

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Polish Bishops Tell Pope They Expect Him in August

Rome (RNS) — Poland's Catholic bishops have indicated in a cablegram to Pope John Paul II that they were still expecting him to visit his homeland in August and were working to set up a definite date.

The message from the Polish Catholic Bishops Conference, published by its-Rome office, said the bishops had met with government officials and discussed "how best to prepare the faithful for the joyous encounter with the Holy Father in August."

A planned papal pilgrimage on the 600th anniversary of the icon of the Black Madonna of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa has been put in doubt by martial law.

The pope's special envoy, Archbishop Luigi Poggi, flew to Warsaw for talks with church and government officials, presumably the papal visit was a main topic of discussion.

Rome and Canterbury Proceed with Plans For Unit Discussion

London (RNS) — Now that the euphoria over Pope John Paul II's visit to Britain has died down, theologians are beginning to discuss the most concrete ecumenical decision that arose from the visit — the setting up of a new Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission.

The announcement of the new commission was made in a common declaration signed by the pope and the archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie.

The declaration recalled the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission which produced its final report at the end of March after making agreed Statements on the Eucharist, the Ministry and Ordination and Authority and went on:

"The completion of this commission's work bids us look to the next stage of our common pilgrimage in faith and hope toward the unity for which we long. We are agreed that it is now time to set up a new International Commission.

"Its tasks will be to continue the work already begun, to examine, especially in the light of our respective judgments on the final report, the outstanding differences which will separate us, with a view toward their eventual resolution; to study all that hinders the mutual recognition of the ministries of the communions, and to recommend what practical steps will be necessary when on the basis of our unity in faith, we are able to proceed to the restoration of full communion."

K. of C. Reports Giving More Than \$41 Million in '81

New Haven (RNS) — The Knights of Columbus disbursed more than \$41.7 million for charitable and benevolent causes during 1981 in the United States and Canada.

A report also showed that members donated more than 104 million hours in community service.

Voting Rights Won, New Efforts Ahead To Change Budget

Washington (RNS) — The Senate's overwhelming decision to extend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has elated civil

rights and religious leaders who fought for the measure.

The victory, said one, has also encouraged them to fight harder for a budget that is "fair to minorities and the poor."

Several vital provisions of the act would have expired this August without congressional action to extend it. Proponents of the extension concentrated their efforts on several amendments offered in the Senate which they said would have "crippled" the bill and watered down the ability to enforce fair voting laws.

The extension renews for 25 years the landmark civil rights legislation which helped to reform discriminatory voting practices, particularly in some southern states.

Two Organizations Back Reagan On Tax Credits

Washington — Two organizations involved in education have issued statements supporting tuition tax credit legislation sent to Congress by President Reagan.

Hailing it as a milestone in the "effort for justice, liberty and family rights in education," Citizens for Educational Freedom issued strong support for the legislation, under the title of The Educational Opportunity and Equity Bill.

"It is landmark legislation," said Mrs. Marilyn Lundy, CEF president, "based on the fundamental and constitutional right of families to choose the education for their children. It will bring a share of equity to educational financing, and will give long-overdue financial recognition to the major contribution which parents of nonpublic school children make to the total education of the nation."

CEF is a national, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization of parents and supporting groups "committed to procuring liberty and justice in education."

The National Catholic Educational Association also endorsed the legislation. It stated that it will "help to rectify a basic inequity in our present educational tax system... Far from harming public schools, this bill will stimulate their improvement and help to insure the best possible education for the youth of our country."

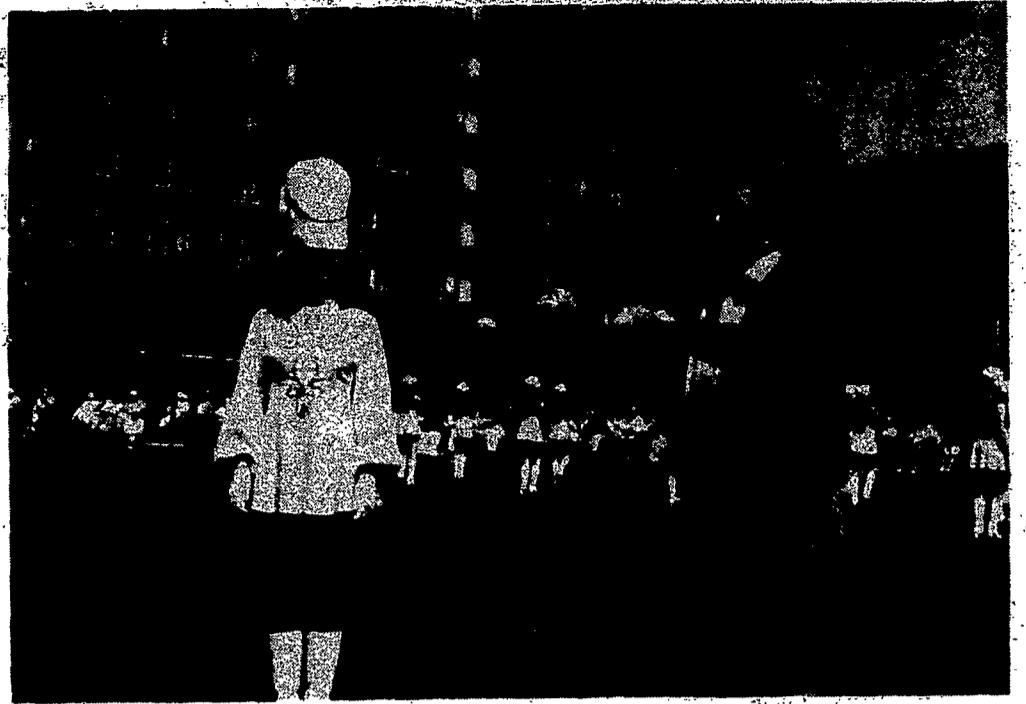
The NCEA noted that despite the present poor economic situation, "the loss of federal income is more than offset by the \$13 billion that the private schools save taxpayers each year."

Archbishop Calls For Prayer, Study on Nuclear Disarmament

Washington (RNS) — In a pastoral letter to Catholics in the District of Columbia, Archbishop James A. Hickey called for prayer study and reflection on what he called "one of the most serious moral issues in our world — the nuclear-arms race and the growing risks of nuclear war. The pastoral letter was the archbishop's first.

Speaking for himself, he said, "Some U.S. initiatives and even some risks may be necessary to break the spiral of armaments and the stalemate of the status quo. For this reason I have joined with a number of bishops, other religious leaders and arms-control experts to support a mutual and verifiable nuclear-weapons freeze tied to future reductions in nuclear arms."

Washington Catholics are uniquely equipped to be informed on the issue, he said. "Members of our community develop and implement the policies which govern our nuclear arsenal and arms-control negotiations. In addition, our community would surely be one of the first targets in any nuclear exchange."



John Drexel, a resident of The Heritage, leads the Bishop Kearney band during their performance at St. Ann's.

'Nursing Home Week' Celebrated at St. Ann's

The American Association of Homes for the Aging celebrated a recent week as "National Nursing Home Week" and the New York Association of Homes for the Aging proclaimed the same week as "Homes for the Aging Week" selecting "Youth: A Gift of Nature; Age: A Work of Art" as the theme.

St. Ann's Home/The Heritage scheduled many special events for the occasion.

The Rochester Landmark Society sponsored two trips to the Cornhill district and the East Avenue area; the Jennifer Banfield Dancers, Pamela Wilkens White Ballet Company, and Laotian dancers all performed programs; and McQuaid High School hosted an experience in the French language and customs for the residents.

The Bishop Kearney Marching Kings band visited

Moon Eclipse

Notice of the longest full eclipse of the moon since 1859 was published last week by the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Don Hall, director of the Strasenburgh Planetarium, said the eclipse will occur 2:38 a.m. to 4:24 a.m., Tuesday, July 6, in the southwest sky.

St. Ann's and performed on the front lawn. The residents were also invited to the Eisenhart Auditorium to see "State of the Union." McDonald's treated the residents to a special coffee hour and the Italian Women's Civic Club sponsored a bingo game.

The Eastern Melodies and the Black Ministry Choir shared their ethnic backgrounds with the residents through their songs.

A challenging putting tournament and picnic were

also held in the rear of the complex, with trophies awarded to the outstanding players. Also on the residents' busy agenda were a shuffleboard tournament, a craft and hobby show, and a dog show sponsored by the Genesee Valley Kennel Club.

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