foley said. "He was selected from a field of 20 very fine applicants."

LaSalle has a B.B.A. from St. John's University, and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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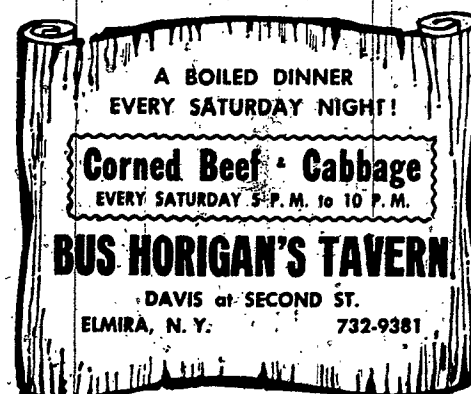
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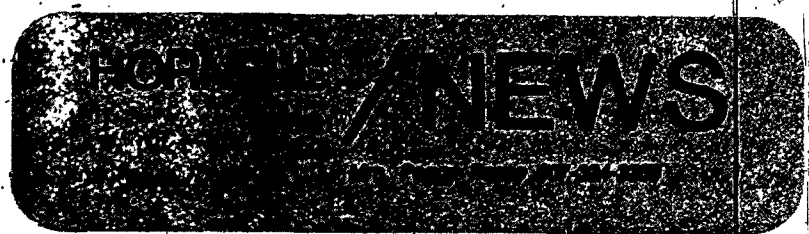
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The Hornell Cross A 'Steady Beacon'

By PEGGY PEASE

Hornell — The perennial winner of any "most impressive Christmas decoration" contest would have to be the huge lighted cross which dominates the hilltops here during the Christmas season.

The cross stands 120 feet tall and is a third that wide, taking up all but 40 feet of the Hornell Cable Television Service, Inc., receiving tower on Ashbaugh Hill.

It contains 1,300 bulbs and can be seen for miles. From time to time it was learned that airline pilots would point out the cross as they flew over Hornell.

John Pryor of the Hornell Cable Television service said that he once received a letter

from a woman in Iowa who saw the cross when she was a passenger in a plane.

John Pryor's father, Jack, originated the cross and the lights were first turned on Nov. 22, 1963, the evening of the day that President John F. Kennedy was shot.

The cross is in place year-round at the tower but the lights are only turned on at Easter and Christmas. Friday after Thanksgiving is the winter turn-on date.

Every year hundreds of area homeowners rush to decorate their homes but this cross, the silent, steady beacon seems to be the most impressive witness to the true meaning of Christmas.

Blessing Performed Over Waterways

Addison — An unusual ceremony, a blessing of community streams against flooding, was carried out here on New Year's Day. Msgr. John F. Duffy, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, performed the ritual over both Canisteo River and Tuscarora Creek.

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Bath — Cub Scout Pack 59's Derby will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. The annual Scout Breakfast will be held at St. Mary's Hall, Feb. 24.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Dansville — Candidates for confirmation will be instructed at St. Mary's through January and February.

Msgr. Duffy and about a dozen people travelled over 30 miles to read the opening chapters of the Gospels at four points on both the river and creek.

The first stop was in Rathbone just west of the Canisteo River, where verses of St. Matthew's Gospel were read.

Verses from Mark were read in Woodhull over Tuscarora Creek.

St. Luke's Gospel provided the text of readings in Tuscarora over the creek; and St. John was read at riverside at the final stop in Addison.

In addition to the bible readings, other prayers were recited and a relic of the true cross was carried by the pilgrims.