

Bombings and Hate Sheets

A Program to Combat Lawlessness

The attention of the general public and particularly of the Jewish community has been aroused by a recent outbreak of anti-Semitic violence. On October 12, 1958, the building of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation in Atlanta suffered substantial damage as a result of an explosion of thirty to forty sticks of dynamite. Two days later, Anshai Emeth Temple in Peoria, Ill., suffered some damage from the explosion of a homemade bomb. Earlier this year, Temple Beth El in Miami, Fla., was damaged as a result of a dynamite explosion. Damage from dynamiting was also sustained by the Jewish Community Center of Nashville, Tenn., and the Jewish Center of Jacksonville, Fla. In addition, during the past year, unsuccessful attempts were made to bomb Temple Beth El in Charlotte, N. C., Temple Emanuel in Gastonia, N. C., and Temple Beth El in Birmingham, Ala.

Besides these dynamitings and attempted dynamitings, numerous synagogues throughout the country have received anonymous telephone calls warning of or threatening violence. Many other synagogues have suffered damage from stones thrown through windows and similar acts of malicious mischief.

Accompanying this outbreak of violence has come an apparently substantial increase in anti-Semitic defamation by publications promoting religious hatred. There have been reports that the amount of anti-Semitic litera-