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People and Events Of the World and Nation

CHD Reports Record, Breaks \$9 Million Mark

Washington (RNS) — Contributions to the 1981 Campaign for Human Development exceeded \$9 million for the first time in the poverty program's 12-year

Father Marvin A. Mottet, executive director, said returns and estimates from individual Catholic dioceses indicated that the collection will pass \$9.3 million; the 1980 total was \$8.7 million.

The funds are raised chiefly by a collection at all Catholic churches on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A quarter remains in the local diocese for local distribution, the balance is sent to the national office. The campaign makes grants and loans to self-help projects organized and carried out by groups of poor people.

Palestinians Have Right to Homeland, Pope Declares

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II at a solemn Mass for the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul prayed for an end to the "bloody conflict" in Lebanon and called for recognition of the Palestinian people's right to a homeland.

"The Lebanese people find themselves in a storm caused by a bloody conflict," he said in the Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. The more than 20,000 packed into the basilica drowned his words with applause when he said he was dedicating the Mass to peace in the "tormented land of Lebanon.

He said, "We offer our prayers that Lebanon will be able to find peace again. re-emerge from the ruins, recompose its unity and transform itself from the battle field which it is today into an active, pacifying factor in the Middle East."

"Another people suffering in the Lebanese land, the Palestinian people who are no less dear to me than others." he said. "We pray that they will be able to see their legitimate aspirations recognized first among these being the chance to have a homeland — and that they will be able to live in tranquility with all the peoples of the region."

Cody Estate Valued at \$50,000

Chicago (RNS) — The estate of the late Cardinal John Cody was valued at \$50,000, according to documents filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

The cardinal, who died April 25 at 74, had asked in his will that his estate be used for the "care and support" of elderly priests in the Chicago archdiocese.

The probate petition listed five Cody pieces as possible heirs of the estate. Details about the prelate's personal property were not reported.

Soviet, Vatican Reach Pact on Lithuanian Bishops

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II appointed two bishops in Lithuania in what experts said was the first time since World War II that Soviet authorities have permitted the Church to choose religious leaders in that Soviet controlled nation.

The rector of the Eithuanian College in Rome, Msgr. Ladislao Tubala, called the appointments a significant "small change for the better."

This is the first time since the 1945 occupation of Lithuania that the Soviets didn't choose for us. Msgr. Tubala said in a relevision interview

"Until now the Church in Lithuania has been governed by Moscow," he said. "Let's hope we will now have at least a little freedom."

"Life is still very difficult for the Catholic clergy in Lithuania," Msgr. Tubala said. Since the Soviet takeover in 1945, priests have been appointed by the government. Most seminaries have been closed and religious instruction and publications have been banned.

Nevertheless, Lithuania has remained predominately Catholic, much like Poland. Even Communists admit that more than half of the three million citizens remain faithful Catholics, compared to about 85 percent before the Soviet an-

Procter & Gamble Asks Clergy to Squelch Rumor

Cincinnati (RNS) — Procter & Gamble has asked the nation's clergy to help squelch a rumor that the company's moon and stars trademark is satanic.

The Cincinnati-based company said that among those it had enlisted in the effort were the Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority; the Rev. Donald Wildmon, executive director of the National Federation for Decency, and the Rev. Jimmy Draper, Southern Baptist Convention president.

"It is unfortunate that such false accusations are made in the first place, but even more concerning that they can be spread by people who call themselves Christians," said a statement by Rev.

He said he had discussed the problem with the company's chairman of the board "and I am certain neither he nor his company is associated in any way with satanism or devil worship . . . I urge Christians everywhere to put an end to these unfortunate rumors.

Mr. Draper said, "This kind of reckless accusation on the part of Christians is damaging to the cause of Christ, as well as the business of an excellent company. I implore all Christians to stand up and put an end to the unfounded and untrue

Mr. Wildmon urged fellow ministers and others in positions of influence to inform their people that the rumor is untrue and for those people to continue using P&G's fine products.'

The company said its trademark, which has been used since 1850, has nothing to do with satanism but grew out of a symbol used by wharf hands to identify boxes of P&G candles called star candles.

CRS Caravans Bring Relief to West Beirut

New York - Catholic Relief Services on July 9 distributed 10 tons of food and supplies at three locations in West Beirut. The \$100,000 shipment was the first to reach West Beirut since the escalation of the conflict in Lebanon, according to CRS.

During the last week of June, CRS Mercy Caravans traveled to seven cities in southern Lebanon to distribute food and bedding to refugees. The caravans are supervised by American personnel and represent the start of a \$3.5 million program of emergency aid and reconstruction.

To date, the caravans have distributed \$200,000 worth of flour, meat, bedding, cooking utensils and water containers, and an additional million pounds of flour and milk were scheduled to arrive last week.

CRS is the overseas jad and development agency of American Catholics. Contributions to further its efforts in Lebanon may be sent to Catholic Relief Services, Lebanon War Recovery Fund, 1011 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.



Youth Rally

The "He's Alive" youth ministry team from Brownsville, Tex., conducted a youth retreat July 4 and 5 at the Casa de Cristiandad (formerly Holy Redeemer School) for youth of city parishes. Other activities included parish missions and a city-wide vouth rally July 11.

Women's Center Awarded \$4,000

The Women's Career Center, a non-profit agency providing services to women in the Rochester community, has been awarded a \$4,000 special project grant from the Eastman Kodak Company.

The money will be used to develop new promotional materials providing detailed information on the center's services. Eastman Kodak is one of 35 corporations which contribute annual operating support funds to the center.

The center handles ap-

ORGAN RECITAL

Donna Whited will give an organ recital at 8 p.m., Sunday, July 25, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 1124 Hudson Ave. Admission will be free.

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