

World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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2 Priests Face Charges

Bacolod, Philippines — The Philippine government plans to charge two Catholic missionary priests with murder in the killing of a Filipino mayor, said Col. Mario Hildago, commander of anti-guerrilla activities. Columban Fathers Brian Gore from Australia and Neil O'Brien from Ireland will be charged with planning and ordering the murder of Mayor Pablo Zola of Kabankalan. Zola and four companions were killed in an ambush after the bodies of seven members of a parish group working with Father Gore were found on the mayor's farm.

Irish Bishops Seek Amendment

Dublin, Ireland — Ireland's Catholic bishops expressed support for a proposed constitutional amendment designed to protect the lives of unborn children. The Irish government circulated a draft bill proposing the amendment which is to be added to the article of the constitution dealing with fundamental and personal rights. The amendment declares at the state "acknowledges the right to life of the unborn child and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right."

Shooting Suspect Arrested

Frankfurt, West Germany — Musa Cedar Celebi, a suspect in the May 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II, has been arrested in West Germany and placed in "provisional incarceration awaiting extradition," said West German State Prosecutor Hans Hermann Eckert. Celebi, a 30-year-old Turk, is wanted by Italian police investigating a possible conspiracy in the papal assassination attempt.

Challenge to Educators

Washington — The greatest challenge facing American religious educators, according to Archbishop Pio Laghi, is to devise programs that "are doctrinally sound and complete and yet have a tone, language and method capable of touching the heart." The apostolic delegate delivered the keynote address Nov. 2 at the Symposium on Catechetics sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association. An NCEA-produced inventory of religious programs shows that "our students appear to be learning essential doctrines . . . (but) their knowledge and attitudes in the areas of ecclesiology and morality are inadequate," the archbishop said.

NCC to Back Bishops

New York — Leaders of the National Council of Churches are making plans to support the proposed pastoral letter of the National Conference of Bishops on nuclear arms when it is issued. The plans were disclosed during the Nov. 3-5 meeting of the NCC governing board here.

Synagogue Vandals Assailed

Washington — Washington bishops joined in offering support to a suburban Jewish congregation after vandals desecrated a synagogue with Klu Klux Klan and Nazi symbols. The bishops issued a joint statement which declared: "Racism is a sin. Anti-Semitism is a sin. They are a denial of God-given human dignity and human rights."

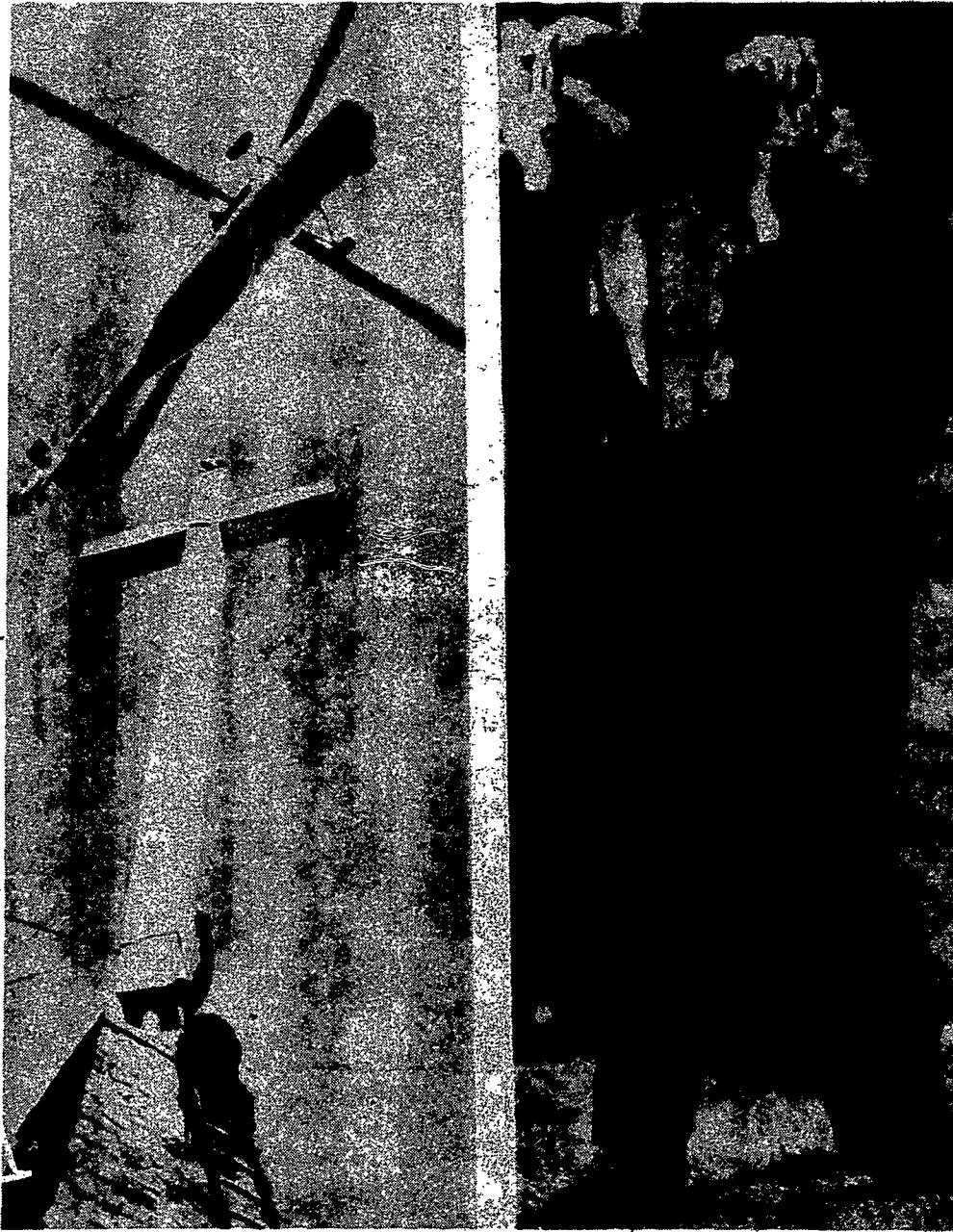
Protestants Like Pope, Too

New York — For non-Catholics as well as Catholics in Poland, Pope John Paul II is "Pole Number One," a member of a Polish church delegation said during a visit to the National Council of Churches. "Everybody speaks with reverence about him, whatever their religious affiliation," said the Rev. Zdzislaw Pawlik, a Baptist minister who serves as general secretary of the Polish Ecumenical Council.

Names Make News

Archbishop Edward Howard, retired archbishop of Portland, Ore., and the world's oldest living bishop, celebrated his 105th birthday Nov. 5 in Beaverton, Ore. . . . The Boy Scouts of America has announced that Bishop Michael H. Kenny of Juneau, Alaska, is to become the sixth bishop to serve as moderator for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting . . . Election of Mario Cuomo gives New York State its third Catholic governor in a row, following Hugh Carey and Malcolm Wilson. Both U.S. senators from the state also are Catholic — Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Alphonse D'Amato.

Focus on Today's World



◀ The 37-foot-high cross used on the outdoor altar during the 1979 visit of Pope John Paul II to Philadelphia is lowered by helicopter onto a pyramid at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. Winds created by the hovering helicopter blow the cassock of a young cleric photographing the placement of the cross atop the 23-foot pyramid. (NC photo)



▲ In Alcira, Spain, near the end of the pontiff's trip, a child seems unimpressed by the illustrious visitor as Pope John Paul II prays before a Marian statue. (NC photo)



▲ Father William O'Connell of Spearfish, S.D., officiates at funeral services for his friend, sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski, in a tomb the artist had carved out of his mountain. The sculptor (right) had spent half of his life carving the mountain into a monument to Sioux Indian Chief Crazy Horse. A model of his never-finished work stands behind him in this 1970 photo. (NC photo)



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