

World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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Arabs Ask Israel Aid Cutoff

Washington — The National Association of Arab Americans appealed to President Reagan for "an immediate cutoff of all military and economic aid to Israel" and for an "international peacekeeping force to replace all occupying forces in Lebanon. And if the Israelis don't comply, then we demand the severing of diplomatic relations with Israel," said Robert D. Joseph, association president.

Catholic TV Net Operational

Washington — With prayers, a bishop's homily and the soft strains of guitar music, the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America got off the ground Sept. 20, opening the Catholic Church's new venture in satellite and cable TV. CTNA, a satellite delivery system to provide telecommunications services to the Catholic Church in the United States, is a for-profit organization wholly owned by the U.S. Catholic Conference. It is to provide not only general interest and religious programming transmitted via satellite but also is designed as a vehicle for delivering mail electronically, holding teleconferences and meeting other communications needs. As of Sept. 20, CTNA had 30 diocesan affiliates (not including Rochester).

Immigration Provision Kept

Washington — The House Judiciary Committee retained a provision in its version of a comprehensive immigration bill that would grant amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants in the United States. By a 16-12 vote, the committee turned back an attempt to kill the amnesty proposal, one of the key areas of the bill. The House version of the amnesty provision would grant permanent legal residence to all illegal aliens who can show they have been in the United States since 1978. The date in the Senate bill is 1977. Both measures would give temporary residence to those in the country since 1980. Congress may vote on the bill before Oct. 9, tentative date for adjournment.

Pope to Science: Get Involved

Castelgandolfo — Scientists cannot enclose themselves in ivory towers but must dialogue with all sectors of humanity on society's problems, Pope John Paul told about 100 members of national academies of science from around the world. The papal audience occurred during the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the creation of the Italian National Academy of Sciences. The pope said that scientific techniques can be "priceless tools in solving many serious problems, in the first place those of hunger and disease." However, he warned, science is a two-edged sword and "often the ever more sophisticated and deadly technology that has stemmed from science has been used against men, to the point of creating fearsome stockpiles of both conventional and nuclear arms, and of biological and chemical weapons, capable of destroying a large part of humanity."

Pole to Be Ordained Saint

Rome — At least 5,000 Polish pilgrims are expected to travel from Warsaw, Poland, to Rome to see their countryman, Blessed Maximilian Kolbe, be formally declared a saint Oct. 10, according to the Polish committee in Rome planning the ceremony. The canonization of Blessed Maximilian is scheduled for St. Peter's Square. A Franciscan priest, he died in the Nazi prison at Auschwitz after he had volunteered to take the place of a man with a family who had been selected at random for death.

Papal Wishes to Gemayel

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II sent his "most fervent wishes" to Amin Gemayel, Lebanon's new president, and said that he was praying for the freedom and the reconstruction of the violence-torn Middle East nation. Gemayel, a 39-year-old Maronite Catholic, had been elected to the presidency by an overwhelming majority to replace his brother, Bashir Gemayel, who was assassinated Sept. 14.

Demographers Addressed

Strasbourg, France — The Vatican told an international conference on demographics that government population policies "should take into account not only scientific and political information but also ethical and moral perspectives." The Holy See's position was stated to the European Population Conference.

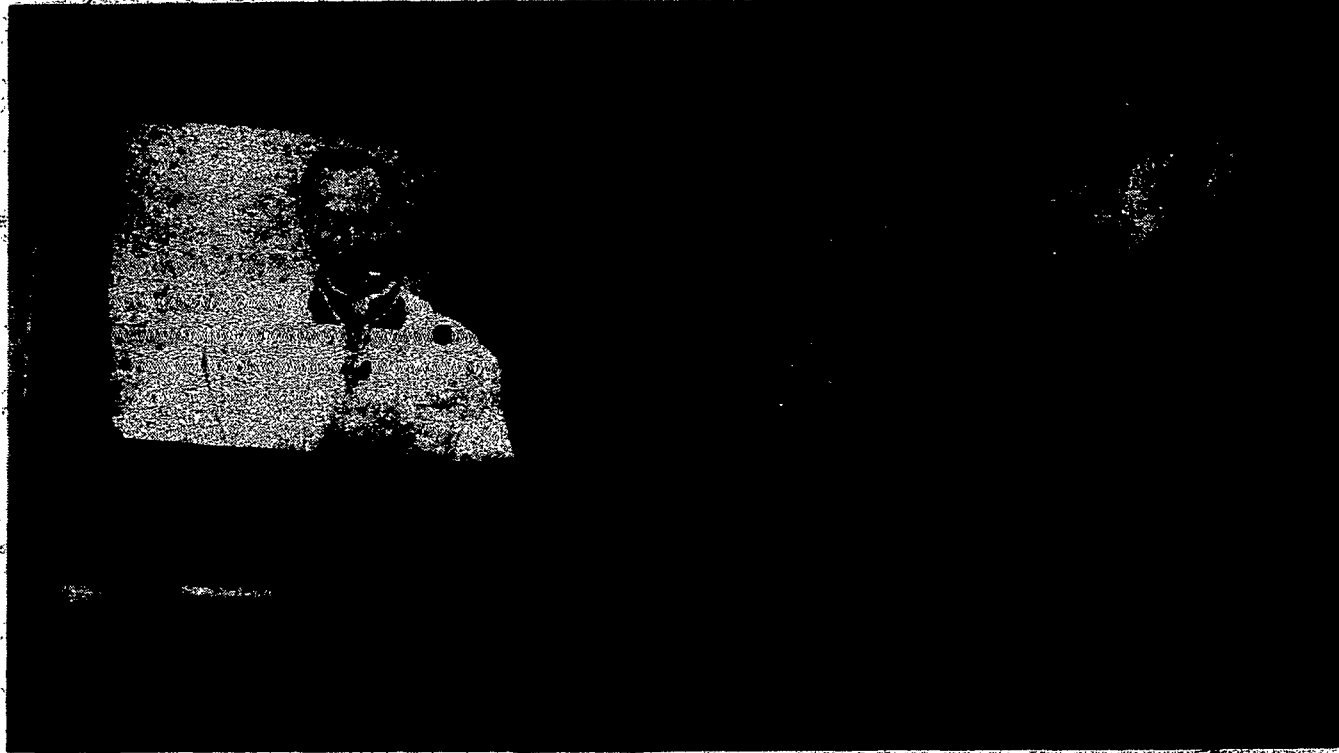
Dalai Lama Meets Pope

Vatican City — The Dalai Lama, exiled spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, met in private audience Sept. 28 with Pope John Paul II. The Vatican released no details of their conversation. The Buddhist leader, 47, left Tibet in 1959 after Chinese troops invaded his nation.

Marcinkus Not Making Trip

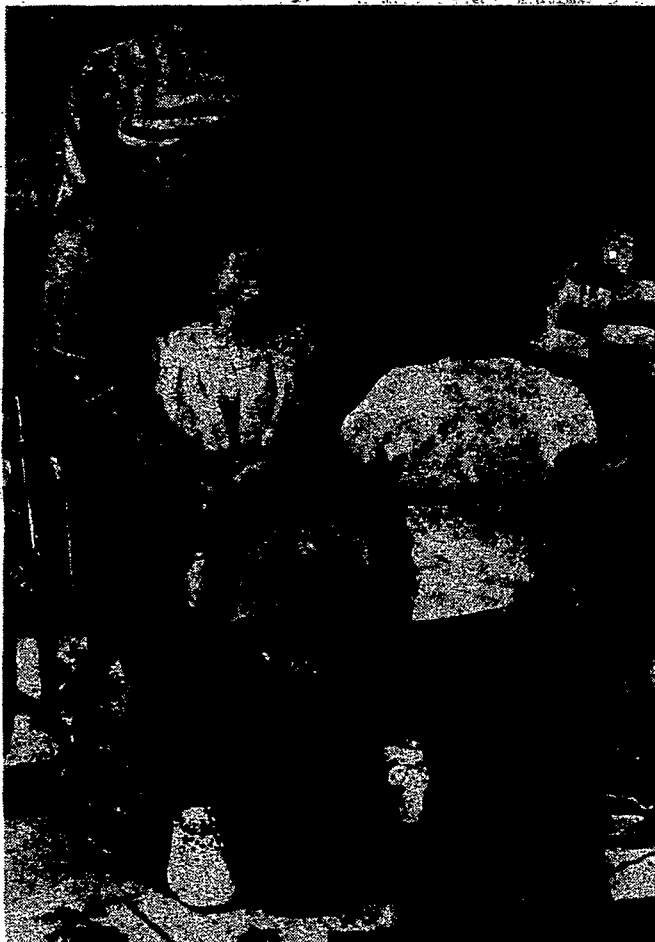
Vatican City — Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus will not accompany Pope John Paul II on his Oct. 31-Nov. 9 visit to Spain. A Vatican spokesman said that the archbishop has been involved in planning the papal visit but would not have time to travel with the pope because of the current demands of his position as president of the Vatican Bank.

Focus on Today's World

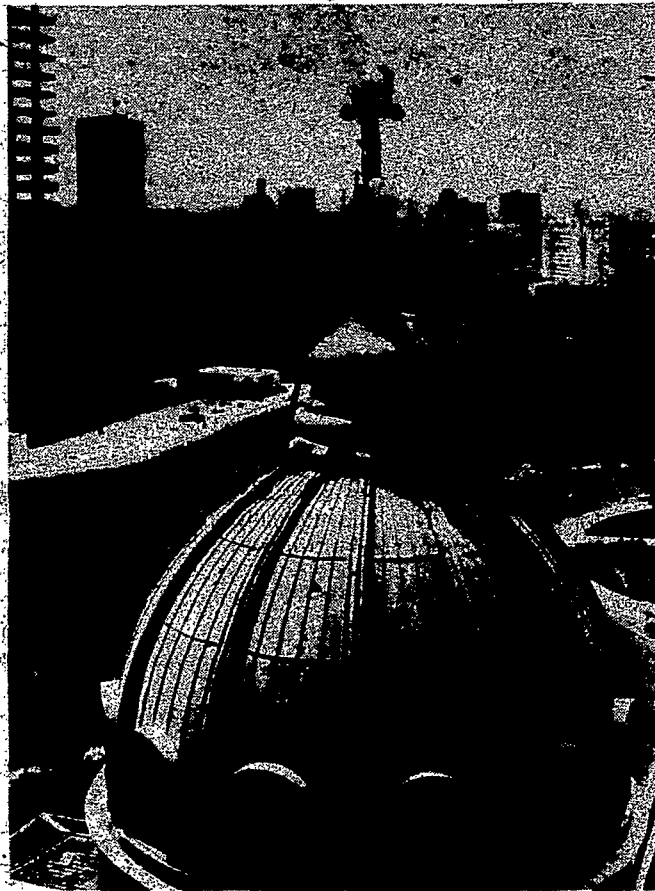


▲ Bishop John C. Reiss of Trenton, N.J., turns on a television set to receive the first broadcast of the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America. The bishop

watches a live broadcast as CTNA board chairman Bishop Louis E. Gelineau of Providence delivers a message. (NC photo)



▲ Hugs and smiles welcome Loretto Sister Rosemary Keegan back to her Headstart office at Denver's Northside Community Center. She will work one day a week as she continues her rehabilitation. Sister Keegan was severely beaten 10 months ago at the office when she apparently interrupted a burglary in progress. She is scheduled to testify against her alleged attacker when the trial begins Oct. 25. (NC photo)



▲ Steeplejacks Frank Kenney and Joe Broderick put one of seven coats of paint on the cross atop the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. The men will top off the job with an application of gold leaf. The workers are employed by Jack Hassler Steeplejacks, the company that first worked on the dome in 1911. (NC photo)

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▲ A young boy at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Saluda, S.C., tosses a record album cover onto a fire after listening to the Rev. Billy Adams deliver a fiery sermon on the evils of rock and roll music. Sledgehammers were used by some of the nearly 200 people attending the revival to smash the records. The evangelist told the people that rock music was destroying the morals of America. (NC photo)