

# World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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## Marcinkus: Vatican Clear

Rome (NC) — Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus, president of the Vatican bank, said it is not responsible for the bankruptcy of the Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank. Italian government officials have suggested that the Vatican bank should bear some of the responsibility for Banco Ambrosiano's default on \$1.2 billion because of letters of patronage signed by the Vatican bank which, according to Italian banking officials, vouched for the credit worthiness of Panamanian financial institutions that were unable to repay their loans from Banco Ambrosiano.

## Mental Tests Ordered

Vila Nova de Ourem, Portugal — A court here ordered psychological testing for Father Juan Fernandez Krohn, an illicitly ordained priest who said he tried to kill Pope John Paul II last May in Fatima. The court decision came Oct. 20, the opening day of the trial of Father Fernandez Krohn, who could receive a jail term of up to 26 years if convicted of charges of attempted assassination of a head of state.

## Guerrillas' Priests Defended

San Salvador, El Salvador — Bishop Arturo Rivera Damas, apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, has defended priests who are doing pastoral work among guerrillas by comparing them to priests working among military men. "Doing pastoral work among the armed forces does not mean a priest becomes a soldier . . . And by engaging in pastoral work in conflict zones it does not mean that the priest becomes a guerrilla," he said.

## Ecumenical Dialogue Continues

Indianapolis — Cardinal Johannes Willebrands of Utrecht, Netherlands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, and the Rev. Paul A. Crow, president of the Council on Christian Unity of the Disciples of Christ, have announced that a five-year-old dialogue between the two faiths would be renewed for another five years.

## Vatican Exhibit Planned

New York — For the first time, the Vatican is sending a major collection of art and archeological treasures to the United States for exhibits. A ticket sale manager says that interest in the 1983 exhibits is booming. "The Vatican Collections: The Papacy and Art" opens in the Metropolitan Museum of Art here on Feb. 26 and will continue there until June 12. It will also appear in Chicago and San Francisco.

## Rep. Hyde Lauded

Washington — Archbishop James A. Hickey is scheduled to present the "For God and Country Award" of the Capitol Hill First Friday Club to Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) on Dec. 8. Hyde, 58, a member of Congress since 1974, has been a sponsor of legislation restricting Medicaid funding of abortions. The constitutionality of that legislation, known as the Hyde amendment, was upheld by the Supreme Court in 1980.

## Reaganomics on Agenda

Washington — A resolution criticizing President Reagan's economic program will be among the items which the U.S. bishops will consider when they meet here Nov. 15-18 for their annual meeting. Though most attention will be on the proposed statement on war and peace, the bishops will be voting on several other matters.

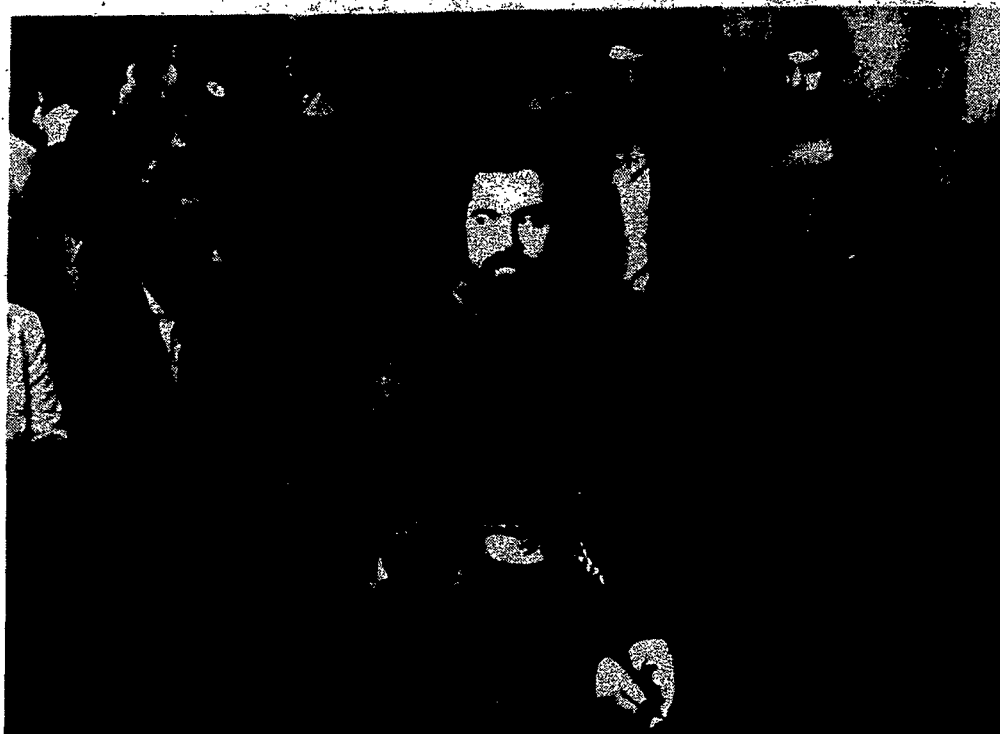
## Chinese Solution

Rome — Pope John Paul II predicted Oct. 25 that the Vatican's difficulties with the Communist China government can be settled so that "all Chinese believers will be able to feel at ease both in the national community and in the Church." He spoke at ceremonies in the Gregorian University here marking the 400th anniversary of the arrival in China of Jesuit Father Matteo Ricci.

## New 'Community' Announced

Dublin — Jesuit Father Michael Hurley, former director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, has announced the formation of a "community of reconciliation" in Northern Ireland. Father Hurley said he envisions a small religious community of both sexes and mixed denominations which would devote itself to prayer and work for unity among Christian churches, justice in society and peace. He said that he has gained considerable support from influential members of all the churches in Ireland and that both Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich of Armagh, Northern Ireland, and Church of Ireland (Anglican) Archbishop John Armstrong of Armagh have encouraged him.

# Focus on Today's World



▶ Father Juan Fernandez Krohn waits in the courtroom in Vila Nova Ourem, Portugal, where he went on trial for trying to assassinate Pope John Paul II during the pope's trip to Fatima. Psychiatric testing was ordered for the illicitly ordained priest. (NC photo)



▲ Abel Dorvilier, front, one of the last two Haitians to be released from the Krome Avenue detention center in Miami, shares his joy with Justin Manuel, staff worker for the U.S. Catholic Conference office of Migration and Refugee Services. (NC photo)



▲ Father Arnold Kari, pastor of St. James parish in Edgemont, S.D., shows off the 1930 Model A Ford he bought 13 years ago for \$40 when it was without an engine, glass, interior, wheels and seats. Over the years he has refurbished "Hildegard," as he fondly calls it, and the car's value now is estimated at more than \$10,000. (NC photo)

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▲ In her room at the Nazarine retirement convent in St. Louis, Sister Mary Charitina Flynn is surrounded by St. Louis Cardinals souvenirs including a ball autographed by the team. A fan of "many, many years," the Sister, who will be 103 on Dec. 16, says she prayed "rosary after rosary" for the team and listened to as many game broadcasts as she could. She said she loves all the members of the world champion Cardinals — especially Bob Forsch and Keith Hernandez. (NC photo)