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RISTIAN ACTION GROUP ORGAN

SAN FRANCISCO--The formation of an organization "of concerned Christians committed to direct action in local civil rights disputes' was announced yesterday.

The group, called Christians for Social Action, has headquarters at the Good Samaritan Church, 1290 Potrero Avenue,

Rev. William B. Parsons Jr., an Episcopal priest, said the society has already looked into the dispute between CORE and Bank of America

and urges support of CORE. Rev. Donald Ganoung, pastor of Good Samaritan Church and presbyter of three Episcopal churches in the Mission area, said the group grew out of the participation of several clergymen in the recent Automobile Row civil rights demonstrations.

Father Ganoung said the word "Christian" was put in the name of the organization only because "we hope to apply Christian principles in civil rights matters." Membership is not exclusive.

Father Parsons said the movement may take part in sit-in demonstrations. The announcement declared that the organi-

> (From the Las Vegas Sun) **Cowards Lurk** In The City

The terrible disease has spread to Las egas. The disease is borne by scurrilous rats who

lurk in the dark and place dynamite in churches and homes:

To suffer from this disease, which is known by many names, one must first of all be ignorant, so ignorant that one does not realize that all life on earth springs from a common Source and that all men are children of the same Creator.

One must also be cowardly because the victims are mostly women and children, except for the occasional victim of stealth and ambush, such as Medgar Evers whose assassin hid in the bushes with a rifle fitted with a telescope sight.

One must also be depraved, because only depraved people use dynamite bombs in the dead of night in an effort to destroy a man's home and perhaps snuff out the lives of his wife and children. Children of whatever family are the most precious lives on earth and anyone who endangers them is an unspeakable monster.

Every decent person who lives in this area must feel outraged by Sunday night's bomb attempt at the home of Stanley Morgan. The outrage must also be mixed with sorrow because the dynamiter has shamed us all by his terrible act.

All Las Vegans must join in a demand that the bomber be brought to justice and if that requires the best efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, so be it.

Even in Birmingham, Ala., where children were killed in the Sunday morning bombing of a church, a wave of revulsion has swept through the city. Police there say that the man with the diseased mind who masterminded this bit of horror is known and while there isn't enough evidence to bring him to trial, he will be watched constantly until his depravity again leads him into error and he can be arrested.

Fortunately, no one was injured at the Morgan home as the dynamite was placed against a well in an obvious effort to terrorize the family.

But the man who placed the bomb committed a terrible crime because his assault was against human rights and dignity, as well as a breach of the laws which govern men.

The bomber must be caught soon and brought to justice and the community must demand that this be done. No city can leave a single stone unturned for rest while such people are on the loose.

What was the "crime" of the Morgan family? They are Negroes and they have moved

into a previously all-white neighborhood. What was the Morgan family seeking? "We just wanted a pleasant place to live." Why should their dream become a nightmare?

zation would investigete inequities in hiring and housing practices and discrimination in schools, and would "take appropriate direct action on our own or in concert with other civil right groups."

He also said he felt the city's religious, po-litical and business leaders should "investigate what appear to be unnecessarily severe fines and jail terms for civil rights demonstrators convicted for the first time on minor misdemeanor charges."



