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World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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La Paz, Bolivia — Archbishop Jorge Manrique of La Paz called for a political truce to avoid civil war in his country as labor and political groups blamed the military for placing Bolivia on the brink of bankruptcy. "Radical polarization is a sin that can bring the country to a national confrontation," he said. He added that because military, labor and political groups "have become entrenched in their own interests," they are all "risking a confrontation among Bolivians that no one wants." Archbishop Manrique spoke a week after Gen. Guido Vildoso succeeded Gen. Celso Torrelio as head of state following a power struggle among army officers. More Details, Page

Deepen Probe, Percy Asks

Washington — Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has called for further investigation into the deaths of four American churchwomen in El Salvador in December 1980. Brothers of two of the women have claimed that the State Department knew of allegations of the involvement of high-ranking Salvadoran security officers in the deaths of lay worker Jean Donovan, Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke, and Ursuline Sister Dorthy Kazel. Michael Donovan and William Ford said that a Salvadoran attorney hired by the U.S. embassy in El Salvador had stated that senior military officers and government officials may have ordered the killings. Thomas O. Enders, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, denied the accusations.

Hatch Debate Due in Senate

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Washington — The Senate may debate both the Hatch Amendment on abortion and the Helms human life bill this week under a plan which Senate negotiators are trying to iron out. The plan would bring Hatch to the floor three weeks earlier than previously expected.

Tax Credit Discussed

Washington — The Senate Finance Committee worked Aug. 9 on developing a compromise between the Reagan administration's tuition tax credit bill and legislation proposed by Sen. Robert Lockwood of Oregon and Sen. Daniel Moynihan of New York. The differences involve the refundability of the tax credit to parents who do not earn enough to qualify for a regular tax refund, a provision to phase out tax credits for parents with higher incomes and a provision to prevent tax credit money from going to schools that discriminate on the basis of race. More details, Page 10A.

PP Fights Reclassification

Washington — The Planned Parenthood Federation of America has filed suit in a federal court to stop the government's Office of Personal Management from changing its classification for federal fund-raising purposes. Donald J. Devine, OPM director, took steps in late July to reclassify Planned Parenthood from an international to a national agency, which would force the organization to file a separate application for charitable withholding at each of the 550 locations where federal employees work.

Killings Horrify Pope

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II expressed "horror and indignation" Aug. 10 at the shooting of six people in a Jewish restaurant in Paris the day before.

In a telegram to Archbishop Jean-Marie Lustiger of Paris, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants and a convert from Judaism, the pope said that the lunchtime attack on the Jo Goldenberg Restaurant in Paris' Jewish quarter "gravely offends the respect due to every human being."

In the attack, three men and three women, including two Americans, died and 22 people were wounded. Several men with automatic weapons opened fire on the lunchtime crowd at the restaurant near a Paris synagogue.

Focus on Jobs, Bishops Asked

Washington — The bishops of the United States have been asked to focus on the national "tragedy of unemployment" in 1982 Labor Day observances in their dioceses. Bishop Mark J. Hurley of Santa Rosa, Calif., chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference Committee on Social Development and World Peace, said in a letter to the bishops that Labor Day offers an opportunity for "special recognition in each diocese" of the dignity of work and the problem of unemployment. More details, Page 1.

Focus on Today's World



▲ Firemen battle a recent blaze at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Atlanta. The fire caused extensive damage to the sanctuary but no injuries were

reported. The church, constructed in 1869, is one of the oldest buildings in Atlanta. (NC photo)



Activist Dick Gregory spoke recently at a joint meeting of the National Black Catholic Clergy Conference, the National Black Sisters Conference and the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association in Plymouth, Mich. Gregory told conference participants that they must be bold in addressing hypocrisies even if it means being "kicked out of the church." (NC photos)



A Gene Kolkman poses as St. George as part of the pageant of the Masters, a nightly feature of the Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach, Calif. For nearly half a century local residents have been participating as living sculpture in the annual pageant in poses that simulate works of the great masters. Sculptures change every year, but the finale is always one of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper." (NC photo)



A Danbury, Conn., policeman tries to answer a puzzled youth's question about a recent Ku Klux Klan rally (background), After a discussion with the policeman, the boy and his friends left the area. Later at the rally, a couple renewed their wedding vows beneath a burning cross. (NC photo)

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