

People and Events Of the World and Nation

San Salvador Archbishop Hits Junta

San Salvador, El Salvador (RNS) — El Salvador's leading Roman Catholic prelate has lashed out at the U.S.-backed Salvadoran junta for what he said were efforts to crush all criticism of its activities.

Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, acting archbishop of San Salvador, said here in a sermon that the "last dissenting voices that existed in this country have been silenced.

"These voices are necessary and are an index of the healthy pluralism that exists in the country," he said.

The prelate, who was named to administer the archdiocese after the assassination of Archbishop Oscar A. Romero last year, was referring to recent arrests of journalists working for the El Independiente newspaper and the El Salvador-based API news service.

The junta clamped down on newspapers in January after declaring martial law in response to an offensive by anti-government guerrillas.

Bishop Rivera's criticism of the government came as Alexander M. Haig Jr., U.S. secretary of state, announced that he was relieving Robert E. White as U.S. ambassador to El Salvador.

White, a veteran of 25 years in the foreign service, had recently criticized the Salvadoran regime, charging that it had done nothing to investigate the Dec. 2 murders of three American Catholic nuns and a lay woman missionary.



Archbishop Lustiger

New Bishop Of Paris Jewish-Born

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II has named a Jewish-born convert of Polish parentage to succeed Cardinal Francois Marty as archbishop of Paris. Bishop Jean-Marie Lustiger of Orleans, 54, will succeed the 77-year-old cardinal, who is retiring.

Bishop Lustiger was born in Paris of Jewish immigrant workers from Poland. During the Nazi occupation of France, his parents were sent to eastern Europe where his mother died in the Auschwitz death camp.

Young Lustiger was sent to live with a Catholic family in Orleans and converted to Catholicism at age 15. He was ordained a priest in 1954 and bishop of Orleans in 1979.

The post usually carries the rank of cardinal. Thus it is believed that Bishop Lustiger will become the first Jewish-born cardinal in history.

Vatican Newspaper Backs Labor Movement in Poland

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican newspaper has defended the independent Polish trade union syndicate Solidarity at a moment when tensions have again reached a critical level in Pope John Paul's homeland.

In a front page editorial, the paper said that Solidarity is not a movement directed against anyone or anything but rather was totally dedicated to human dignity, the common good and national development.

The editorial came the day after Polish Communist authorities said that Poland was threatened by creeping anarchy and that the government was prepared to "take the necessary steps" to keep plants going.

Drive Launched Against TV Violence

Washington (RNS) — Anti-feminist campaigner Phyllis Schlafly joined with Moral Majority and pro-life activists here to launch a drive to reduce sex and violence on television.

Supporters for the "Coalition for Better Television," Mrs. Schlafly and the others said that "many Americans are concerned" about the content of television and have a right to know "what is being shown and who's showing it."

Toward that end, Don Wildmon, a United Methodist minister and head of the National Federation for Decency in Tupelo, Miss., announced that more than 4,000 monitors from the coalition's 200 affiliated groups would chart sex scenes, violence and profanity on television for three months beginning March 1.

Fundamentalist Won't Work With Catholic

And although Phyllis Schlafly seems to be accepted by Moral Majority fundamentalists in the television project, she has been rejected by a nationally known Tennessee preacher. Mrs. Schlafly, according to Religious News Service, is to address the 1981 James Robison Bible Conference and Dr. Curtis Hutson, editor of a fundamentalist newspaper, was to share the podium.

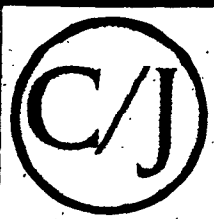
Apparently Mrs. Schlafly's religion (Roman Catholic) was more than Dr. Hutson could bear — "Mrs. Schlafly," said the good doctor, "is a Roman Catholic and, therefore, I assume does not believe in the fundamentals of the faith."

Abortionists To Challenge Catholic Bishops

New York (RNS) — An abortion rights group has added the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to its suit in federal court here to revoke the Church's tax-exempt status.

The Abortion Rights Mobilization amended a suit filed last October, charging that Roman Catholic churches and other anti-abortion religious groups repeatedly violated federal tax code provisions which restrict the political participation of tax-exempt organizations.

A spokesman for the Catholic bishops, General Counsel Wilfred Caron, said he had not seen the amended complaint so did not have a legal response as yet. But, he added, "I think it's regrettable that we have go through the costly and aggravating distraction of this attack."



Calendar

BLOOD DRIVE — Red Cross Community Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, Mother of Sorrows. Babysitting provided.

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COMMUNITY LUNCHEON — In honor of Susan B. Anthony, annual affair of the Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs, noon, Thursday, Feb. 12, at the American Rochester. Roger Robach will speak.

GERMAN NIGHT — Benefit for Bishop Kearney Marching Kings Band, 8

p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 28, at the school. Dinner, beverages and music. Tickets at the door.

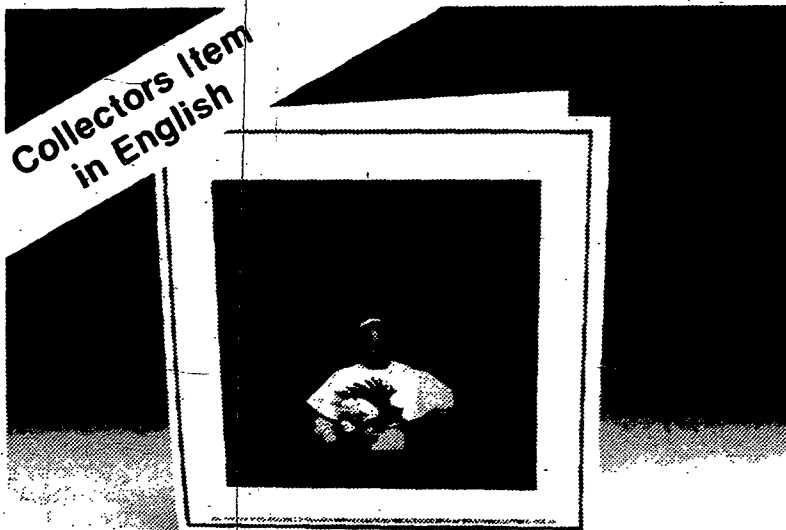
SATIRIC ART — Survey of prints from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, Memorial Art Gallery, through March 29.

NIGHT TIDE — Free movie, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Lowden Point Library.

TIME OF WONDER — Film for children, 10:15 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13, Janes Library, Fairport Road.

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