James F. Ahern, former police chief of New Haven, Conn., and a member of the Scranton Commission, will speak at Kent State University Monday, May 3, as part of a four-day memorial observance.

Announcement was made Wednesday (April 7) by President Robert I. White during his weekly news conference for campus media representatives.

Ahern, who is presently director of the Casualty Insurance Fraud Association in Chicago, was named chief of the New Haven Police Department in 1968, at the age of 36.

He had joined the department as a patrolman 14 years earlier and was promoted over 55 senior officers.

Ahern gained national prominence in the spring of 1969 when a large Black Panther rally at Yale University was held without incident.

He resigned as police chief late last year and assumed his present post in January. The Casualty Insurance Fraud Association is a non-profit organization formed to combat fraudulent claims, particularly those involving organized groups.

A native of New Haven, Ahern attended Gonzaga University (Spokane, Wash.), and received an associate degree in police administration and bachelor of science in business administration degree from New Haven College.

(more)
He is a consultant to the Ford Foundation and the Knapp Commission, which is investigating charges of alleged corruption in the New York City Police Department.

Ahern is also a special consultant to the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a former consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice (Office of Law Enforcement Assistance).
Intro - 11:30:

2:30 4 People did become someone tomorrow -

4:20 We must accept -

5:00 We must go beyond Com. Explorations! Cannot live with parenthood - stuff -

6:25 We have shaped to believe in much of a people - Being a Community, Destiny of Common father -

6:00 Arrival of 1960's trip from us our Place of Community -

8:00 Ref. to Senate. Com. Report -
   End war in Viet -
   Pros. Reforms in int. of food -
   2. Increasing Change of Depression -
   3. Work in urban area of depression -
   4. Urgent Research Moral Leadership -
   Pro. Responded by interfering in Coldly Case -

10:45 Shows a lack of Common Sense -

10:45: 20 Leadership - following whim of Popular Appeal - (I'm.)
12:15
Our grounds for opposition to
war are:
- Abundant dam [data]
- Royal equality
- Attempts at

13:30
Correlation to demonstrate with Volume
2. Student with ardentists have failed
[Stated evidence of failure].

16:10
When an official document causes people
to fear that war is called, they
then we are in real danger.

18:20
In the little different if we win
battles w/ Communism if we lose our
rights & values.

19:00
PS. We failed to respond to Commu-
recommendations
- But people continue to war

20:30
We give our consent to war by our
silence - our refusal to become
involved.
22/06  Our country needs to help young people. The address itself lasted about 25 minutes.

Friend, the essence of address was a need to return to a common morality. It called for a common fate through this return to a sense of natural morality. He conducted the call by urging youth to help re-assert the community.

He drew that to the U.S. govt. for not responding positively to the Senate Commission.
May 3, 1981 - 8 PM


Introduction by John Flannery, Rep. 1st Dist.

This is the second Matera of today.

This afternoon Rick Gregory spoke for over 2 hours to a mostly full house of about 6000 people - mostly Univ. students.

Earlier today a workshop was held.

Here Speaker this evening is Jane Adam.
Father: School Custodian.
Education at Sacred Heart School in New Haven and then to St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Conn. After 5 yrs. "I just didn't want to be a priest".

1950 enrolled in Gonzaga U. in Spokane, Wash. planned to study poli. sci. & go to law school. But, met Janet Wyant, receptionist at the hotel, married her & returned to New Haven.


Likes to watch film with wife & daughters: Susan 17 + Mary 15. or reading novel on Criminal Justice.

6 ft. 190 lbs. plays squash.

He helped establish intelligence division, consolidation of spatial ops. & 50 civilian jobs. Since taking job 430 men for doubled blach to 40.

Strong gun control.

Aug 16, N.Y. Times, Jackson State Trial, open letter to Governor J.B. Williams of Miss. Ted, said the Governor's "unquestioning defense of those involved in the tragic events of May 17 raises serious questions whether there is a real interest in determining the facts".

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Chief Ahern added that he had asked for reassessment and told him that if he did not do his job, he would be "under investigation." He added that the three votes for his replacement were "questioned" by the department.

Mr. Ahern said that the new method of assigning ratings was "deficient," and that the department was "frustrated" by the board's "indifference" to the ratings. Mr. Ahern said that he had sought the board's support for a new method of assigning ratings but that it had been "stymied." He added that he had "some reservations" about the new method.

The board has opposed Mr. Ahern's position in the restaurant, despite its "prizefighter" who is knocked down by the last blow of the referee. The referee knocked down the referee, said Mr. Ahern, because he decided that it was the last blow.

In an interview on his off-the-books property, Chief Ahern described the voting in his department as "up the yardage per year," and said that in the future, the board will be broken down into four "distinct" sectors.

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"I received opposition to his orders and was very tested," he said, "and I was not evaluated in my capacity as a police officer."

Injuries to Factors

Sanitation: Mayor G. DeAngelo arrested two New Haven sanitation workers last summer for refusing to work. A few days later, the mayor arrested Chief Ahern on suspicion of"causing a disturbance." The officers, who were the only ones to have stopped disorder in the city for months, were arrested for allegedly breaking into a house and disrupting a "raffiti party." The officers were later released without charges.

Police Commissioner: "I believe that Chief Ahern has stopped the commission from dealing with the city's public order problems," said Deputy Police Commissioner John Antolino, who has stopped doing so since the mayor's arrest.

School Superintendent: "I don't think that the mayor's arrest has helped," said Superintendent of Schools Mr. Antolino, who has publicly supported Ahern's decision to retire.

"I had been effective for two and a half years," Chief Ahern said. "I believe that Chief Ahern has done his job, and I have been effective for two and a half years."

Some of Mr. Ahern's supporters point out that he was the first police chief in the city's history to have a "black" or "middle-class" background. Others say that he was a "forceful" and "outspoken" leader who was not afraid to challenge authority.

Some of Mr. Ahern's detractors say that he was "corrupt" and "inept." Others say that he was "out of touch" with the community and that he was "out of his league."}

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**Going Out**!

Luncheon, Dinner,
Dancing Suggestions

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