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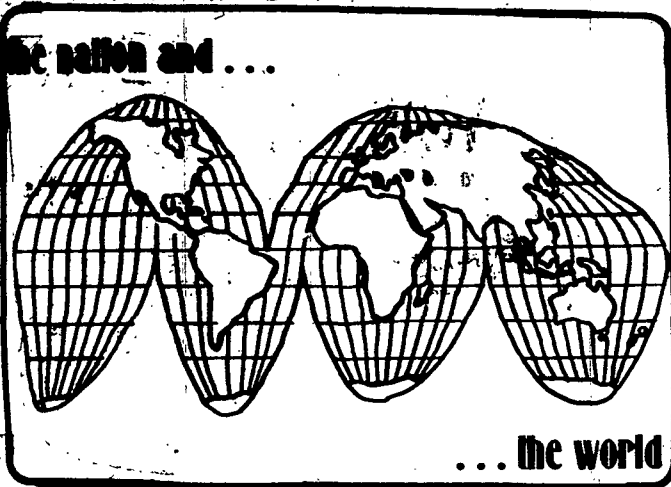
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**Sophia Helps Church**

Upon learning that the Plano, Texas, Holy Trinity Catholic Church was badly in need of a new structure to replace the present 70-year-old building, Sophia Loren, Italian movie queen, donated a ruby ring to be raffled off by the church. The February drawing netted \$25,000 for the building fund, according to Father Anthony Goosens, rector of the church.



An Anglican priest, founder of a group that supports the status quo in Rhodesia, has called on the country's 270,000 whites to stand firm and "abandon every thought of appeasement." The Rev. Arthur Lewis, chairman of the "Rhodesian Christian Group," said in a statement in Salisbury that "what Rhodesians need at the moment is a remedy for flagging spirits." Leaders of Rhodesia's 5.7 million blacks are demanding a transition to black majority

Tennessee death penalty legislation has become law, following the legislature's vote to override Gov. Ray Blanton's veto. The votes in the House and Senate followed a weekend slaying of four persons at a bank in Kodak, Tenn. Two men have been accused of killing three bank employees and a customer during the holdup. One Senate sponsor of the death penalty said "these four people were killed in my district. If this bill hadn't been vetoed, maybe, just maybe, they would still be alive."

Personal items, including a bed, belonging to Dubliner Matt Talbot, an Irish Catholic layman and recovered alcoholic whom Pope Paul hopes to beatify this year, have been returned to Dublin from the United States. Matthew Talbot, an advanced alcoholic who managed to recover from the condition through prayer, self-abnegation, and penitential practices, has long been an unofficial "patron saint" of various organizations of recovered alcoholics in the U.S. and elsewhere. His cause has been under consideration for years.

A Catholic political activist group in Washington, D.C. has lodged a formal complaint with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights charging the U.S. government with violating a declaration it has signed regarding abortion. Catholics for Christian Political Action charges in its complaint that the U.S. Supreme Court, by virtually legalizing abortion in 1973, has violated Chapter 2, Article IV of the American Convention on Human Rights. That article states: "Every person has the right to have his life respected. This right shall be protected by law and, in general, from the moment of conception." In commenting on the filing of the complaint, Gary Potter, president of the organization, acknowledged that the American Convention has not as yet been fully ratified by all the necessary Organization of American States (OAS) members.

**Carter and Jadot Meet**

Washington, D.C.(RNS)— Archbishop Jean Jadot, the Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. has paid a "courtesy call" on President Jimmy Carter in the oval office.

Neither the White House nor the Apostolic Delegation here issued statements detailing the substance of the 10-minute meeting made at the request of President Carter.

A spokesman for the Apostolic Delegation told Religious News Service that he "presumed" the invitation for the meeting was the result of a "note of congratulations." Archbishop Jadot had sent the President just after he assumed office in January. In that letter Archbishop Jadot also asked for a meeting with Carter at his convenience.

The spokesman said the meeting on Holy Thursday was held to permit the two men to "become acquainted."

Both Pope Paul and President Carter have spoken out publicly in behalf of human rights in nations of the world where freedom is being suppressed. Spokesmen would not say whether the topic was discussed during the Carter-Jadot meeting.

**Conference Supports Legislation**

Albany— Two bills now pending in the New York State Legislature and designed to help the state's handicapped and elderly have been endorsed by the New York State Catholic Conference.

According to Charles Tobin, Jr., NYSCC secretary, Assembly Bill 565 and Senate Bill 452 would provide "unique solutions to often ignored problems, yet neither is going to raise a ruckus with large, expensive legislations."

Assembly 565 would establish a pilot "Telephone Outreach Program" to be implemented by the state Office of the Aging. It would provide for phones, easily accessible by wheelchair or brought to a patient's bedside, and used by senior citizens in institutions to call and communicate with senior citizens in the community outside, both for social and psychological reasons.

Senate 452 would enable handicapped students to continue to receive transportation to vocational and rehabilitational schools, sheltered workshops and social development programs after they reach the age of 21

"We urge support for both pieces of forward looking legislation and have written to the Education and Aging Committee Chairman to place on record the Catholic Conference's support," Tobin said.

**SPRING CONCERT**

The St. John Fisher College combined glee clubs, numbering 38 men and women, will give a free concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 29, in Kearney Auditorium. The singers are directed by Dr. H. Wendell Howard.



President Carter and Archbishop Jadot.

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