

# Jordan, Rustin Rap Black—PLO Links

**Kansas City, Mo. (RNS)** — Relations between Jews and blacks should not be endangered by "ill-considered flirtations" with terrorist groups devoted to the extermination of Israel, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., national Urban League president, said here.

"The black civil rights movement is based on non-violent, moral principle. It has nothing in common with groups whose claims to legitimacy are compromised by cold-blooded murder of innocent civilians and school children," Jordan said in a speech to the 65th annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

His 30-minute address was frequently interrupted by applause from the crowd of more than 1,000 social workers.

Jordan's remarks were his first public response to moves by other black civil rights leaders to embrace the cause of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) since Andrew Young's resignation as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Though he did not refer to the incidents directly, it was apparent that Jordan's remarks were about the recent visits to the Middle East by black American delegations headed by the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery.

president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of People United to Save Humanity. Both visited PLO leader Yassir Arafat.

"In the past several weeks," Jordan said, "we've seen more concern exhibited about Palestinian Refugee camps than about America's ghettos. We've seen more concern about the PLO's goals than about black America's aspirations for equality. And we've seen more concern about Yassir Arafat's future than about the future of millions of black kids growing up in poverty."

"The only ones who will benefit from the black-Jewish tensions are the enemies of both groups," he said. "I say that it is time to stop providing joy to the

cross-burners and bomb-throwers. Indeed, it is time to strengthen the traditional, fruitful alliance between the black community and the Jewish community."

In other developments, Jordan's sentiments are being echoed by other black leaders, most notably Bayard Rustin, one of a group of black labor activists who visited Israel.

Rustin said that "lest anyone get the impression there is a mass movement in the United States to support the PLO, they are first of all being fools. But, secondly, they are disturbing the peace process."

"To give credence and respectability to one terrorist organization gives it to all," Rustin said. "And to make the PLO in anyway respectable is to make the Ku Klux Klan respectable."

## Hail and Farewell!

Everyone who has ever taken part in any of Father Robert Hammond's Youth Ministry programs is invited to a celebration Nov. 11 at St. Mary's, Canandaigua — a reunion and a good-bye party for Father Hammond, who now is chaplain at Notre Dame High School in Elmira.

Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m., and early supper will end by 5. Participants are asked to bring their own table settings and food of the dish-to-pass variety. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

The arrangers of this event ask for early reservations through the Pastoral Office, (716) 328-3210. Later reservations will be taken by Terry Mannix, (716) 377-3521, and Cathy Coder, (716) 223-1651.

The Youth Ministry programs are Genesis, Exodus, Teen Seminar and Antioch, and confirmation retreats. They have been taken up by Father David Mura.

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