

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Moves to Aid Salvador Regime Hit as 'Risky'

Washington (RNS) — Calling President Reagan's moves to send more U.S. military advisers to El Salvador "risky to the point of being reckless," Roman Catholic Archbishop James A. Hickey reiterated his well-known opposition to increased military aid to that country before a House panel here.

Some lawmakers added their voices to his in opposing further military aid and calling for results in the investigations of the deaths of four Catholic missionary women killed last December. Many in Congress question Reagan's policies in Central America but have hesitated to question the administration's so soon.

Archbishop Hickey's testimony came at a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs. Testifying for the U.S. Catholic Conference, he said that seeing the El Salvador conflict "as a United States-Soviet or United States-Cuba test of will and strategy... will be a mistake." It is "not principally a matter of guns but of justice," he added.

Plowshares Eight Convicted in Missile Protest

Norristown, Pa. (RNS) — The so-called Plowshares Eight, a group of antiwar activists who damaged two missile nose cones and official papers at a General Electric facility, were convicted here March 6 on charges of burglary, criminal mischief and criminal conspiracy.

Father Daniel Berrigan, SJ, and his brother, Philip, a former Josephite priest, were the most prominent of the eight. The others in the group, each of whom could receive a maximum sentence of 25 years, were Molly Rush, a housewife; Dean Hammer, a divinity student; Sister Anne Montgomery; Father Carl Kabat, another priest; John Schuchardt, a lawyer, and Elmer Maas, a history professor.

During the trial, the defendants had attempted to focus attention on what they said was the threat of nuclear war that had led them to take the actions on Sept. 9, 1980. But in an instruction to the jury, Judge Samuel W. Salus said justification could not be used as a defense in this case because the defendants had not acted to prevent an imminent public calamity in a way that had no other alternative.

Mother Superior Calls Frisco Madam 'Very Nice' Person

San Francisco (RNS) — Marlene "Brandy" Baldwin, the high society madam sentenced to a Catholic nunnery last year, says she's abandoned the flesh trade and written a memoir.

Mrs. Baldwin, 40, was sentenced to 90 days at the Convent of the Good Shepherd here and also placed on three years probation after she pleaded no contest to pandering charges following a police raid on her fashionable San Francisco bordello.

It was her fourth arrest for pimping, pandering and prostitution. She was accepted by the convent's "women in need" program which includes working with "street girls."

During a four-month stay at the convent, Mrs. Baldwin "lived just like all the other girls, shared a room at the cottage with two other girls," said Mother Superior Mary Columba.

"She spent most of her time with her writing. Did some cooking. Went home to visit her family who live in this area. They're quite well off, I think, they have two homes. She's completely on her own now but she keeps in touch, comes back to visit us."

She "is a very interesting person," Mother Columba said. "She said she was a Mormon but I don't think she had been attending church recently. She has a Jewish stepfather. She was interested in the Catholic religion and was doing some research on it."

"She is a very, very nice, refined person, dressed well, perfect manners, doesn't wear too much makeup, grateful for what she got here. She got along well with the other women and gave us no problems."

N.J. Bishops: Sex Ed Must Include Morality

Newark, N.J. (RNS) — To counter the "tragic" effects of permissive sexuality and inadequate sex education programs, the New Jersey community must help develop new comprehensive programs that will "develop the whole person" and include moral values, New Jersey's Catholic bishops said in a pastoral statement.

The bishops, noting that New Jersey public schools are under mandate to begin "family education" courses by 1983, emphasized the need to integrate moral values and ethics into such programs.

"The Church is being challenged to help young people develop Christian attitudes toward sexuality, human love, marriage and family life, and the responsibilities of parenthood," the statement said.

"The entire Catholic community is called to respond to the challenge, particularly Catholic parents, Catholic school educators, catechists, youth ministers and those responsible for adult education programs. While the primary responsibility for the education of their children belongs to parents, all must cooperate with parents in helping them fulfill this sacred task."

2 Ukrainian Rite U.S. Bishops Confer with Pontiff

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II greeted 50 Ukrainian Catholics from the United States during a general audience here.

They were led by Archbishop Stefano Sulyk of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Bishop Innocent Lotocky of the Diocese of St. Nicholas of Chicago, who were ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Josyf Slipyi, leader of Ukrainian Rite Catholics, on March 1.

Later, in an interview with Vatican Radio, Archbishop Sulyk denounced the Soviet Union's treatment of Ukrainian Catholics.

"Unfortunately, Ukrainian Catholic bishops are not allowed to function today in the Soviet Union," he said. "Some of them have been persecuted. Others have been imprisoned. Others operate in the catacombs. Our poor Ukrainian people cannot profess their faith freely in the Soviet Union."

Some Other Names In the Headlines

Knute Rockne lives on! President Ronald Reagan will deliver the commencement address at Notre Dame's 136th commencement May 17 and receive an honorary doctor of law degree. Also receiving an honorary degree will be Pat O'Brien who co-starred with Reagan in the 1940 Warner Brothers film "All American." The movie is about Knute Rockne, Notre Dame football coach in the late 1920s, portrayed by O'Brien. Reagan portrayed the late "George Gipp," a player on one of Rockne's teams... Catholic University has established a chair in philosophy to honor the late Jacques Maritain, the French Thomist philosopher and author. First occupant of the new post will be Charles Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly.

Centering on Service

Catholic Deaf Apostolate



The three areas of ministry to the deaf in the Rochester diocese are currently served by one chaplain. These areas include Rochester School for the Deaf, the diocesan deaf community, and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Ministry at Rochester School for the Deaf is mainly implementing a CCD program. In addition to weekly classes staffed by volunteers, we have a sacramental program comparable to those in the parishes: namely, First Communion, periodic Penance, and Confirmation. We have liturgies at the school on all Holy Days and other special occasions. The chaplain is available on the school campus for counseling every Wednesday afternoon.

Liturgies for the Rochester deaf community are presently held at the

Pastoral Center on Buffalo Road on the third Sunday of every month. The liturgy is followed by a coffee hour and meeting of the St. Francis de Sales Deaf Association. With the ever growing deaf population in the area, these facilities have become inadequate. To meet this challenge the diocese is in the process of establishing a "Magnet Parish" for the deaf community in the downtown area. The central location of this parish facility will give greater accessibility to the pastor for counseling, convert instructions, marriage instructions, etc. The center will ideally include facilities for the celebration of the liturgy and serve as a place to hold meetings and social events.

The deaf community formerly referred only to the deaf themselves, but has grown to include parents with deaf children, and children of deaf

parents, as well as educators and counselors of the deaf, social workers, interpreters and other professionals. All of these would become part of the "Magnet Parish." It is hoped that this facility will become available very shortly.

Approximately 40 percent of the student body at the NTID is Catholic. A large percentage of the leadership potential among deaf communities come to Rochester for post-secondary education. The local Church has the responsibility for the spiritual welfare of these future leaders. The influence here during an impressionable period of their lives will have far reaching effects on the impact they will make on their various communities. Here at the NTID we endeavor to be available as counselor, teacher and friend. The chaplain's office is located on the main concourse of student traffic. Ongoing programs for deaf students include daily Mass, retreats, Bible study groups, shared prayer, individual and small group instructions, celebration of Penance, and pre-marital instructions and counseling.

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