

World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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Bolivian Military Rule Hit

La Paz, Bolivia — The National Convention of the Laity in Bolivia has complained that two years of military rule have been marked by corruption and drug trafficking. In a statement, blame was put upon international economic interests as partly responsible for the poverty of the majority of Bolivians.

Chilean Bishops Defend Poor

Santiago, Chile — The bishops of Chile have released a statement which asks for greater popular participation in the country's political life and says that they will continue defending human rights and helping the poor. At the same time, the bishops warned against trying to politicize the Church and Church organizations along partisan lines. Chile has been under military rule since a September 1973 coup and since then Catholic agencies have been responsible for gathering much of the human rights data which has given the Chilean government a bad international image and has caused tense Church-state relations.

Immigration Act Amended

Washington — The Senate voted Aug. 12 and 13 to amend parts of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982 but postponed final action on the act itself. By an 86-14 vote, the Senate modified amnesty provisions for illegal aliens. Another amendment concerned expansion of the program for admitting temporary farm workers into the country. More details, Page 4.

Lengthy Greeley Suit Looms

Chicago — A \$3 million libel suit against Father Andrew Greeley could take up to four years to go to trial, said a lawyer for the plaintiff, James Winters, managing editor of Notre Dame Magazine, the alumni publication of the University of Notre Dame. Winters sued the nationally known priest, sociologist and author after Father Greeley had accused him on national television of stealing private files and then lying about it. Among the files were notes and tape recordings which outlined an alleged plot by Father Greeley to embarrass the now deceased Cardinal John Cody of Chicago and have him replaced by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, then of Cincinnati. Greeley claims the plot was a mere flight of imagination and that Winters lied about having permission to see and use the files.

Senate Delays Hatch Debate

Washington — A proposal to permit a vote on the Hatch amendment as part of the Senate's abortion debate fell apart when Senate negotiators failed to reach agreement on a format for the debate. Instead, the Senate was expected to consider only an anti-abortion bill proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms as an amendment to a measure raising the federal debt limit. More details, Page 4.

Is the Church 'Catholic'?

Houston (NC) — "If we blacks cannot make our contributions, if we cannot see our culture and our men in the hierarchical positions as bishops, then let's not continue to call this a catholic church," said Father Giles Conwill, keynote speaker at the Biennial Conference of the National Office for Black Catholics. "Call it Irish, call it Italian, but don't perpetrate the lie and call it catholic — universally open to all — if all cannot feel an integral, organic part of it," he declared.

Names Make News

Father (Maj. Gen.) John A. Collins, a Redemptorist, has been named the new chief of chaplains for the U.S. Air Force. A native of Boston, he is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Erie, Pa., and Mount St. Alphonsus Seminary, Esopus, N.Y. . . . Mother Teresa of Calcutta was scheduled to open the Family Congress of the Americas at Acapulco, Mexico, this week. The congress will discuss natural family planning methods . . . Superior general emeritus of the Vincentian Fathers, Father William M. Slattery, 87, died Aug. 10 in Philadelphia. A Baltimore native, he was named provincial of the Vincentians eastern province in 1932 and became the order's superior general in 1947, a job he relinquished in 1968 . . . Father Giuseppe Pittau, the Jesuits' second-in-command, is making a 10-day trip to Hungary and Poland. It is the first time a Jesuit leader has entered Hungary since the Communist takeover of that country after World War II. Dick Gregory warned a gathering of black Catholic clergymen and Religious that they must take a more active leadership role in condemning racial injustice within their church if they are to maintain their own self-esteem and their credibility in black communities . . . "Nuclear war has been condemned as utterly immoral by the Catholic Church," said Bishop Bernard Flanagan Worcester, writing in his diocesan newspaper on Aug. 6, the anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb. He urged a halt in the production of nuclear weapons and "a systematic reduction and eventual elimination of them."

Focus on Today's World



▲ Arthur Blessitt and his son carry crosses on their backs past Israeli soldiers near the green line that separates east and west Beirut. Blessitt hopes to get

warring factions to "turn on to Jesus" as he moves through the city on his personal mission of peace. (NC photo)



▲ Enten Eller, son of a minister, talks with reporters outside a federal court house in Roanoke, Va., after being found guilty of failing to register for the draft. He was placed on probation and ordered by Judge James Turk to register within 90 days. Eller, the first to be sentenced under the current registration law, said he will not comply with the judge's order because of his religious convictions. (NC photo)



▲ A statue of Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, is unveiled outside the K of C headquarters in New Haven, Conn. Participating in the ceremony are the founder's grand-niece, Zita O'Brian, and grand-nephew, John Walshe, left. (NC photo)



▲ Hands-reach out for Pope John Paul II as about 500 townspeople wait for him in the main square of Castelgandolfo, near the pope's summer residence. Earlier the pope celebrated Mass in the town's main church for the Feast of the Assumption. (NC photo)

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