

Death takes Racial Justice's  
Most Ardent Fighter  
Tiemann's Remarks  
Termed A Threat  
And Challenge

"A challenge to the lawless element" was a tag Omaha Human Relations Board Member D.S. Cosentino Thursday put on remarks made Wednesday by Gov. Norbert Tiemann that in case of racial rebellion in Nebraska, National Guard units were ready "to put down any disorder." Cosentino told fellow board members he had received "sharp reaction" to the Governor's remarks

Board Member G. Anieta Hayes said Tiemann's statement was a threat and should never have been made."

POOR TIMING AND AUDIENCE

Board Chairman Norman L. Hahn said the Governor picked "a poor time and a poor audience to make his remarks.

Tiemann's statement came during a speech before the Rotary Club at the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel.

The Governor noted that the last session of the Legislature gave him authority to call out the National Guard to quell a riot even though local officials had not requested them

"I intend to do it," the state's chief executive declared. He explained that the Guard has "new and sophisticated weapons for riot control," adding "I hope we never have to use them. But, he continued, "if the time ever comes when lives are threatened or there is destruction of property, law and order will be maintained."

FACT OF LIFE

He said "this is not a threat to any one. It is a plain fact of life. The Governor, referring to the wave of racial rebellions which swept the nation this week, said "it occurs to me that on a given signal these riots erupt. It makes

sense to me to believe that some national organization is triggering these events.

Saying that Omaha has "both responsible Negroes and conspirators, Tiemann asserted that "Omaha, fortunately, has been spared thus far."

The Human Relations Board asked Executive Director Joe N Williams to attempt to secure : transcript of Tiemann's speech and an explanation from the chief executive.

Tiemann will be on a speech making tour in the East until after Monday

Defending the Governor's marks was Board Member Irene Mellor. Like Tiemann, Mrs. Mellor is a Republican. Last year Mrs. Mellor said that "militants were responsible for the rebellions

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Mortician ReElected

Grand Master of  
Masons of Nebr

J. Wendell Thomas, Omaha: mortician, has been re-elected as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Nebraska Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation

Thomas, 6004 No. 52nd St., was re-elected during the 49th annual communication of the group last week

Other officers re-elected included Henry McWilliams, 231 T St., Lincoln, Deputy Grand Master; James Manese, 2703 Sprague St., Senior Grand Warden; Walter Jones, 1818 No. 22nd St. Junior Grand Warden; J. C. Jewell, 3477 Manderson St., Grand Secretary; John Henry, 4110 No 19th St. Grand Treasurer; and Wright Robinson, 2741 So. 39th St., Lincoln, Grand Auditor.

The Grand Master, a member of J. D. Kelly Consistory No. 27 Valley of Omaha, said he would name appointive officers soon. Last year Thomas was elevated to the 33rd degree Scottish Rite-Mason. A Past Master he has

been a Blue house member for 45 years where he has served Lebanon Lodge No. 3 in various offices; member of Shrine Zaha Temple No. 52, A.E.A.O.N M.S., Inc.; Past Grand Associate Patron of Amaranthus Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star; Right Worshipful Deput. Grand Master of the Nebraska Grand Lodge

President of the Thomas Funeral Home, Inc., he is a member of St. John AME. Church, where he served as treasurer for five years; former chairman of the Board of Management for the Near North YMCA; life member of the NAACP; and active in various other civic organizations.

Father Markoe . . . Father of protest demonstrations

Mayor Sorensen

Makes Employment

Figures Available

Mayor A. V. Sorensen did an about face this week and made available statistics concerning placement figures through Project YES, the City Government Omaha Chamber of Commerce project for youth summer employment, by the branch employment office located at the Near Northside YMCA

Last week Sorensen said that no figures on the Project would be available until after Labor Day. He had earlier promised to secure figures after Project YES and Nebraska State Employment Service officials refused to make them available following the first week of its operation in June Sorensen said that since June 15, the NNSYMCA branch office had received 528 applications made 629 referrals and placed 19: persons, 131 with private industry and 61 with the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Foch Allen Dies

In New York City

Allen ... former STAR staffer

Word has been received here of the death two weeks ago in New York City of Foch Allen,

native Omahan who served a theatrical agent for some of the top music performances on the nation

Allen died suddenly of a heart attack on a park bench on Riverside Drive while talking to his brother, Odell, who was visiting him from Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services were held at the Duncan Bros. Parlors in New York City

Born in Omaha, Allen, 53, went to New York 24 years ago. As a theatrical agent, he had handled the business affairs of such name performers as Sister Rosetta Tharpe, bandleader Ralph Cooper and ex-boxing champ Sugar Ray Robinson

He also had served as public relations counsel for the I. Posner Inc., cosmetics firm. At the time of his death he was on the payroll of Haryou-ACT, the Harlem Anti-Poverty agency.

Allen has served on the staff of the Omaha STAR and was co-founder of the Omaha Negro Chamber of Commerce. During World War II, he opened up many jobs throughout Nebraska for Negroes.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Sharon Allen, and two-year-old daughter, Michelle of New York City; brothers Odell and Malcolm of Los Angeles, and Jack of Chicago.

Omaha relatives include uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Allen; and Cousins Mae Panky, Lillian Pitts, Joe Allen, Mattie Walker and Mrs. Paul Barnett.

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The struggle for racial and equal justice lost its most ardent and staunchest advocate and fighter this week.

Death came early Wednesday evening to the Rev. John P. Markoe, S. J., a retired Creighton University teacher and revered activist in the battle for social justice and interracial harmony. The 77-year old gentle priest had entered a local hospital Monday for

treatment of a chronic heart ailment

Funeral services for the nationally known beloved Jesuit who earlier this year marked his fiftieth year as a priest, will be held Saturday morning, July 29th 9:30, at St. John's Catholic Church 25th and California Sts. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. John E. Johnson and Son Mortuary is in charge

Long before it became fashionable, Father Markoe, who served as leader of a Negro cavalry unit on the Mexican border following his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1914 was active in striving to better the plight of the Negro and in battling what he termed "the sin of racism"

The white-haired priest was known as "the Father of discrimination protest demonstrations." Founder of the DePorres Club Father Markoe initiated in Omaha as early as 1947 the use of demonstrations, sit-ins, economic boycott and picketing as means of dramatizing racial injustice and segregation

Father Markoe came to Omaha in 1946 after being kicked out of St. Louis, where he had made himself thoroughly unpopular with the Jesuit superiors because of his efforts to have St. Louis University integrated

One year after he came to Omaha he founded the DePorres Club at Creighton, The group later got thrown off the campus as a disgrace to the University.

During Father Markoe's tenure the DePorres Club led movements protesting racial discrimination in the upgrading and assignment of school teachers; in cafes, restaurants and skating rinks; in hiring practices of the transit firm, a local drink company and a neighborhood ice cream parlor and in police treatment

A graduate of Army, Father Markoe attended West Point during the same period as did former

President Dwight Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley  
Recently, Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh, N. C., recalled that his own last meeting with Father Markoe occurred at a White House conference when the Jesuit had a special private meeting with Eisenhower.

"I thought at the time", Bishop Waters declared, "how much more of a permanent nature Father Markoe's work had been than that of the General and President of the United States."

Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, said two years ago that "through Father Markoe's continuing dedication to the ideals of brotherhood and equality, he has made a most significant contribution to the cause of human rights.

National Urban League Executive Director Whitney Young who worked with the priest while Urban League executive in Omaha from 1950 to 1954, has called Father Markoe "a person whom I admire greatly

During a Jubilee Testimonial Dinner honoring Father earlier this year, Bishop Harold R. Perry, America's only Catholic prelate, hailed the priest as "the leader. the crusader .. the achiever regarding the spread of that simple yet transcendent doctrine of the God-given dignity of each individual human being."

Father Markoe, the prelate noted, didn't push people forward from a personally safe position of seclusion. Rather, he added, Father Markoe strove "majestically forward, perhaps a little flamboyantly, perhaps a little carelessly, but certainly and determined, moving out into the forefront, out ahead of the pack, resolute, unafraid, unselfish."

One of the most moving tributes ever paid Father Markoe came during a banquet in 1965 honoring the priest. Raymond Metoyer's tribute declared "We are assembled here to pay

tribute to Father John Markoe,  
Friend.—Brother.—Priest.

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In 1949 Phi Sigma Delta, a na-  
tional Jewish fraternity, voted in  
New York not to bar member.  
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