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Human Dump

A woman searches through human bones and clothing for the remains of her husband, missing for more than a month, in an El Salvador field known as "El Playon" (Big Beach), near San Salvador. The lava rock field is a dumping ground for bodies thought to be victims of rightist death squads. Meanwhile, the Reagan administration certified July 27 that El Salvador is making human rights progress and deserves continued U.S. military aid. The decision brought a wave of protests from church groups. Story on Page 6. (NC Photo from UPI)

POPE:

Produce Food, Not Armaments

By Nancy Frazier

Castelgandolfo, Italy (NC) — Pope John Paul II condemned the "scandal" of world hunger July 25 and called for "the victory of programs dedicated to development, nourishment and solidarity over those of hate, armaments and war."

In two separate talks at his summer residence in Castelgandolfo, about 15 miles from Rome, the pope said world resources must be used to eliminate hunger rather than to build up arms stockpiles.

"The problem of world hunger arises today with tragic urgency, also because its solution, rather than becoming closer with the passing of time, seems to get

even further away," he said at an early morning Mass for employees of the papal summer villa and members of their families.

"Already many voices have been raised to denounce the scandal of this situation, in which a minority of fortunate people prospers and enriches itself, ignoring a majority often unfortunately exposed, in addition to the humiliation of underdevelopment and economic dependence, to the very experience of organic deterioration and premature death for lack of sufficient nourishment," he told the 200 people at the outdoor Mass.

"It is now necessary and urgent to pass from words to actions, with concrete initiatives," he added.

In his noon address to some 10,000 people gathered at the villa for the Angelus, the pontiff estimated that there are some 750 million people currently suffering from hunger in the world.

By the year 2000, he said, that figure is expected to reach one billion. "Is it not perhaps a great concern of the Church and of modern society to assure that the resources existing in the world not be lost, not be destined to goals of the self-destruction of man, but to serve his true good, his legitimate development?" he asked.

"Let us pray, that the victory of programs dedicated to development, nourishment and solidarity, may prevail over those of hate, armaments and war," the pope added.

Induced Abortions Rise In Monroe County

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For every 1,000 live births in Monroe County in 1981, there were 362 abortions, according to statistics released last week by the county Department of Health.

Abortions in Monroe County for the year totaled 3,712 — 499 more than in the previous year, the county reported. The increase blunted any thought that a trend toward fewer abortions may

have been developing because the number of abortions had dropped from 3,579 to 3,213 in 1980.

At that time, the decline was attributed to more single women continuing pregnancies and keeping their babies. No conjecture greeted the new rise in abortions.

The induced abortions totaled 1,724 in the City of Rochester and 1,988 in the towns. But because of

population differences, the number of abortions per 1,000 births (385) was higher in Rochester than in the surrounding towns (344).

The abortion figure was almost seven times that of other fetal deaths, 569, throughout the country.

The 1981 statistics also showed that live births increased to 10,252 from 10,037 the previous year. Out-of-wedlock births also rose — from 1,898 in 1980 to 2,086 in 1981.



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

Diggin' In

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, above, was among nearly 300 hospital employees, politicians and financiers at the groundbreaking last Thursday, July 29, for a \$30 million modernization project at St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Genesee St. Left, Sister Ann William Bradley, hospital president, beams during the ceremonies. The

modernization includes construction of a three-story wing to house new surgical suites and support services, renovation of the present patient care areas, and the building of a new power plant to replace the present one that was installed in 1917. St. Mary's is Rochester's oldest hospital, serving the area since 1857.