

# People and Events Of the World and Nation

## Bishop Appeals To Salvador Rebels To Lay Down Arms

San Salvador (RNS) — Salvadoran guerrillas should lay down their arms and acknowledge that last Sunday's election was a vote against violence, San Salvador's acting archbishop, Arturo Rivera Damas, said in a Palm Sunday homily.

Speaking to several hundred parishioners who carried flowers and palm fronds, the archbishop called specifically for leftist guerrillas to "leave the route of guns and destruction" and acknowledge the elections, although they did not participate in them. Above all, he said, the elections were an expression of "the people's profound aspiration that the violence stop."

The successor to slain Archbishop Oscar Romero had words, too, for the rightist parties who have been trying to form a coalition that excludes the Christian Democrats, the party which won the largest share of the vote. "When the people went to vote, they went to vote for their party and not for another one," he said.

## 1st British Envoy In 4 Centuries Greets John Paul

Vatican City — Sir Mark Heath, the first ambassador to the Vatican in more than four centuries, presented his credentials to Pope John Paul II at the Apostolic Palace here.

The ceremony on April 1 came just two months before the pope is scheduled to visit Britain, the first such visit for a pope.

On March 18, the Swiss-born Archbishop Bruno Heim, the new pro nuncio to Britain, presented his credentials to Queen Elizabeth II in London. The rank is equivalent to ambassador.

The ceremonies marked formal resumption of full diplomatic relations for the first time since King Henry VIII broke with Rome in 1534.

## Religious Papers Lose Round over Postal Subsidy

Washington (RNS) — Another round of the budget battle has come and gone with no postage relief for religious publications and other nonprofit mailers.

An attempt by Sen. Quentin Burdick to restore the postal rate subsidies for nonprofit periodicals to the fiscal 1982 budget was derailed at the last minute by a move to rush the stopgap spending bill through Congress. Sen. Mark Hatfield called for a ban on all amendments to the continuing budget resolution in order to pass a bill that would not be rejected by the House.

The emergency measure was necessary to keep the government in business beyond the time the last resolution expired on March 31.

The continuing resolution will fund government agencies until Sept. 30 — the end of the fiscal year in progress. Still, Burdick hopes to add his postal funding amendment to another urgent supplemental appropriation measure forthcoming from the House.

## Vatican Revamping Weighed by Pope To Cut Costs

Vatican (RNS) — Pope John Paul II met here top Vatican cardinals to discuss possible ways of cutting back on expenses of the financially ailing Roman Curia.

The Vatican press office said the pope presided over a meeting on April 1 of the cardinal heads of the various agencies that constitute the Catholic Church's central administration.

Recently, the Vatican announced a projected deficit in the 1981 operating budget of about \$25 million had been completely covered but it predicted that in 1982 the deficit would rise even further.

Vatican sources said the purpose of the top-level meeting of April 1 was to discuss plans to restructure the Roman Curia and possibly cut down on the number of its agencies by merging some.

## Msgr. Fox To Address Workshop

Msgr. Robert Fox, the nationally known pastor of St. Paul's Church in Harlem, will be the keynote speaker at a day of workshops for parish human development committees, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at Blessed Sacrament School.

The day's program, "Building the Beautiful City," is devoted to "deepening spirituality and skills for human development workers," James Lund, organizer of the event, said.

Throughout the day, a series of workshops on specific areas pertinent to human development work will be offered, he said.

Pre-registration is requested and should be made through James Lund, Social Ministry Education and Training, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

## 'Famine' Raises \$1,410

A 24-hour "famine" sponsored by the Senior Youth Group of St. John of Rochester Parish last month realized \$1,410 for world hunger.

The event drew 35 high school students from the parish. Recipients of the money raised were Operation Bread Box, the Perinton Food Cupboard and the Tribute to Poland Fund.

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## The Aliens Are All Around Us

There are some people who worry about being invaded by subversives from another planet who will invade our world, insidiously undermine our mores, and distort our values.

To those people I say, Your concern is misplaced. Believe me, the enemy is much closer to home.

I first began to notice what was going on around us about five years ago, just before the oldest entered her teens.

I would be listening to my favorite soothing music on the radio when one of the kids would come into the house. "Good grief, Ma! (They call me Ma when they want to underscore my creeping dowdiness.) Are you really listening to WEZO?"

"I'm crazy about WEZO."

I would retort, "Go back outside and practice falling off your rollerskates."

But, unbeknownst to me, the battle for my ears had just begun. Every radio, record player and TV set in the house — to say nothing of the car tape deck — seemed to be blaring something raucous, noxious and nervous. I tried ignoring it for years, not realizing that I was succumbing to the pervasive beat.

Then a year or so ago my husband and I were alone in the car (it sometimes happens after 18 years of marriage), when, without conscious volition, I abruptly switched radio stations.

"What are you doing?" he protested. "That was from 'Brigadoon.'"

"Huh?" I said rudely and switched back before settling against the door in a sulk.

Music, of course, was not the only battleground in this war for my mind.

When manufacturers of synthetic fabrics first came out with stretch pants and polyester blouses I sent up Hosannas.

Then one day the oldest came in and inspected my closet and shuddered delicately.

"What's the matter?" I pleaded.

"Nothing, nothing," she averting her eyes from slacks that could go from size 8 to 14, and blouses that could drip dry in a motel room in 32 minutes without a wrinkle.

The next thing I knew I was begging her to go shopping with me but any hopes of finally getting a little peace after I found "suitable" clothes was short-lived. After that it was my hair, my makeup, the color of the bathroom rug, etc., etc. etc.

I knew how far I'd sunk the other night as I sat in my wool slacks and cotton blouse and settled down to watch "Solid Gold" with Andy Gibb. Yes, Andy Gibb.

Outside my toe was tapping, but inside the nerves were jangling. The polyester pushover with a penchant for Mantovani had yielded to an alien power.

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