A FOUL CRIME

The monster or monsters responsible for the murder of four Negro children in the bombing of a Birmingham church will hopefully be brought to justice.

Regardless of these consequences, this barbaric deed has startled all Americans into the realization of what can happen when prejudice and ruthless agitation are unchecked.

We Jews are particularly understanding of the meaning of this deed. A few years ago we experienced bombings of synagogues and centers. Millions of Jews, men, women and children, have fallen victims in our lifetime to insane murderers.

Violence must end. It is time for the responsible leaders of all groups to call an end to defiance of law, to harangues and incitement. The time has come when the conference table not the street, must again become the place where grievances are aired and remedied.

In this crisis, we have seen a capable and restrained Negro leadership that abhors violence. Moderates of both sides must cease to be a dirty word.

Our hearts go out to the innocent victims of this outrage and to their families. They will not have died in vain if the shocked conscience of all Americans will lead to the conviction that all our citizens must enjoy equal rights and opportunities in our democratic society. Only this will bring peace to our troubled land.

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