

# All faiths, all politics joined hands Sunday

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If presidential candidate John B. Anderson is right, and anti-Semitism is on the rise in the world, you wouldn't know it to have been in Evanston Sunday. If anything, a strong show of support for Jews, Christians, Moslems, and all people with humanitarian values was the theme. And, if anything, a vehement show of anti-Semitism was the message.

The Nazi "rally" and the counter-rally that preceded it Sunday showed the heights and depths human beings can reach.

If the Nazis' appearance at Lovelace Park in the afternoon stood for anything, it was the sad fact that hatred of others can reduce men to a point at which they hate themselves — enough to attempt to be destructive to themselves as well as others. And this destructiveness must be stopped, because this comes from the most dangerous and unnatural animal of all — one who willingly harms himself in bringing harm to others.

## Commentary

THUS, 11 MEN WHO call themselves Nazis stood in front of an enraged mob — yes, it was a mob scene for about 10 minutes — shielding themselves from rocks and bricks and eggs, then fled.

Then, amidst the crowd's confused milling, while Communist groups tried to bait the police and reporters surrounded police, a few dozen people joined hands in a circle and danced the hora, a Jewish folk dance.

The day itself had gone full circle, beginning with a rally that underscored the beauty and high ideals of which humans are capable. At noon a crowd of more than 3,000 people gathered quietly at Deering Meadow on the Northwestern University campus to demonstrate its opposition to the Nazis.

The faces in the crowd were beautiful: dignified, in-

telligent, concerned; there was no hatred on the faces, in the slogans or signs, or anywhere in the ceremony.

AND THERE WAS no smugness, no attitude of "we're above all this" in any messages from the podium, where rabbis, clergymen and politicians expressed their bonds as human beings, tolerant of all beliefs. There was a firm understanding of the dangers of racism and bigotry, backed by memories, some first-hand, of the horrors of Nazi Germany. Folk singers led the crowd in such songs as "Go Down Moses," "We Shall Overcome" and "America the Beautiful." Politicians — Democrats, Republicans, Independents including presidential candidate John B. Anderson — didn't even talk politics — they talked unity.

The orderly, hustled crowd of 3,300 people stood on a meadow as the sunlight danced on the golden leaves, and an aura of faith hung so heavy in the air that you almost wanted to reach out, take it in your hand, and carry some home with you.