

WORLD & NATION

Orange parade prompts widespread riots, violence

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PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland — The British government's decision to allow a Protestant fraternity to march through a Catholic community in Portadown sparked widespread rioting and violence throughout Northern Ireland.

Behind army and police lines, an enraged Catholic community jeered in protest July 6 as a Protestant loyalist Orange Order parade filed down Garvaghy Road in Portadown, 25 miles southwest of Belfast.

Dressed in black suits, swathed in orange silk sashes and wearing bowler hats, about 1,000 Orangemen walked silently and hurriedly along the road. To avoid further antagonism, Orange bands did not play until they left the Catholic area.

British troops and police moved into the community in the early hours of July 6 and began setting up armored personnel carriers along the streets, sealing off the area to allow the Protestant march to pass through.

Residents of Garvaghy Road were not informed of the decision to permit the march.

Hemmed in by British troops and police, residents were unable to attend morning Mass at St. John's Chapel, a short distance from Garvaghy Road.

"We were deprived of the opportunity to go to church, our civil liberties were impinged on to facilitate an Orange parade. This is just not tolerable in a democratic



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Nationalist residents of Garvaghy Road in Portadown, Northern Ireland, kick at police trying to remove them July 6 as they protest an Orange parade.

state," said Jesuit Father Eamon Stack, secretary of the Garvaghy Road Residents' Coalition, a group representing the Catholic and nationalist viewpoint.

"This is certainly going to delay the peace process," he added.

St. John's parish priest, Father Sean Larkin, held an open-air Mass in the neighborhood for those who could not get past police lines to the chapel. He prayed for a

peaceful response to state violence.

On the eve of the parade, Archbishop Sean B. Brady of Armagh, Northern Ireland, called for "great calm and restraint."

"People must not allow themselves to be manipulated. They must not allow themselves to be provoked and they must avoid provoking others to violence," Archbishop Brady said.

Early on the morning of July 6, Royal Ul-

ster Constabulary Chief Ronnie Flanagan announced that Orangemen would walk from their church service along Garvaghy Road, a predominantly Catholic area.

More than 1,000 policemen and 500 soldiers swamped the area to keep both sides apart during the march.

As security forces withdrew from the neighborhood after the parade passed, angry Catholic youths threw rocks and bottles at armored vehicles. Two cars were later hijacked and burned. Police fired plastic bullets to disperse the angry mob.

Shortly after the march, nine masked men, armed with a crate of gasoline bombs, hijacked and burned a train in Lurgan, five miles east of Portadown.

News of the parade spread rapidly to nationalist areas throughout Northern Ireland, sparking sporadic violence.

In south Belfast, an Irish Republican Army gunman shot at a police patrol after nationalists held a peaceful protest against Orange marches. No one was injured.

Loyalists, mainly Protestants, want Northern Ireland to remain a province of Great Britain. Nationalists, mainly Catholics, want Northern Ireland united with the Irish Republic.

Last year, police prevented Orangemen from marching along Garvaghy Road in a four-day stand-off before reversing the decision and removing peaceful Catholic protesters from the highway. At that time, widespread rioting broke out across the province, and highways to ports and airports were closed.

CALENDAR

All Dioceses

Religious Activities

- **SAT, JULY 12** — Registration deadline: for July 19 Youth for Christ Retreat Day; Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville; call 518/399-4366 or 518/581-1750.
- **JULY 17-19** — Church music workshop: Convocation of Liturgical Musicians, Wadhams Hall Seminary-College, Ogdensburg; for registration call 315/393-4231.

Social Activity

- **TUE, JULY 15** — Registration deadline: for July 17 dinner and brainstorming session for Catholic 20s/30s (single and married); Dugan Center, St. Mary's Downtown Church, 15 St. Mary's Pl., Rochester; 7-9 p.m.; \$5; to register call Karen Rinefierd, 716/328-3228, ext. 255 or 800/388-7177, ext. 255.

Livingston County

Religious Activity

- **THU, JULY 10** — Charismatic Mass: and Healing Service; St. Patrick's Church, 46 Stanley St., Mt. Morris; 7 p.m.

Social Activity

- **JULY 11-13** — Festival: sponsored by the Rotary Club of Geneseo; Geneseo Village

Monroe County

Fundraisers

- **JULY 11 & 12** — Garage sale: Sisters of Mercy; Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Rd., Rochester; 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **JULY 18-20** — Performance: "Broadway Favorites '97"; presented by the Penfield Theatre Guild; to benefit Habitat for Humanity Project; Penfield High School Auditorium, 25 High School Dr., Penfield; for tickets call 716/385-5773.

Meetings

- **JULY 12, 19** — Program: 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program; St. Leo's Parish Center, Hilton; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; for age 50 or over; two 4-hour sessions; \$8/person; to register send check or money order payable to AARP to St. Leo's Church, 167 Lake Ave., Hilton, NY 14468.

Religious Activities

- **MON, JULY 14** — Charismatic Mass: Christ the King Church, 445 Kings Hwy. S.; Rochester; 8 p.m.
- **TUE, JULY 15** — Marian night of prayer: Mercy Motherhouse Chapel, 1437 Blossom Rd., Rochester; 7 p.m.
- Divine Mercy, Rosary, Reconciliation; 7:30 Liturgy; Fr. Douglas DellaPietra, celebrant.
- **WED, JULY 16** — Charismatic Mass: St. John Fisher College, Murphy Hall (across from campus), 3690 East Ave., Rochester; 7:30 p.m.;

Fr. Ed Palumbos, celebrant.

- **FRI, JULY 18** — Renewal: in the Spirit and Secular Franciscans; Borromeo Prayer Center, 3011 Dewey Ave., Rochester; 7:30 p.m.; sponsored by St. Patrick's Fraternity — Secular Franciscan Order; for information call 716/225-4134.
- **THU, JULY 17** — Evening of prayer: reflection and sharing for anyone impacted by HIV/AIDS, their friends and families; Mercy Prayer Center; 65 Highland Ave., Rochester; 7:30-9 p.m.; 716/473-6893.
- **THU, JULY 17** — Centering prayer: Guardian Angels Church, 2061 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester; 7:30-8:30 p.m.; call 716/334-1412.

Social Activities

- **JULY 15, 22, 29** — Storytime series: Children's Center of the Central Library, 115 South Ave., Rochester; 10-10:30 a.m. for children 4-5 years old; 11-11:40 a.m. for 6-8 years old; registration required; call 716/428-8150.
- **FRI, JULY 11** — TGIF: sponsored by St. Louis Single Adult Ministry; Newport House, 500 Newport Rd., Rochester; 5-7 p.m.; call Jo, 716/671-4886.
- **JULY 11-12** — Summer Festival: Holy Ghost Church, 220 Coldwater Road, Gates; 6 p.m.
- **SUN, JULY 13** — Dinner: Community Service for the homeless; Asbury Dining Center, Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave., Rochester; noon; sponsored by the St. Thomas More Singles Club; call 716/482-5656.

- **MON, JULY 21** — Cruise: through historic Lockport Locks and Erie Barge Canal; sponsored by Lilac Senior Center; \$49; call 716/473-5030.
- **SUN, AUG. 10** — Picnic: Aquinas Class of 1937; for information call Len Austin, 716/381-5437 or Jack McDonald, 716/247-6464.

Sports Benefits

- **MON, JULY 14** — Golf tournament: to benefit Sisters of St. Joseph Congregation; Irondequoit Country Club, East Ave., Rochester; call Sr. Theresa Daniel Knapp, 716/586-1000.
- **TUE, JULY 22** — Golf tournament: to benefit Otetiana Council, Boy Scouts of America; Greystone Golf Club, Walworth; registration 10 a.m.; call 716/256-8556.

Seneca Cayuga

Religious Activity

- **JULY 17 & 18** — Visitation: of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe; St. Mary's Church, 25 Center St., Waterloo; leaves at noon Friday for abortion clinics in Geneva, Newark; call Marty Liddell, 315/568-4224.

Steuben County

Social Activities

- **JULY 17-20** — Celebration: to mark 100th

Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council 243 of Hornell; call 607/324-3608.

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Meetings

- **WED, JULY 16** — Meeting: of Route 96 Divorced/Separated/Bereaved Support Group; Steak-out Restaurant, Routes 96 & 31, Manchester; 9 a.m.; for information call Rose, 315/462-3841, Marjorie, 315/462-9670, or Finger Lakes Social Ministry, 315/789-2686.

Religious Activities

- **WED, JULY 16** — Queen of Peace Night: Notre Dame Retreat House, Foster Rd., Canandaigua; confessions and rosary 7 p.m.; Mass 8 p.m.; Fr. Charles Manning, celebrant; call Anne, 716/394-0604.

Social Activities

- **SUN, JULY 13** — Pancake breakfast: St. Dominic's Church Parish Center, Rt. 21 & W. Main St., Shortsville; 8 a.m.-noon; adults/\$4, senior citizens/\$3.50, children 5-12/\$3; under 5, free.
- **SUN, JULY 13** — Golf: with Divorced/Separated/Bereaved support groups; sponsored by Finger Lakes Social Ministry; Big Oak Golf Course, Packwood Rd., Geneva; 3:30 p.m., every Sun.; call Les, 315/789-9419, or Carl and Alma, 315/539-2284.