

White TV Producer Color Conscious Since Bombings

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NEW YORK. — (UPI) —

A prominent television pro-

ducer said that for a few moments Sunday the Birmingham bombings made him conscious of his white skin when he faced a mixed audience.

Bob Quigley said he heard the news about the death of four Negro children shortly before he spoke in Baltimore at a "World Peace Day" rally sponsored by the Baha'I religious faith.

"I was ashamed to be white at this time," Quigley said in an interview here on his way back to Los Angeles. "But I asked everyone in the integrated audience to stand in silent prayer for the children killed in Birmingham."

Quigley said his feeling of shame then disappeared because the 1,500 persons in the mixed audience responded without rancor. He explained that the Baha'I faith preaches the oneness of humanity.

"We hope in 1964 to make more people realize what the Baha'i faith is," Quigley said. "It isn't an offshoot of Islam. We want to make the people aware of our principles which will solve many problems."

The faith was founded in 1844 by a Persian named Baha'I Ullah, who died in exile in what is now Israel. The faith has spread to 260 countries. Its main temple is in Wilmette, Ill. It does not accept contributions except from believers in the faith.

Early in the 1950's when he was producing 10 television shows including "Video Village," Quigley, took leave from his work and moved his family to Uganda, Africa and spent several years there erecting a Baha'i temple. He worked as a disc jockey to raise funds.

Another television personality, Bill Sears, who formerly broadcast Philadelphia Eagles football games, is leaving for Kimpala, Uganda, where he and his family will spend seven years teaching the Baha'I faith. Sears is one of 22 stewards of Baha'I, which was no clergy.

Quigley said it is easy for him to accept the principle of oneness of humanity.