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UJA HONORS FORMER SENATOR CHURCH; FRANK CHURCH (CENTER), FORMER DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FROM IDAHO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD FROM UNITED JEWISH APPEAL PRESIDENT IRWIN S. FIELD AT SPECIAL CEREMONY DURING RECENT UJA WESTERN REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AS HIS WIFE, BETHENE, LOOKS ON. THE MENORAH, ETCHED WITH SYMBOLS OF THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, WAS PRESENTED TO THE FORMER IDAHO LEGISLATOR "IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR STATESMANSHIP IN PURSUIT OF HUMAN RIGHTS THE WORLD OVER."

CRIME AGAINST CLERGY

BY RABBI MARC. H. TANENBAUM

Sol David was a 67 - year old tailor who had survived the death camps of Dachau and Auschwitz, and came to this country nearly 30 years ago. Two weeks ago, after baby-sitting for his grandchildren, he walked through a Canarsie playground and was shot to death by a gunman who stole his wallet. The Nazis could not kill Sol David. A New York thug did.

Later in the week, a Roman Catholic nun, 35 - year - old Sister Joan McCorkell, was knocked to the floor of a church building in Brooklyn by a mugger who smashed her head against the floor before stealing her purse. The attack was the latest in a series of assaults against religious persons, including the savage raping of a nun in East Harlem.

These barbaric acts, in addition to the almost daily vandalism against churches and synagogues, say something powerful to us about the epidemic of dehumanization that is growing everywhere. Random attacks on the clergy and nuns and houses of worship tell us that to a segment of our population nothing is sacred. Criminal elements to whom the sanctity of life mean nothing are probably too far gone to be educated about reverence for human beings, and only increased police protection can cope with those anti social people. But for the next generation of our children intensive moral education on the dignity of every human life is an urgent requirement if civil society is not to become a jungle.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

...I was in your city in December...and on Shabbat went to the wonderful Synagogue Shaarei Tefilla. As we entered this shul I said to my friend, Percy Richer, "I imagine that it will be easier to get called to the Torah than to win on any of the hundreds of thousands of fruit machines in Las Vegas."

No sooner had I made this remark, then lo - and - behold, we both were called up.

Perhaps you could inform me why if your city has some 10,000 Jewish population, why there is not a Kosher restaurant? Yours sincerely, Simon Goodman London, England

(ED. NOTE: Come on back and open one, DT).

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