



ASC HISTORY

Part 3, The Twentieth Century

Holly Hendricks

2013, 2015, 2017, 2021



20th Century Senior Ministers

1900-1926	Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham
1927-1936	Rev. Samuel Atkins Eliot
1936-1959	Rev. Dana McLean Greeley
1959-1969	Rev. Jack Mendelsohn
1970-1974	Rev. Mwalimu Imara
1974-1976	<i>Ministry by the members</i>
1976-1987	Rev. Victor Carpenter Rev. Farley Wheelwright (interim)
1989-present	Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie



1900-1926



c. 1900







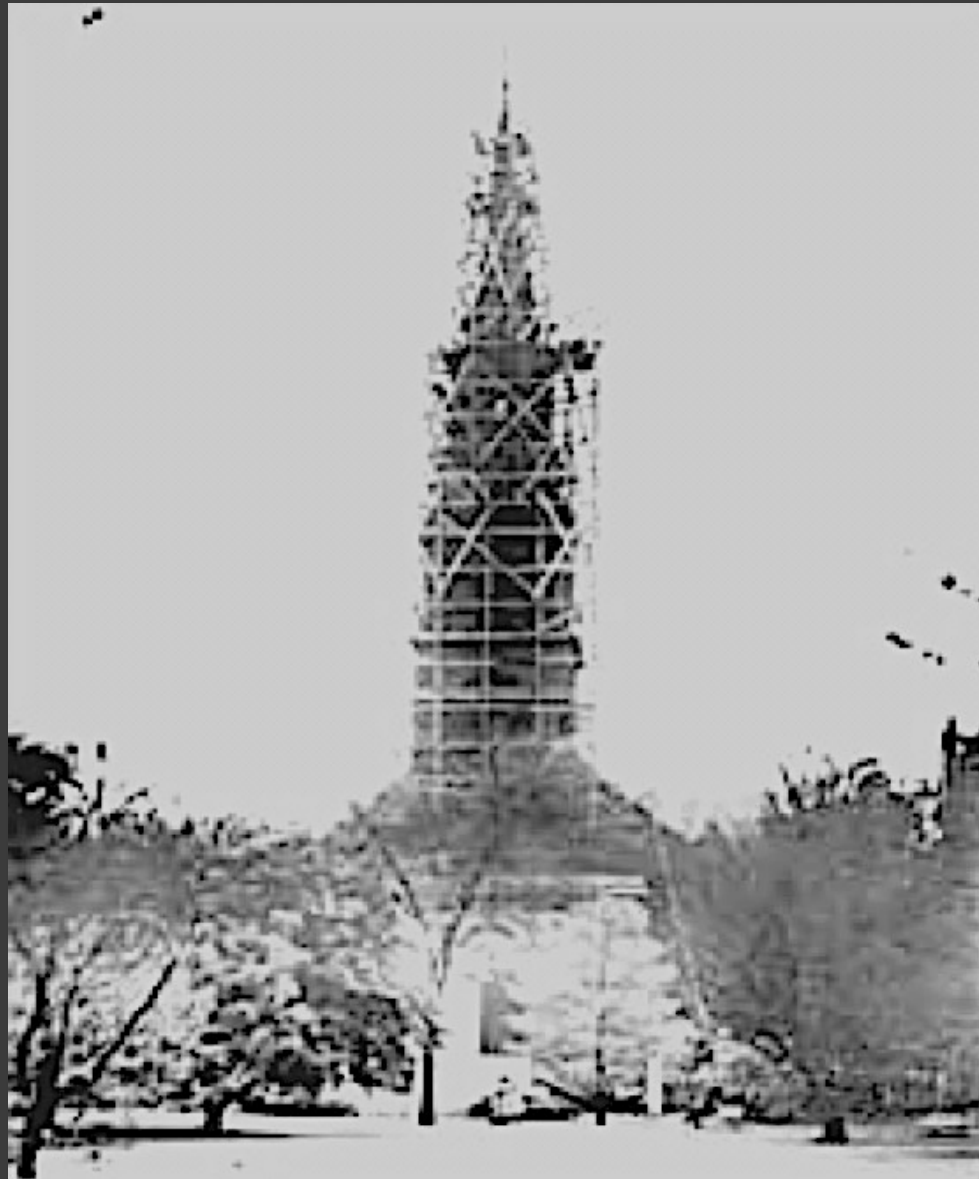
1903



Interior until 1911



1898-1929 Tiffany Windows installed



1911 Renovation

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, BOSTON

Arlington Street Church

UNITARIAN

CORNER ARLINGTON AND BOYLSTON STREETS
BOSTON, MASS.



FOUNDED 1739 BY SCOTCH PRESBYTERIANS. FIRST MEETING HOUSE ON LONG LANE AND BERRY STREET. BECAME UNITARIAN IN 1819 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CHANNING, THEN ITS MINISTER. PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING DATES FROM 1860

OPEN DAILY FROM 9 A.M. UNTIL 4 P.M.

Minister

REV. PAUL REVERE FROTHINGHAM, D.D.
294 BEACON STREET

Parish Assistant

MISS HARRIET E. JOHNSON
32 CHESTNUT STREET. TEL. HAY. 678

Calendar, April, 1917

Calendar for the Month

Sunday, April 1

- 11 A.M. Morning Service. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: "Fling wide the gates"—Stainer.
"All ye who weep"—Gounod.
- 12.15 P.M. Confirmation Service.
- 4 P.M. Vespers. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, of the Church of the Disciples, will preach.
Anthems: Those sung in the morning and "Come unto Him"—from "The Messiah"—Handel. (Soprano solo.)
"Jerusalem"—Parker.
- 9.45 A.M. Church School. Lesson subject: Jesus, the Christ. Palm Sunday.

Sunday, April 8

- 11 A.M. Easter Service and Communion. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: "Alleluia"—from "Christus"—Liszt.
"This is the day which the Lord hath made"—Smolenski.
"The promise which was made unto the fathers"—Bairstow.
"Easter song"—Old Netherland Hymn—Kremser-Pflueger.
- 4 P.M. Easter Vespers. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: Those sung in the morning.
- 9.30 A.M. Church School. Easter Service, with address by Mr. Frothingham.

Sunday, April 15

- 11 A.M. Morning Service. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee"—Stainer.
"O Lord most holy"—Bruckner.
- 4 P.M. Vespers. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: Those sung in the morning and "With verdure clad"—from "The Creation"—Haydn. (Soprano solo.)
"Holy Father"—Gounod.
- 9.45 A.M. Church School. Lesson subject: Louis Agassiz.

Sunday, April 22

- 11 A.M. Morning Service. Rev. Frederick R. Griffin, of Montreal, will preach.
Anthems: "Remember Thy tender mercies"—Mozart.
"O praise the name of the Lord"—Tschaikowsky.
- 4 P.M. Vespers. Rev. Frederick R. Griffin will preach.
Anthems: Those sung in the morning and "In native worth"—from "The Creation"—Haydn. (Tenor solo.)
"Holloest, breathe an evening blessing"—Martin.
- 9.45 A.M. Church School. Lesson subject: The Pentecost—A Vision of Inspiration.

Sunday, April 29

- 11 A.M. Morning Service. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: "Bow down Thine ear"—Mendelssohn.
"The eternal God is our refuge"—West.
- 4 P.M. Vespers. The Minister will preach.
Anthems: Those sung in the morning and "I will wash my hands in innocency"—Culley.
"Thee will I love"—Kremser.
- 9.45 A.M. Church School. Review of the year's lessons, "God in Man." Reports.

Final organ recital on Wednesday, April 4, at 5 P.M.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES FOR THE UNITARIANS OF BOSTON, AT KING'S CHAPEL
April 2-6, at 5 P.M.

Monday, Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell Wednesday, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot
Tuesday, Rev. Charles E. Park Thursday, Rev. P. R. Frothingham, D.D.
Friday, Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany

April 1917



Early 1920s?



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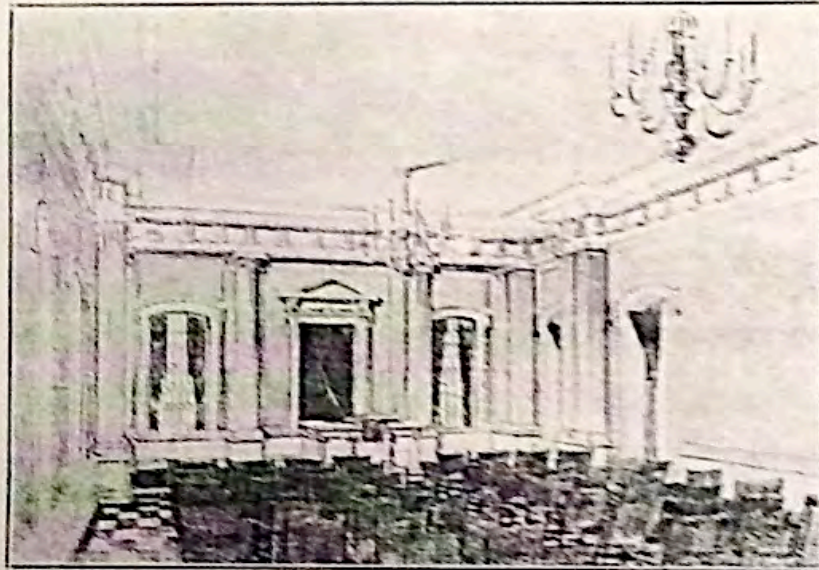
Frothingham memorial



1927-1936

Rev. Samuel Atkins Eliot

Arlington Street Church Developments



The New Chapel

First Step in a Series of Improvements in Observance of the Bi-Centennial of the Church's Organization

A ROOM in the parish house of Arlington Street Church, Boston, just in the rear of the church edifice, has been remodelled into a beautiful modern chapel. The entrance is on Beacon street, and the design of the chapel corresponds to the style and coloring of the fine old church auditorium. It is a beautiful room in the classic style, with white columns and cream-colored walls and furnished with cathedral chairs.

The pews in the rear part of the mahogany suite, which originally stood in the Federal Street Church and from which Rev. William Ellery Channing, D.D., preached during his pastorate. A number of special memorial gifts have been made for the new chapel. The entrance doors are given in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Ford; the windows commemorate Mrs. Corvada Washburn Weeks; the pulpit chairs are

given in honor of Mr. David H. Coolidge; the brass books in memory of Mr. George Harrison Mifflin, and the chandeliers in honor of Mrs. Charles G. Loring. The organ has been contributed by a number of friends, and it will serve not only the chapel but also as an echo organ for the main church.

This improvement is part of a larger plan for the development of parish house facilities. Contracts have been let for other improvements which will provide a large assembly hall, with dining room and kitchen facilities. The parish has undertaken these improvements as a part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the organization of the church. These improvements were begun in 1927, and it is hoped that all the new facilities will be ready for the observance of that year. The architects are Kilham, Hopkins & Greeley, and the contractor the E. A. Adams Company.

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Arlington Street Church

SAMUEL A. ELIOT, D.D.

Minister



Easter Sunday

April 21, 1935

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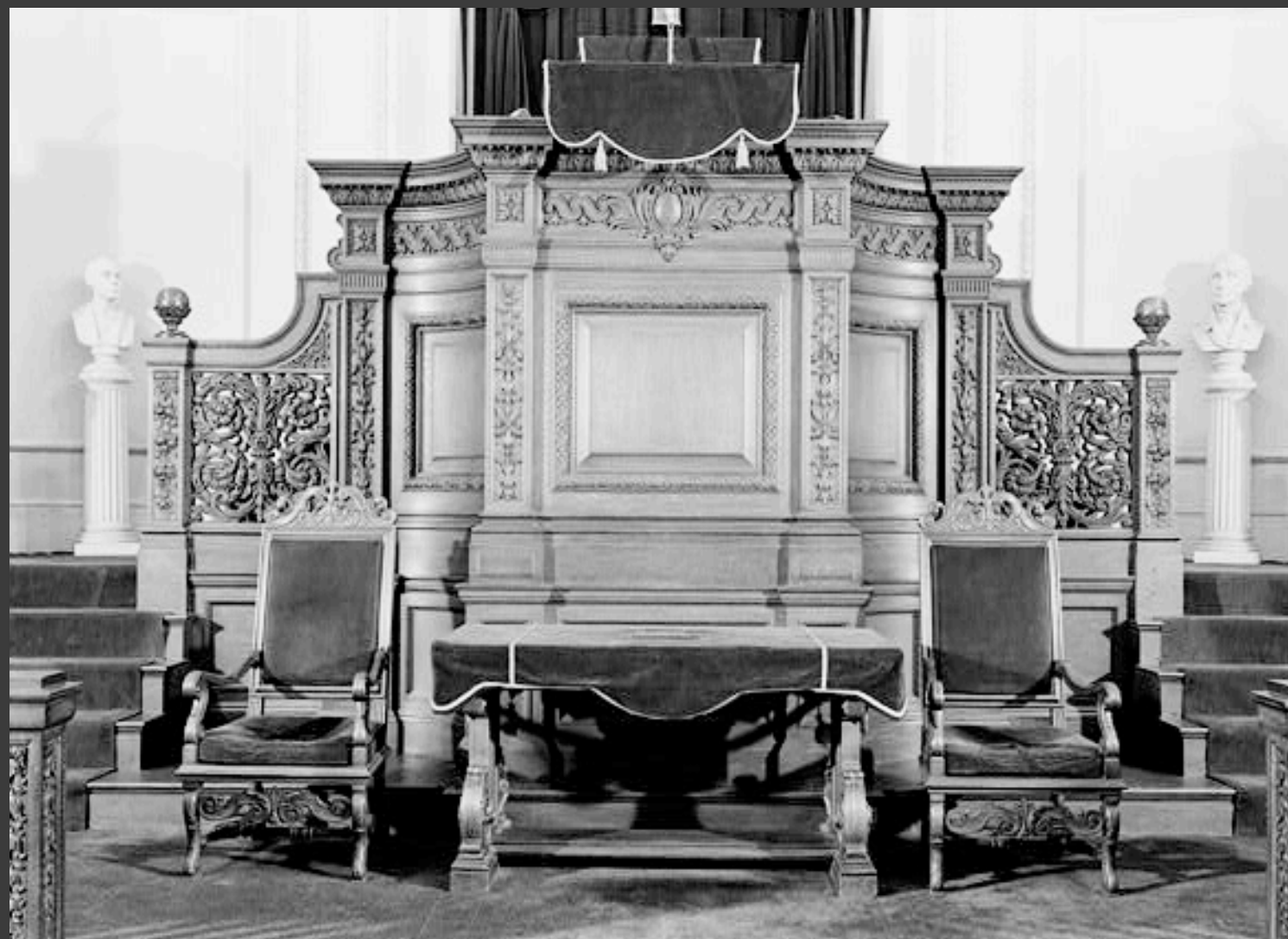


1936-1959

Rev. Dr. Dana McLean Greeley



ASC until c. 1960



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1954

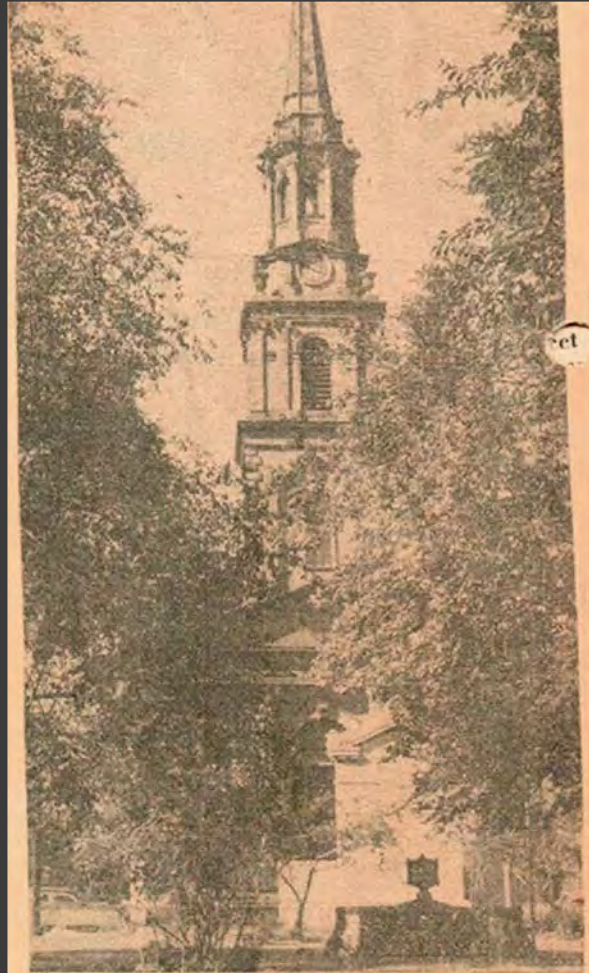
THE BOSTON HERALD,



ROADBLOCK ON ARLINGTON STREET in front of the famous Arlington Street Church occurred when a huge tree and traffic light were smashed to the ground

at the height of the hurricane. The whole Arlington-Boylston intersection was littered with debris blocking all traffic.

1954



Lyman Fisher, Staff Photographer

Hurricane Topples Weathervane

Gale winds, whipped through Boston by Hurricane Edna, took their toll of the 500-pound, 15-foot high, iron weathervane atop the Arlington Street Church, at the corner of Arlington and Boylston Streets. Its fall to the street nicked several steps and completely twisted the wind-direction arrows.

Sept. 13, 1954

Monitor

A TALL STORY, BUT A TRUE ONE

HURRICANE EDNA ¹⁹⁵⁴ toppled our weathervane from its perch on Saturday, September 11. Several days later this wonderful picture in the *Boston Globe* of steeplejack James Corey surveying the damage brought us wide publicity — and problems. In falling, the vane loosened the top three courses of stone. A study of the situation by a competent engineer, Gilbert Small, and steeplejack Corey, revealed that a new vane would have to be made and the top stones put back in place. Further examination showed the weather had rotted the surface of the sandstone on the steeple, causing dangerous flakes. A complete scaling and application of waterproof coating have eliminated this hazard.

Originally it was planned to re-decorate the four clock faces this coming spring. When it was learned that the cost could be cut substantially if we took advantage of the present staging used for other steeple repairs, the steeplejacks were commissioned to gold leaf and paint the clocks now.

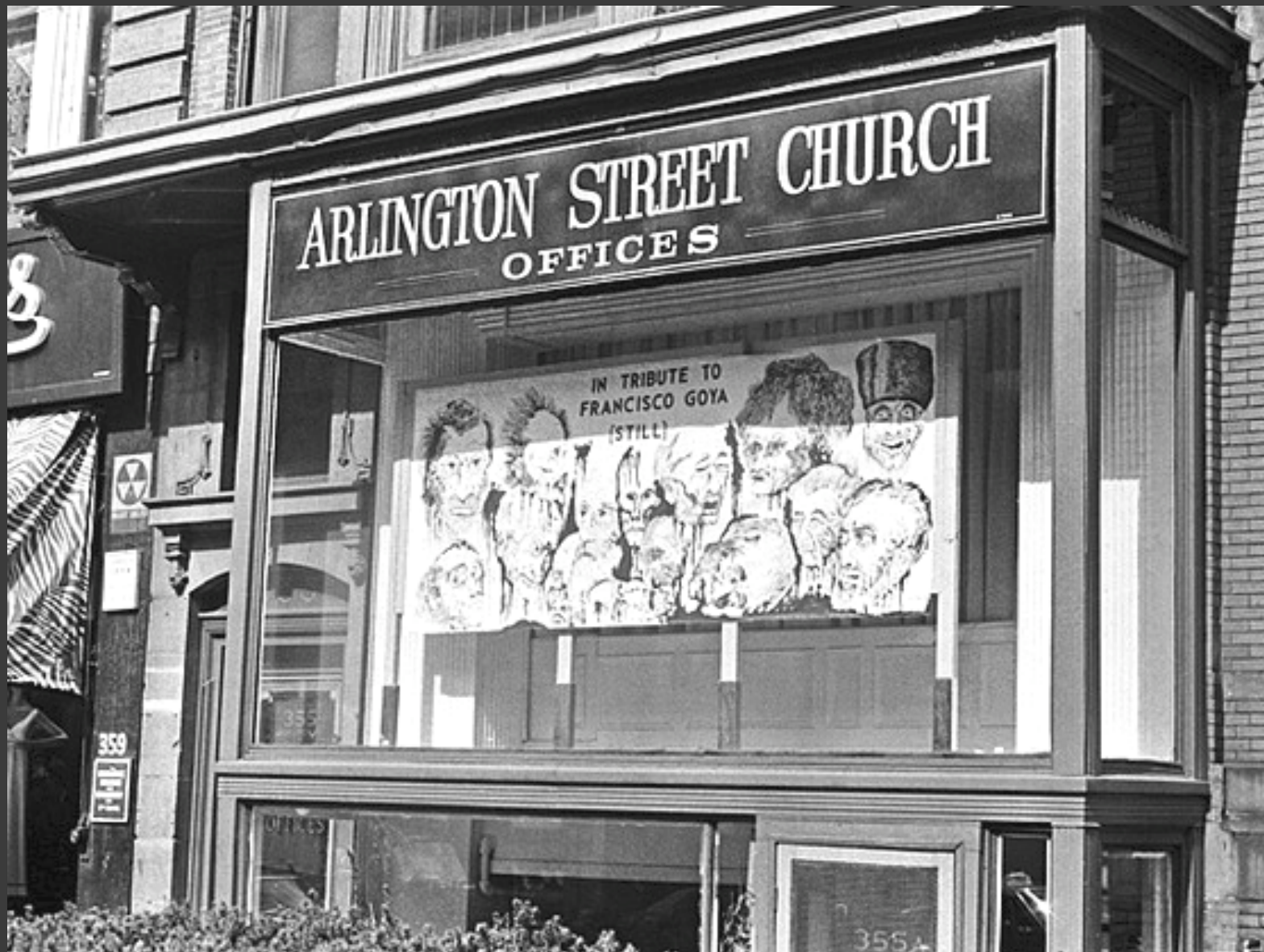
Today, the new weathervane designed by William Roger Greeley is now in place and handsomely covered with gold leaf.

The work was completed last week. We are proud of our "new look" and, although we face the heavy cost of this restoration, we are grateful that it was not more serious.





1953



Parish Café Building owned by ASC mid 1940s-1986

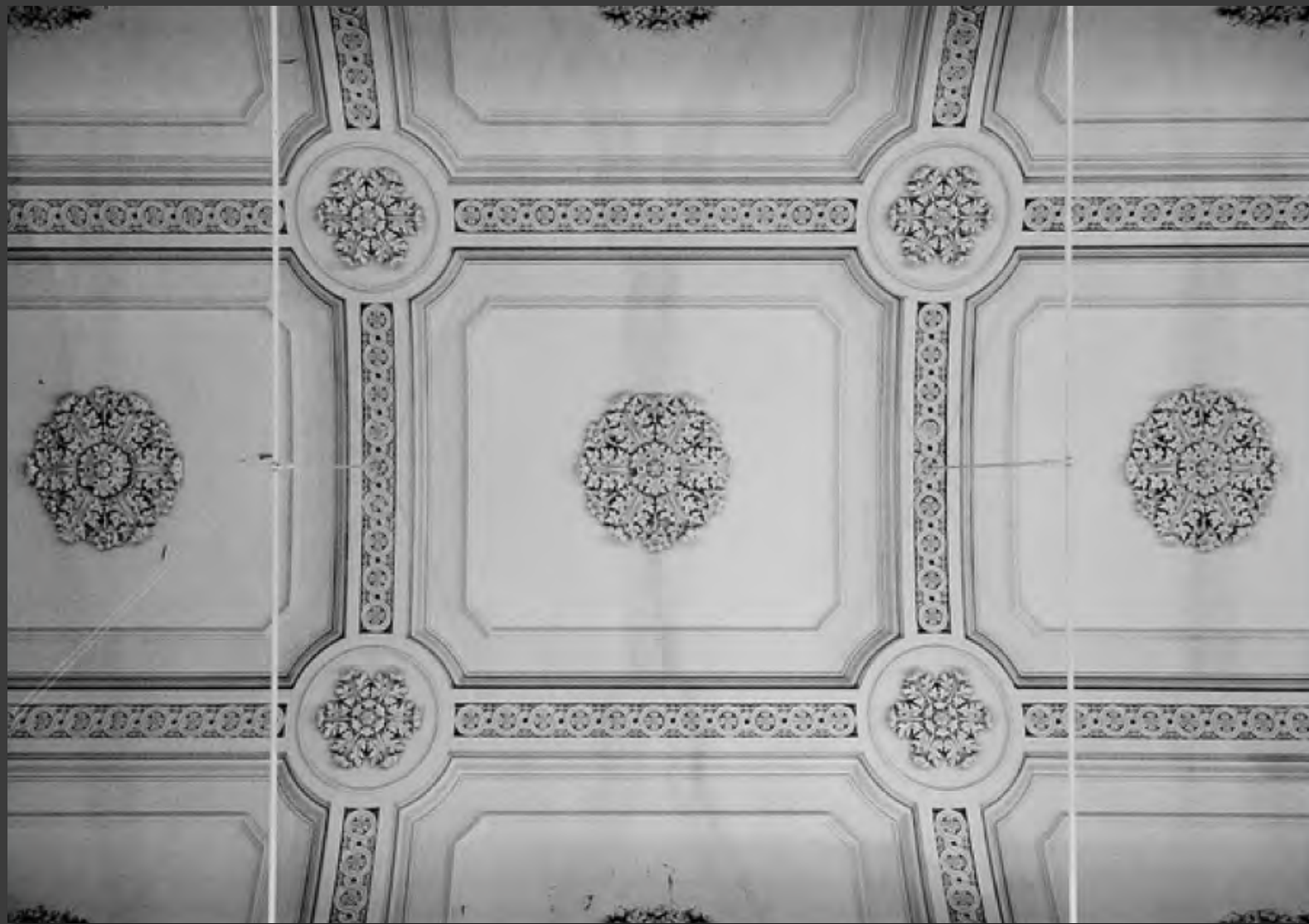


1950s





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Musical Theatre



Arlington Street Church Inducts Mr. Mendelsohn

The Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, a Cambridge native and graduate of Boston and Harvard universities, was installed yesterday as the 13th minister of the Arlington Street Unitarian Church.

Mr. Mendelsohn, who most recently was minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis, succeeds the Rev. Dr. Dana McLean Greeley.

Dr. Greeley resigned from his post last year to accept the presidency of the American Unitarian Association. He held the Arlington Street ministry for 23 years.

The church, organized in 1729 and has numbered among its clergy the Revolutionary War hero Jeremy Belknap, famed writer Ezra Stiles Gannett, and Samuel Atkins Eliot, former president of the American Unitarian Association.

NEW MINISTER INSTALLED—The Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, third from right, is congratulated on installation as minister of historic Arlington Street Unitarian Church. Left to right, the Rev. Dr. Harold Case, president of Boston University; the Rev. Dr. John Nicholls Booth of the Second Church in Boston; Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, the Rev. Dr. Dana McLean Greeley, president of the American Unitarian Association, and the Rev. Dr. Ernest W. Kuebler, president of the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom.

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NAACP'S GUNCOFF
"The white man is afraid."



DR. MENDELSON
"Our role is undefined."



PUBLISHER MILLER
"The whites said when."

Black Power Comes To Boston

The civil rights movement has taken a new turn--- with Negro leaders at the helm. Its aim: To make Roxbury a self-contained community.

By TOM BRYMAN
The Rev. Jesse Jackson, 34, president of the Black Caucus, 1200 South St., Boston, is seen here with other leaders of the Black Caucus.

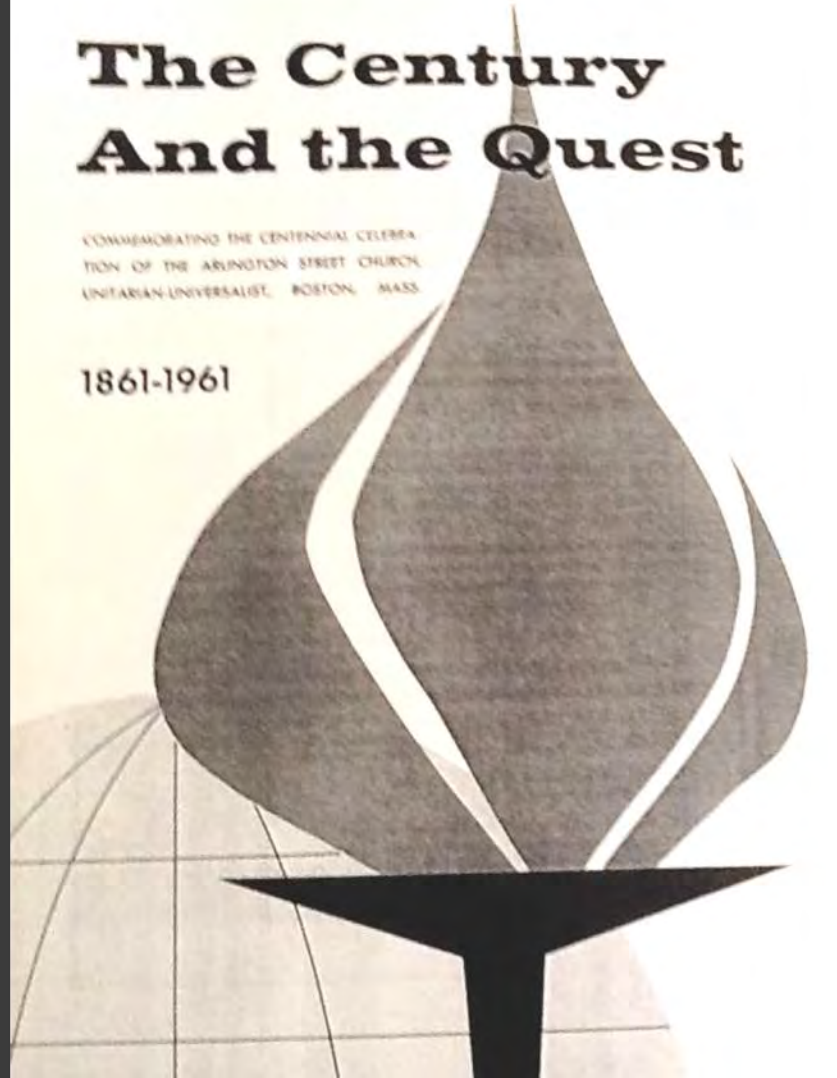
... for the Negro community ...
The goal of the civil rights movement is to bring about a self-contained community in Roxbury.

"We are the ones who have been white men, and we have a great deal of power. The big thing is to get back to the roots. It's a mistake to say we are going to be white men. We are going to be black men. We should be proud of that."

The Century And the Quest

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST, BOSTON, MASS.

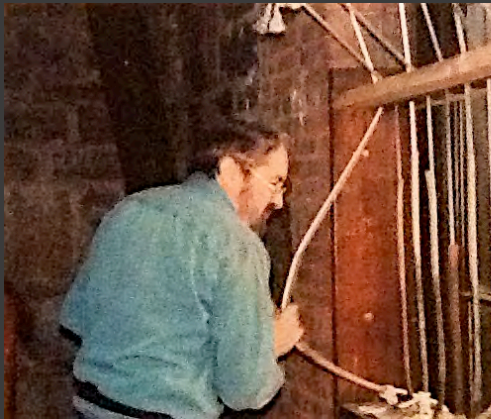
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Herald
Dec 9, 1961

100th Anniversary of Arlington Street

Church Bells Will Play Old Hymns

Arlington Street Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its famed Back Bay structure tomorrow with two special commemorative sermons and the playing of old hymns on the church bells.

At 11 a.m. the steeple bells will peel out the old hymns "Federal Street" and "Arlington," just as they did 100 years ago at the dedication of the new building, marking the congregation's move from the Bulfinch meeting house on Federal street to then newly-reclaimed land at Arlington and Boylston streets.

The 11 a.m. service will feature a dialogue sermon by the Rev. Jack Mendelsohn and the Rev. Dr. Dana McLean Greeley, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association and a former minister of the church. Portions of the readings will be taken from Dr. Ezra Stiles Gannett's dedication sermon of 100 years ago.

At 8 p.m. members of the church will present a dramatic portrayal of the congregation's past, present and future entitled "The Century and the Quest."

Church Structure Tomorrow

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Centennial Bells to Ring

By a Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

The bells of the Arlington Street Church will ring out this Sunday to celebrate the Back Bay church's centennial anniversary of its dedication.

On Dec. 11, 1861, these same bells were heard for the first time in the newly reclaimed Back Bay. The Arlington Street Church then became the first public building built in the new area. The congregation had moved from the Bulfinch meeting house on Federal Street.

The centennial celebration will include two services on Sunday, Dec. 10. At an 11 a.m. service the Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, minister of the church, and Dr. Dana McLean Greeley, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will deliver a dialogue sermon.

The evening program, beginning at 8, will include a dramatized portrayal of the history of the 237-year-old congregation.

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Sept 13, 19

Arlington Street Begins 100th Year





1962



1962



\$165,000 Face Lift For 100-Yr. Church At Arlington St.

The 100-year-old brownstone Arlington Street Church is getting an anniversary rubdown.

Scaffolding now surrounds its steeple to the peak and workmen are beginning a \$165,000 rejuvenation of the building at Arlington and Boylston sts., opposite the Public Garden.

"Restoration of this historic building," said G. Robert Hohler, chairman of the church's Prudential Committee, "will include complete cleaning, repair, repointing and weatherproofing of the brownstone walls and steeple."

He said he expects the work to be completed by Thanksgiving.

Arlington Street Church, the first public building in the Back Bay, was dedicated Dec. 11, 1861, by Dr. Ezra Stiles Gannett, the minister. The parish had moved from Federal Street Church where William Ellery Channing served 39 years as minister.

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Face Lifted



CHURCH'S NEW LOOK—The 100-year-old Arlington Street Church is getting a new look as workmen begin a \$165,000 rejuvenating job on the Back Bay edifice. Scaffolding surrounds the steeple as they begin job of repointing and weatherproofing it. Exterior work is expected to be completed before Thanksgiving.

RECORD AMERICAN
NOV. 16, 1962



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INSURANCE RETURNED TO BOSTON CHURCH *Sandy*

Boston's Arlington Street Church has now secured basic insurance on its \$1.4 million church and offices. The insurance, carried with the same agent for 68 years, was cancelled during the sanctuary of two young draft resisters in May. The church was given ten days notice by the insurers with no explanation of the reasons for cancellation. The insurers, American Employers Insurance Company and three co-insurers, were unwilling to be approached by the church and permitted no discussion of the reasons for cancellation or possible alternative insurance. The church's governing board, the Prudential Committee, and its ministers felt cancellation was an effort to coerce the church in its religious policies.

Following the cancellation of the insurance, the church made three simultaneous efforts to protect itself: (1) to find adequate insurance (2) to determine the reasons for cancellation (3) to provide adequate protection for its buildings and equipment.

Insurance for the church became available under a recently passed Massachusetts law requiring a special high risk pool. A half-million dollar policy has been secured under the provisions of this law. With the first third of the risk taken, the church expects to secure the additional insurance it needs.

A night watch was instituted to provide for the security of the building. The night watch by church members led to the church's involvement with the thousands of young people who thronged Boston during the summer nights. Because the church was open 24 hours a day, a ministry of involvement in problems of the alienated young developed. From this night watch grew a program of housing for young people in the church summer counseling drop coun-

was the first application under the new Massachusetts law.

"We probably made a mistake in not going to court immediately following the cancellation of the insurance. It is my feeling that the insurance companies would have folded if we had done so. But on the other hand, we might not have had our night watch and ministry to young people if this had been the case. Thus, does good come of evil", said Dr. Jack Mendelsohn, Minister of the Church.

In addition to these efforts, the church has installed the newest in automatic fire protection equipment throughout its buildings. This and other protective measures, such as possible repairs to certain parts of the building and installation of new fire doors, will make the rate of the insurance somewhat lower than the rate before cancellation.

W. Edward Harris, Associate Minister

'As If Nothing Happened'

Cleric Charges City Leaders Fail Their Duty to Negroes

The Rev. Dr. Jack Mendelsohn, minister of Arlington Street Church, yesterday charged that Mayor Collins, the School Committee, and other city leaders are failing their responsibility to meet the educational demands of the community's Negroes.

In a sermon to his congregation, he contended that these officials "go about their affairs as if nothing is happening."

Most Bostonians, he said, "are panicked by the Negroes' efforts in Boston to break out of his ghetto neighborhood.

"... Many white liberals are childishly sulking in their tents of righteousness because Negroes insist on leading their own fight for a better life, rather than riding on the coattails of white benefactors."

Dr. Mendelsohn stressed that "the picture is not only tragic, it is absurd. Boston enjoys basically favorable conditions for acknowledging its racial shortcomings and developing a many-sided program for dealing with them.

"It is a terrible thing to face the truth of one's spiritual corruption, but an aroused Negro community is at last forcing us to face the truth. Our day of reckoning has come and things are likely to get worse before they get better," he said.

Selma Timeline 1965

[1963 SNCC voter registration efforts; SCLC gets involved in late 1964]

Early January	King and associates plan Selma campaign
February 17-26	Jimmie Lee Jackson shot and dies (catalyst for March to Montgomery)
March 7	Bloody Sunday (First march)
March 9	Ministers' march (Second march)
March 9-11	James Reeb beaten and dies
March 15	Johnson addresses Congress
March 21-25	March to Birmingham (Third march)
March 25	Viola Liuzzo shot and dies
August 6	Congress passes Voting Rights Act of 1965

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**A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST FROM BOSTON IS
BEATEN AND LEFT TO DIE ON AN ALABAMA
SIDEWALK. HALF A CENTURY LATER,
QUESTIONS STILL SURROUND THIS
MURDER THAT CHANGED A NATION.**

By **SCOTT HELMAN**

File Direct Slay Charge On Duval

County Attorney W. H. T. Leitchback today filed a direct information in District Court charging a Midwest desperado with first-degree murder.

The charge against Ernest Mack Duval was announced in Justice Court Wednesday. Duval is accused of the death last Dec. 11 of another Midwest area slayer, Irvie C. Corley.

Duval was found sitting in a pickup truck late Dec. 10. The truck was stuck in a heavy pile of snow north of Madras. Corley's body was found lying behind the truck. He had been killed by a shot from a .38-caliber weapon.

Authorities said they found a .22-caliber pistol on the 17 x 24 inch Duval.

Duval is currently serving a 10-day jail sentence for driving while intoxicated and driving without a license.

Justice Attorney W. H. T. Leitchback said Wednesday all evidence concerned against Duval before Feb. 2, when he was formally charged with murder, was not admissible in the court.

Justice Leitchback said the evidence would not be allowed when Duval had an attorney told the time of his arrest so that he was allowed.

County Attorney Leitchback also asked for dismissal of the charge to the ground he had no case without the evidence he said he obtained before the formal charging date.

Leitchback said he planned to see the grand jury with Duval and other individuals and to file a Federal Bureau of Investigation for prosecuting and that he had a statement from Duval regarding the shooting.

"The grand jury will decide soon," Duval would have been in custody in 1948, he said.

Rev. Reeb Near Death



Seless, Ala. — AFTER ALL-NIGHT VIGIL: The Rev. Ralph Abernathy (center) is seen in a vigil, to address a crowd of Negroes and whites who staged an all-night "keep in" on a Selma street. The group vowed to continue sitting in the street until police allow their march to proceed — or until they are dispersed.—UPI Wirephoto.

Three Men Arrested In Beating

— BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—A white Boston motorist who received a severe beating Tuesday night in Selma injured near death in a Washington hospital today.

The condition of Ray James J. Reeb, 30, was listed as "seriously injured" with a "good prognosis" by officials at the University of Washington Hospital late Wednesday night.

At 7:30 a.m. EST, 10:30 a.m. EST, the hospital reported that Reeb's condition had been unchanged through the night. An automatic respirator was continuing to breathe for him.

The Rev. Reeb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Reeb, 20 South Washington in Capitol Hill, Birmingham. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in Casper in 1945, later became an ordained minister in the Christian church.

Mr. Reeb is 30 years old in Birmingham.

Reeb, along with the other white ministers—Dr. J. Edgar Miller of Birmingham, Mass., and Clark (Tom) of Berkeley, Calif. — was attacked by a group of about 100 — one of which carrying a club about 40 feet long — about four hours after taking part in a mass demonstration in Selma.

Police arrived about 10:30 p.m. at the scene of the beating. They were identified as William Stanley Huggins, 21, 815 S. Kelly St. and Ernest Ford, 41, 411 S. 10th St. North was also being sought.



AT ORDINATION: This is the photograph of the Rev. James J. Reeb which the Tribune ran at the time of his ordination here as a Presbyterian minister, back in 1952. The Rev. Reeb served as a student minister at Westwood Memorial Presbyterian church.

'Unsavoury' Bank Control Shifts Cited 200 in All-Night Vigil Stand Firm

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The "unsavoury" shifts in the Federal Reserve Bank's control of the money market and the Federal Reserve's control of the money market are cited as the reason for the 200 in an all-night vigil in Selma, Ala. today.

SELESS, Ala. (UPI)—About 200 Negro and white civil rights demonstrators gathered in the streets in Selma today for an all-night vigil against the Federal Reserve Bank's control of the money market.

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U.S. Bombers Hit Cong Again

BY DONALD E. BRIDGES (Special Contributor along the Atlantic in the New York Herald Tribune)

Rev. Reeb Dies from Savage Beating in Selma

Demonstrators Sob in Rain as Word of Reeb's Death Spreads

SELMA, Ala. (UPI)—Thousands of demonstrators wept in a rain of tears today as they learned that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had been beaten and killed in Selma, Ala. The news of the death of the Rev. King, who had been beaten and killed in Selma, Ala., was a devastating blow to the demonstrators who were gathered in Selma, Ala., for a demonstration in support of the Rev. King.

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Friends in Casper Stunned

The Casper office of United Methodist church was stunned today by the news that the Rev. James J. Reeb, former Casper minister, who was enroute to Selma, Ala., for a demonstration in support of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., had been beaten and killed in Selma, Ala. The news of the death of the Rev. Reeb was a devastating blow to his friends and family.

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Civil Rights Raised In Murder Case Here

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Skull Fracture Proves Fatal To Former Casper Minister

By AL BROWN
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Rev. James J. Reeb, a former Casper minister, died today from a skull fracture sustained in a savage beating in Selma, Ala. The Rev. Reeb was enroute to Selma, Ala., for a demonstration in support of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The news of the death of the Rev. Reeb was a devastating blow to his friends and family.

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Governor, Mayor, Head Memorial Fund for Reeb

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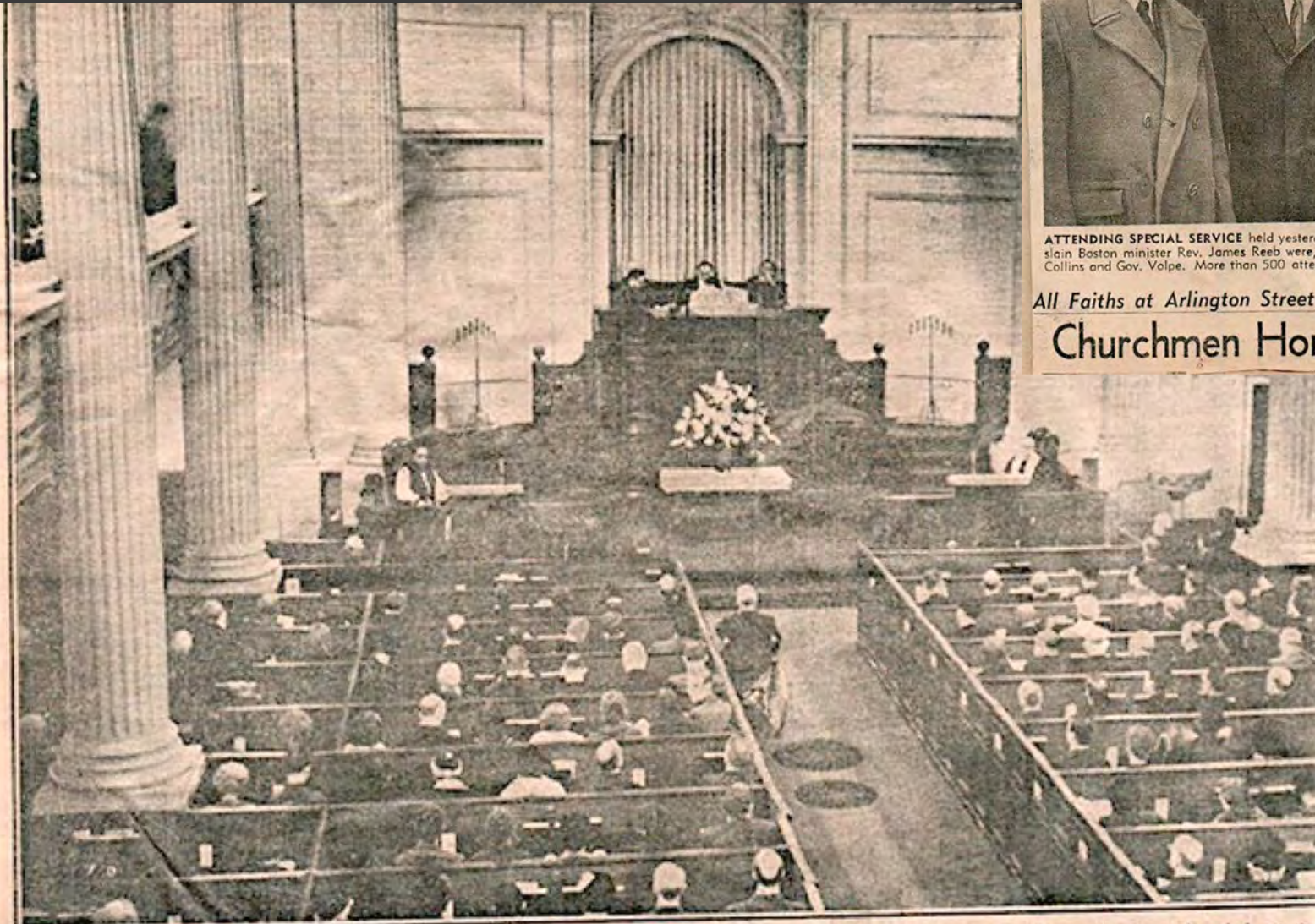
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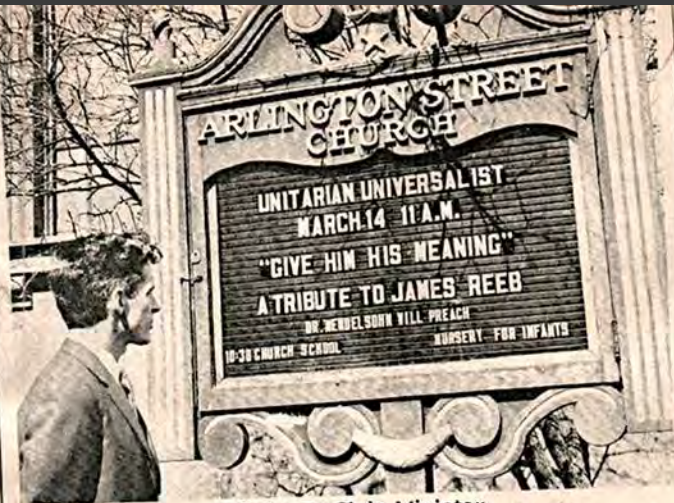
ATTENDING SPECIAL SERVICE held yesterday at Arlington Street Church for slain Boston minister Rev. James Reeb were, from left, Sen. ~~Saltonstall~~, Mayor Collins and Gov. Volpe. More than 500 attended the service.

All Faiths at Arlington Street Rites

Churchmen Honor Rev. Reeb

MEMORIAL FOR A MARTYR—Interior of Arlington Street Church during services for Rev. James J. Reeb, the Dor-

civil rights. Mayor Collins, sits in wheelchair in The church was thronged for the tribute. Cat-
test and Jewish clergymen took part in the se-



Tribute To Slain Minister

Ralph Conant reads marker on Arlington St. Church in Boston where a service in tribute to the Rev. James J. Reeb, slain in Selma, Ala., was held. The Rev. Reeb, a member of the congregation, had been on the staff of the American Friends Service Committee aiding low income families in Boston when he decided to go to Selma to help Negroes in their struggle for civil rights. (AP Wirephoto)

Selma Victim Man of Peace, Says Former Minister Here

"So peaceful — he could walk right into the lion's den," is how Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, former minister of Rockford's Church of the Christian Union, described Rev. James J. Reeb, a Unitarian-Universalist minister severely beaten while in Selma, Ala., to help the civil rights cause.

"The only trouble was, they didn't even bother to find out what sort of a person he was — they just moved up from behind and clubbed him," added the Rev. Mr. Mendelsohn, minister here from 1946 to 1954.

Since September, the Rev. Mr. Reeb, his wife, and their four children have been members of the Rev. Mr. Mendelsohn's present church, the Arlington Street Church, Boston, where the Rev. Mr. Reeb was brought to organize and head a new, experimental low-income housing program sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

"He's been very effective because he has absolutely no hostility. Although a man of convictions, he respects the other person," says the Rev. Mr. Mendelsohn.

For example, when the Rev. Mr. Reeb reported fire violations in tenement housing to the fire chief, and the chief said, "But what do you know about fire prevention?" The Rev. Mr. Reeb — instead of becoming angry, got one of the nation's foremost fire experts to investigate the area and prepare a written report, said the Rev. Mr. Mendelsohn.

The former Rockford minister, who has known the Rev. Mr. Reeb since 1959, has spent much time recently at the Reeb's home, in the Dorchester section where the Rev. Reeb works.

The Rev. Mr. Reeb has been concentrating on housing, educational and recreational problems, and has been working with white groups in Boston to get more understanding, according to the Rev. Mr. Mendelsohn.

Rev. Alan Deale, present minister of the Church of the Christian Union here, says he has never met the Rev. Mr. Reeb, but does know the two other ministers wounded in the civil rights struggle — the Rev. Orloff F. Miller, head of Student Religious Liberals, the national Unitarian-Universalist organization for college students, and the Rev. Clark Olsen, minister of the Unitarian-Universalist fellowship in Berkeley, Calif.

"Peaceful persons, quiet and thoughtful," is how he describes them.



family of the Rev. James Reeb pictured March 21, 1965. Left to right: Anne Elizabeth Reeb (age 5), Mrs. Reeb, Karen Ruth Reeb (age 6), John David Reeb (age 13).

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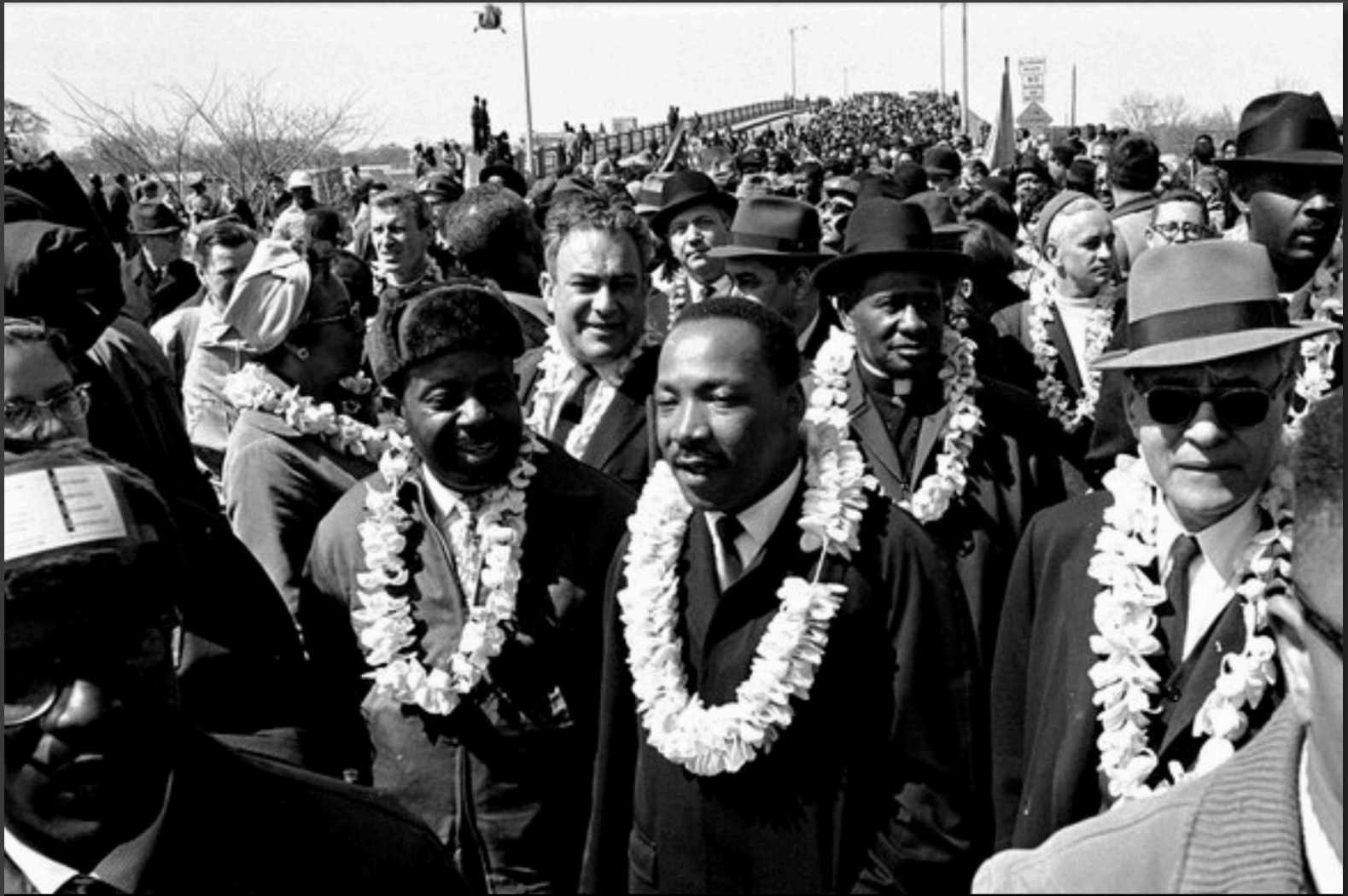


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Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. carries a wreath on March 15, 1965, in a march to the courthouse for memorial services for white Unitarian minister the Rev. James Reeb, who was killed by a white mob in Selma, Alabama. From left to right, front: His Eminence Iakobos, Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church; King; the Revs. Ralph Abernathy and Andrew Young. Back, left to right: Dr. Dana McLean Greeley, Boston, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of North America; Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers. (Photo: Anonymous/AP)

1965



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, on March 21, 1965, days after Bloody Sunday. (Photo: AP)

March 21, 1965 Third march to Birmingham

And if he should die, Take his body, and cut it into little stars.
He will make the face of heaven so fine That all the world will be in love with night.

King eulogy for James Reeb

THESE BEAUTIFUL WORDS from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet so eloquently describe the radiant life of James Reeb. He entered the stage of history just 38 years ago, and in the brief years that he was privileged to act on this mortal stage, he played his part exceedingly well. James Reeb was martyred in the Judeo-Christian faith that all men are brothers. His death was a result of a sensitive religious spirit. His crime was that he dared to live his faith; he placed himself alongside the disinherited black brethren of this community.

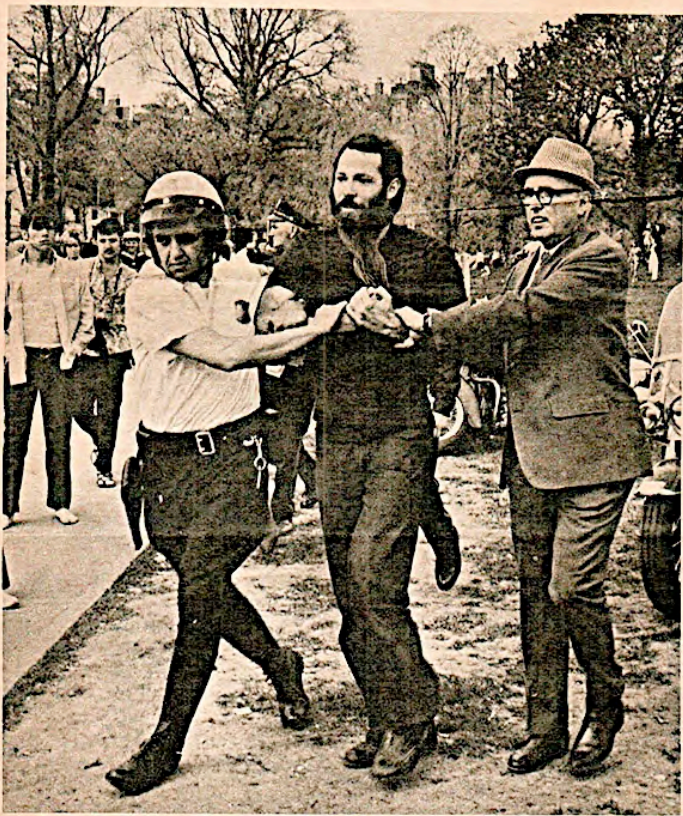
The world is aroused over the murder of James Reeb. For he symbolizes the forces of good will in our nation. He demonstrated the conscience of the nation. He was an attorney for the defense of the innocent in the court of world opinion. He was a witness to the truth that men of different races and classes might live, eat, and work together as brothers.

James Reeb could not be accused of being only concerned about justice for Negroes away from home. He and his family live in Roxbury, Massachusetts, a predominantly Negro community. [They] devoted their lives to aiding families in low-income housing areas. Again, we must ask the question: Why must good men die for doing good?

“O Jerusalem, why did you murder the prophets and persecute those who come to preach your salvation?” So the Reverend James Reeb has something to say to all of us in his death.

Whatever Happened To the Hippies?

By the Rev. WILLIAM E. ALBERTS, Ph.D.



On May 3 twenty-seven young people were arrested on the Boston Common and booked on charges ranging from walking on the grass to disturbing the peace.

The unofficial headquarters for those hippies who have braved Beantown is the Arlington Street Church. It's just around the corner from the Playboy Club, across the street from the Public Garden and in direct line of the fixed stare of William Ellery Channing's statue. "He preached with spiritual power and led a great advance toward Christian ideals," the inscription assures you, which stands in a pile of debris consisting mostly of busted wine bottles.

Inside the church you'll find the Rev. George Whitehouse, who probably doesn't enjoy being called the hippie padre, but is anyway. He runs the Damaged Angel Coffee House and in general tries to be helpful to the hippies.

"Things are slow this year," Whitehouse says, sounding rather sad. "Last summer we were jammed and the response of most of the churches and of agencies like the YMCA was to supply kids with food and clothes and create an atmosphere that made them feel at home. They weren't causing any trouble — or at least very little trouble."

"But the city was afraid and some rather well-known people pressured the police to use selective harassment to clean up the city."



At the "Damaged Angel," Arlington Street Church's Friday night coffee house for young and old, Abby Schwartz, folk guitarist, entertains for students.

Photos by Cathin Campbell

The Church With A Coffee House

... And that's only one of the services the Arlington-Street Church provides for its congregation in meeting the needs of the community





In one of the first acts of mass civil disobedience of the Vietnam era, ten students burned their draft cards at the Arlington Street Church in 1967.



ON WAY TO COURT—Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spock outside Federal Building where U.S. Court of Appeals is hearing his appeal of draft conspiracy case. (Jack O'Connell Photo)

Convicted in addition to Spock were the Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr., Yale University chaplain, Mitchell Goodman, teacher-writer from Temple, Maine, and New York, and Michael Ferber, a Harvard graduate student.

Spock Present

Spock and two of the other defendants were present in the courtroom. Spock was accompanied by his wife, Jane.

Boudin argued that it had to be proven there was a conspiracy to counsel and what was counseled was in violation of the law.

The lawyer said the four "never urged anyone to do anything." They left it to the individual's conscience, he said.

Question Lawyer

The three justices questioned the lawyer repeatedly throughout his hour-long argument. The government was expected to present its arguments later in the day.

Boudin told the court the government had based its conspiracy case on five public events, including a draft card burning at the Arlington Street Church in Boston, and the publication of a document entitled "A Call to Resist."

He argued that in order to be a conspiracy, there had to be secret meetings among the five and this was not the case. In addition to the convictions for Spock and the other three, a fifth defendant was acquitted.

"The government now admits there was no secret agreement," Boudin said. He said the government reached this conclusion after "sober second thought" following the trial.

Dr. and Mrs. Spock

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Spock Filmed at Demonstration

By GLORIA BOYKIN, TOM BERUBE
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Dr. Benjamin Spock, author-pediatrician, and four co-defendants, played leading roles last Oct. 20 in a demonstration at the Department of Justice Building



Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spock During Luncheon Recess of Trial

Washington, which the government alleges was a conspiracy to counsel young men to avoid the draft, according to testimony in Federal court yesterday. Asst. Dep. Atty. Gen. John R. McDonough testified Spock, Yale University Chaplain William Sloane Coffin Jr., author Mitchell Goodman and Marcus Raskin, of Washington, co-director of the Institute for Political Studies, were members of a committee that met with him in the building.

Television films screened in the courtroom showed co-defendant Michael Ferber, Harvard graduate student, announcing he was delivering 237 draft cards from the Arlington St. Church.

McDonough quoted

—Coffin as saying they were there to make it "unmistakably clear that they were then engaged in a violation of a Federal law."

Raskin as saying he believed the Selective Service Law unconstitutional as it concerns the conduct of the Vietnam war, and that if he were wrong in this belief that he would associate himself with what Coffin said "that young men should refuse to be drafted."

TV FILM SHOWN

—Spock as saying "the war is illegal, immoral and unwinnable" that the Administration was continuing it to save face.

—Goodman as telling him the groups would meet that night to enter into a plan to create a draft resistance organization to counsel, aid and abet young men to avoid the draft.

Film, which Washington ABC cameraman Carl Larson testified he took at the Justice Dept. building showed all five of the defendants. This film showed representatives of resistance groups throughout the country putting purported draft cards into the brief case that was left on a table inside the building when the delegation met with McDonough.

The film of William Clements, Jr., a Washington TV station cameraman, showed Coffin and Goodman addressing the demonstrators after the meeting inside the building. It showed Coffin relating that McDonough had refused to accept the briefcase which was left on a table.

Coffin charged "it was incredible when you think of it. Here was an officer of the law facing clear evidence of an alleged crime and he refused to accept the evidence and in our minds he was not upholding

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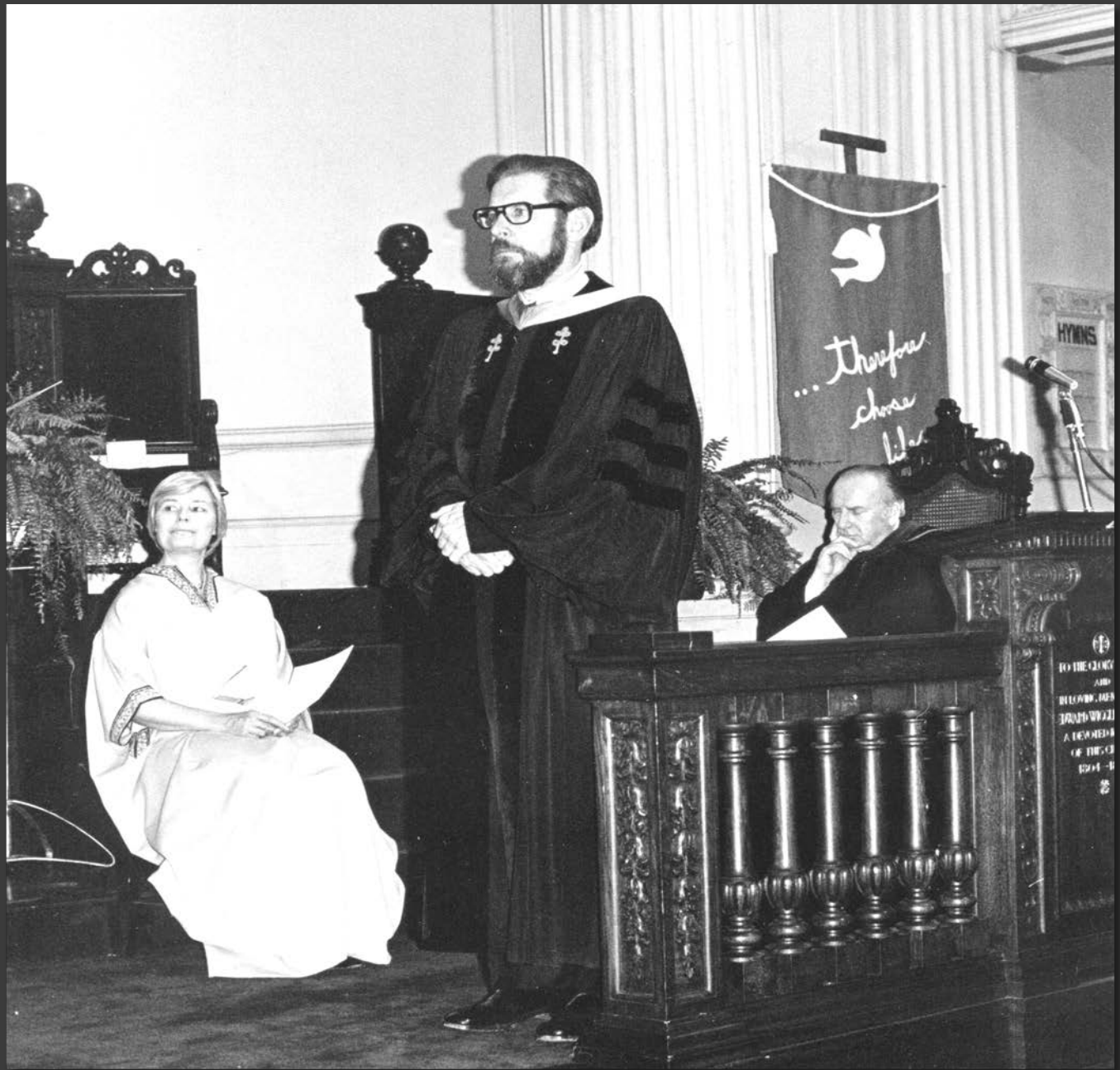
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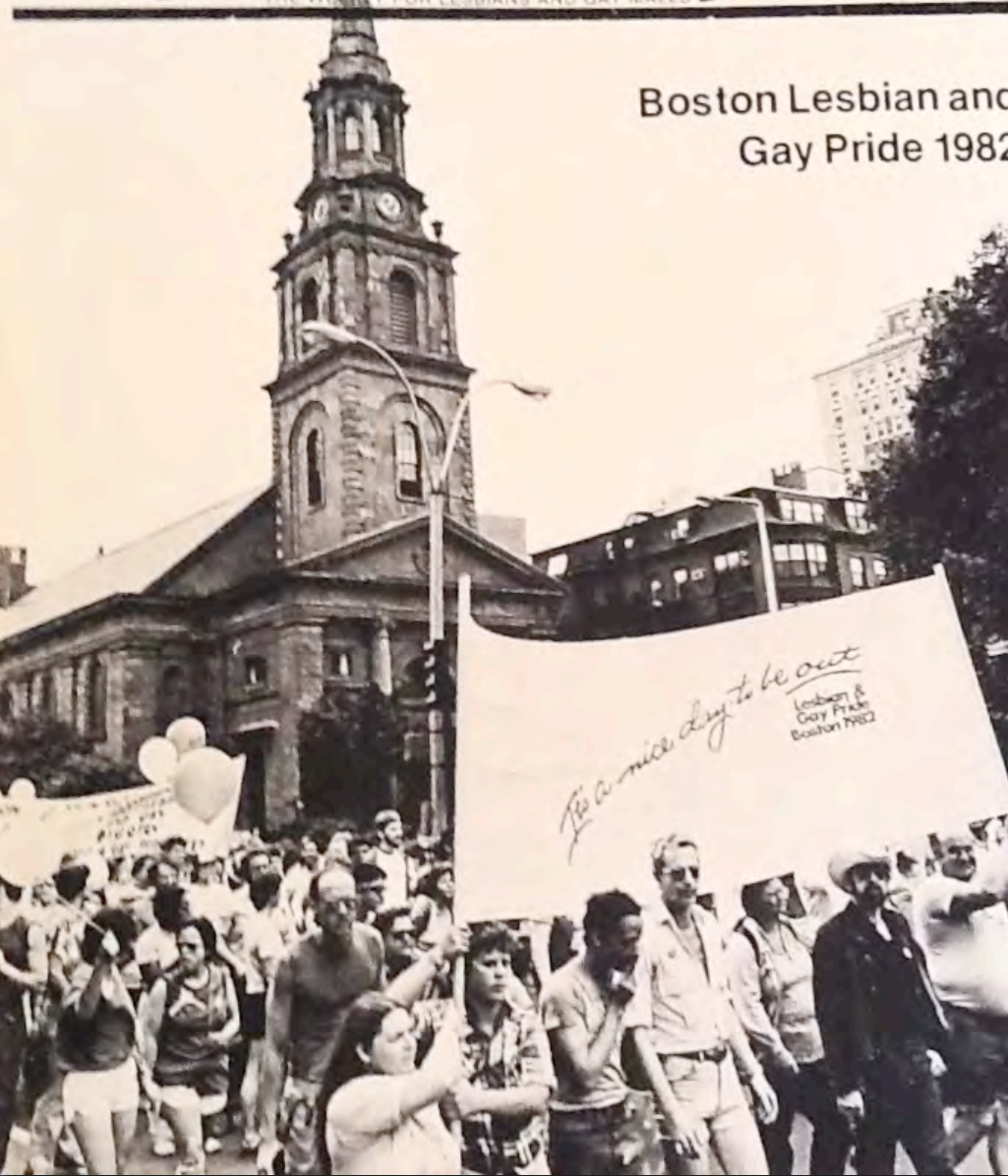
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