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Russian governor threatens activists

A regional governor in Russia's far east threatened on Thursday to banish members of the Unification church and various other religious groups active in the region.

Tough-talking Yevgeny Nazdratenko, governor of the Primorsky Krai region which includes the major port city of Vladivostok, hit out in particular at activists of the Unification church founded by Sun Myung Moon.

"I want to warn activists of foreign

religions that if religious psychoses happen again while I am leader of Primorsky Krai, I will employ the police force to throw them out," he said in a live television appearance.

Many foreign religious groups, including Seventh Day Adventists, the Hare Krishna movement and the fundamentalist christian Church of Christ, are active in the region.

They took advantage of a spiritual void when the Soviet Union fell apart, gathering support mostly among

young people. Moon's church is said to be particularly active in universities and colleges across the former Soviet Union.

The head of Primorsky Krai police said recently that sects were becoming more active in the region's port capital.

Moon founded the Unification church in Seoul in 1954 with a theology loosely based on Christianity. It has drawn criticism from more orthodox christian churches.

Migrants in Paris church on hunger strike

Ten African migrants on hunger strike in a Paris church to demand the right to stay legally in France vowed Thursday to continue until they won, in spite of the threat of expulsion.

Their expulsion order expires Friday and they are subject to deportation from France thereafter.

"We won't resist if the authorities expel us but hopefully the world will witness the French government's action," Hamady Camara, a 34-year-old Mauritanian, told Reuters as he lay next to the nine other men on the 28th day of their fast.

Support associations planned an

overnight vigil at the church Thursday.

The 10 are among 300 Africans who took refuge in the church of St. Bernard in early July, four months after they began a protest to demand permits to stay in France.

Children play in the nave, empty of pews, and mattresses are scattered in the aisles, covered with brightly colored clothes and blue sleeping-bags.

A baby girl was born in the church Wednesday. Paramedics assisted the delivery in a tent set up to preserve the mother's privacy. The hunger

strikers lie behind a folding screen beneath stained glass windows of St. John and St. Matthew.

In late June, the Interior Ministry said it would grant residence papers to 48 of the Africans who had children born in France before January 1994. But it said the others must leave the country within a month.

By law, children born in France are entitled to citizenship on request at the age of 18 and their parents, even if illegally resident in the country, cannot be expelled. They need residence permits to work legally and provide for their children.

Radio slurs anger Polish Roman Catholic Church

Poland's Roman Catholic Church Monday condemned attacks on the country's presidential hopefuls by the Catholic media, including anti-Semitic remarks, PAP news agency said.

"In the course of the presidential election campaign good manners and the good name of candidates are being violated," PAP quoted a statement by the Episcopate's Mass Media Commission as saying.

"The Church is not involved in the campaign. However, certain Catholic media such as Radio Maria (the country's biggest Catholic radio station) have become tools for spreading untruths."

The agency said it had learnt that

"this has included the use of anti-Semitic stereotypes" but did not elaborate.

The Episcopate apologized to anyone who had felt slighted by Radio Maria and asked the station to retract the insulting remarks.

The Church has said it will not

officially support any candidate by name in the November presidential election but has called on believers to back politicians who espouse Christian and patriotic values.

Seventeen candidates are taking part in the presidential poll due to be held November 5.

Black ministers support reproductive choice

Several prominent Black ministers publicly declared their support for women and families facing problem pregnancies.

They formalized their declaration by signing onto a brochure entitled "Black Ministers Support Young Right to Choose."

Clergy from major black denominations, including Rev. Edgar L. James of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Carlton Veazey of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., and Rev. Walter Fauntroy

of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc., a former member of Congress, as well as clergy from the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), and Unitarian Universalist Association endorsed the brochure.

"Only you can decide which is the right choice for you! God has given us the gift of free will, and will bless decisions that we make carefully and prayerfully," reads the brochure. "We are Black ministers, and we are

writing to remind you that God loves you no matter what!—and that you are always a part of the caring community of Black people."

The brochure was published under the auspices of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) and its Women of Color Partnership.

"The church has been silent too long on the issues of reproductive choice and many women have interpreted that silence as a lack of support or even condemnation," said

Rev. Carlton Veazey, deputy director of RCRC. "We want women and their families to know that many Black clergy support them in making faithful choices, no matter what that choice may be."

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice will distribute the brochure to women's health clinics, religious groups, and other agencies serving Black women.

To order call the Religious Coalition at (202) 628-7700. Cost is \$1.00 each or \$40.00 for 100.

Church welcomes dismissal It clears path to Appeals Court

The order issued by Federal District Judge Peter K. Leisure in New York City dismissed the only remaining libel claim brought by the Church of Scientology International against Time magazine.

As stated by Rev. Heber C. Jentsch, President of the Church of Scientology International, "We are astonished by this outcome, but it's really a blessing in disguise. It will give the Court of Appeals the opportunity to impose order on the chaos created by the District Court's dismissal rulings."

"They won't let a decision stand that makes bias a defense for defamation and we will be able to proceed to trial to prove that this story was not only malicious, but was a paid-for attack on the Church—a charge that Time has never refuted."

The Church sued Time and its reporter, Richard Behar, on multiple counts of defamation arising from a May 1991 article.

All but one of the Church's claims were dismissed in November of 1995 based on the incredible proposition that Behar's bias against the Church was so extreme that it actually insulated Time from liability.

"Without a showing of inadequate investigation," the District Court wrote at that time, "bias merely confirms the publisher's firmly held belief in the allegedly defamatory state-

ments."

"In other words," stated local spokesperson, Angie Mann, "because of Behar's own personal feelings, Time got away with running a paid-for 'story' full of made-up lies and unfounded accusations."

Rev. Jentsch noted that several other defamation suits arising from the Time article were resolved to the Church's satisfaction.

"The Church staunchly advocates free speech," Rev. Jentsch said, "but responsibility is a component of every freedom. Making extreme bias a safety valve for irresponsibility

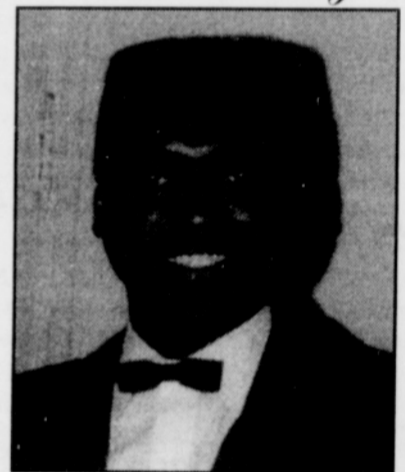
threatens everyone."

Rev. Jentsch also pointed out that nowhere in any of the District Court's opinion is there any finding that the statements for which the Church sued Time were true.

"The Court's silence about falsity is very eloquent," Rev. Jentsch added. "Time had 28 days of depositions to substantiate the statements for which the Church sued, and couldn't do it. Time shouldn't find comfort in a dubious legal proposition that would shield lies behind bias."

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May 5, 1954

Sunset
Aug. 3, 1996

Fred W. Taylor III was born May 5, 1954 in Portland, Oregon. He was the son of Fred W. Taylor Jr. and Georgia M. Taylor. He entered into eternity, August 3, 1996. Fred is survived by a loving family; mother, Georgia, one brother: Gregory and wife Alandria, of Portland, and one sister Margo Taylor, of Portland, two nephews; William and Rashod, one niece; Morgan all of Portland, Oregon. Aunt Inez Shofner of Denver, Colorado, one uncle; Allen Taylor, Aunt Clara McAllister and Grandmother Blanche Taylor, of Jefferson, Texas, cousins and a host of friends. He will be missed.

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