

Koch says leaders will plead for peace

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NEW YORK — Mayor Edward I. Koch says religious leaders will meet at City Hall this week to make a plea for "racial and religious harmony" in the wake of recent bias-related assaults.

He said the gathering will include high-ranking Christian and Jewish leaders as well as those from individual parishes or congregations.

Koch said they will discuss recent racial incidents, such as the beating that led to the death of a black man in Howard Beach last Dec. 20 and what can be done to eliminate racism of all kinds.

"We are all horrified," the mayor said.

He made the announcement of the meeting at a City Hall ceremony last week at which

trophies were given to nine New York City public school students who were chosen as winners in a poetry contest on the subject of "racial and ethnic harmony."

One of the youngsters, Michael Wells, 10, recited in part, "The people of the world are like the colors of the rainbow. The colors work together to make a beautiful sight!"

Koch told the students, their teachers, parents and principals that "the most recent incidents (of racism) are not new, they are simply the latest events, not just in the city, but the country at large. We have to recognize that, regrettably, racism is too alive and too well."

He added, "I can say that without blaming anybody, we have all failed, whether it be in the schools, in the homes or into

churches or into synagogues. We have all failed. Or in government, if this exists."

The New York Times published a poll last week in which about a third of the 900 city residents questioned said that many or almost all blacks and whites in the city dislike each other, and that a racial attack like the one in Howard Beach could have happened in their own neighborhoods.

Respondents to the telephone survey were about evenly split on Koch's handling of the case, with 39 percent approving and 36 percent disapproving, the newspaper reported.

Koch commented that the poll showed he still had a "hard core" of support for his efforts to ease tensions.

Area Deaths and Funerals

RUBY C. SHULER

Ruby C. Shuler, 44, of 705 N. Cameron Ave. died Saturday, Jan. 3, in Winston-Salem. She was a native of Monroe County and had lived in Winston-Salem for 27 years.

Mrs. Shuler was a member of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. She is survived by three sisters, Cora Frazier of the home, Laura Huff and Alice Duncan, both of Monroe; six nieces, Annie B. Crawford, Suevary C. Gary, Tamika A. Gentry, Shanya Frazier, Kimberly Frazier, all of Winston-Salem, and Dora A. Crawford of Monroe; a nephew, George M. Crawford of Monroe; a brother-in-law, Cleveland C. Frazier of the home; a friend, Dorothy McLaurin of Winston-Salem; many cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Johnson's-Howard-Robinson Home of Memory Chapel, with the Rev. Williams officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Johnson's-Howard-Robinson Home of Memory was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

ROY R. JACKSON

Roy R. Jackson, 70, of 4134 Rosa St. died Monday, Jan. 5, in Winston-Salem. He was a native of Winston-Salem and attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools.

Jackson was a member of Macedonia Holiness Church of God and a veteran of World War II. He is survived by a stepmother, Leona Jackson of Winston-Salem; one sister, Gertrude Perry of Detroit; two brothers, Isaiah Jackson of Indianapolis, Md., and Floyd Jackson of Winston-Salem; one son, Alvis Jackson of Winston-Salem; one daughter, Carolyn Hazel of Winston-Salem; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, in Johnson's-Howard-Robinson Home of Memory, with the Rev. J.R. Bridges officiating. Burial followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Johnson's-Howard-Robinson Home of Memory was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

WALTER RAY SR.

Walter Ray Sr., 77, of 2626 Peachtree St. died Tuesday, Jan. 6, in Winston-Salem. He was a native of Cumberland County and had lived in Winston-Salem since 1951. He was a member of St. John Baptist Church.

Ray was self-employed at the General Store. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Ray of the home; four daughters, Rosa Lee Stephens, Sarah Areatha Smith, Betty Jean Massey, all of Winston-Salem, and Annie Lois Frost of the home; three sons, Walter Ray Jr., William Ray and John Ray, all of Winston-Salem; two daughters-in-law, Clementine Ray and Lucy Ray, both of Winston-Salem; two sons-in-law, Charlie Frost of the home and Hayes Smith of Winston-Salem; one sister-in-law, Caroline Council of Fayetteville; many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, at St. John Baptist Church, with the Rev. W.M. Adams officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Johnson's-Howard-Robinson Home of Memory was in charge of the funeral arrangements.


JUANITA COVINGTON SIMMONS

Evangelist Juanita Covington Simmons of 436 W. 25th St. died Thursday, Jan. 8, at her home.


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