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World

Missioners Deny Charges

Kabankaln, Philippines — Two missionary priests denied accusations by the military that they were involved in the murder of Mayor Pablo Zola of this city.

"The charges are ludicrous because we believe and preach non-violence," Columan Fathers Brian Gore and Neil O'Brien said.

"We are horrified at the crimes presently ascribed to us," the priests added. They said the charges are an effort by the military to silence their complaints that it is harassing farmers in the villages where the missioners work.

Caroline's Annulment Studied

Vatican City — The Vatican has announced the establishment of a special commission to study whether an annulment should be granted in the marriage of Princess Caroline of Monaco and Phillippe Junot.

The procedures being used correspond to the ordinary norms in annulment cases and follow canon law procedures which reserve judgment to the pope in cases involving the children of heads of state. **More details, Page 7.**

Five Ordered to Trial

San Salvador, El Salvador — Salvadoran Criminal Court Judge Bernardo Rauda Murcia ordered five National Guardsmen to stand trial for the murders of four U.S. Catholic women missionaries in December 1980. He issued the indictment Nov. 15 after he concluded a nine-month investigation of the case.

The murders produced numerous protests from Salvadorans and U.S. Catholic leaders and has been a key issue in U.S. congressional debate over military aid to El Salvador.

Nation

School Aid Freshly Aired

Washington — The defeat by voters in Massachusetts and California of two nonpublic school aid amendments to their state constitutions has reopened the debate over whether the general public supports or opposes such aid. Opponents of such aid seized on the results as a signal that the public does not want its tax money used to benefit students in private schools. **More details, Page 7.**

Parish Helps Unemployed

Manitowoc, Wis. — Holy Innocents parish here is helping unemployed parishioners through a program to provide food, clothing, money, summer youtn employment, housing, prayer and other necessities.

"Families have volunteered to open their homes for people experiencing temporary housing problems," Father Daniel Felton, associate pastor, said. A grocery store has offered discounts, lawyers have offered free legal advice and people have offered to give a percentage of their paychecks to the unemployed.

Catholic TV Net Working

Washington — The Catholic Telecommunications Network of America, "once a dream three years ago, is now in place, beginning its service to the Church," Bishop Louis E. Gelineau of Providence told the bishops meeting here. He is chairman of the board of CTNA, a for-profit corporation wholly owned by the U.S. Catholic Conference. The network is providing three hours of radio and television programming a day. Thirty-three dioceses are now affiliated.

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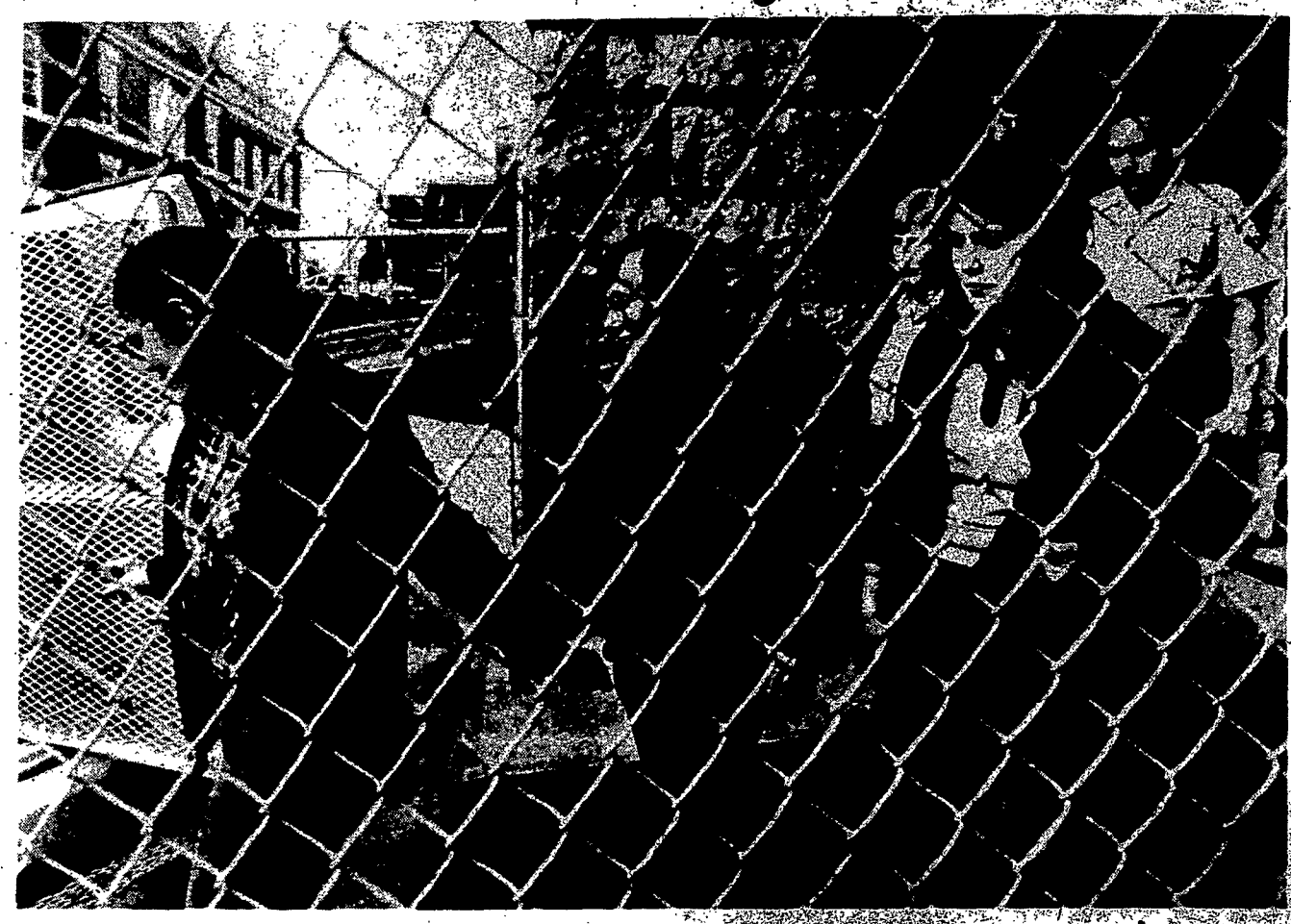

► Three of the seven peace activists who broke into Electric Boat Co. in Groton, Conn., and damaged a Trident submarine, from left, Marcia Timmel, 30, Jean Holladay, 53, and Ellen Grady, 20, are led to a van for transportation to the Niantic Correctional Center after arraignment in New London, Conn. (NC photo)

► World Lightweight Champion Ray "Boom-Boom" Mancini of Youngstown, Ohio, lands a vicious right hand to the head of Duk-Koo Kim in the 14th round of their recent Las Vegas bout. The Korean champion was knocked out by the punch and never regained consciousness. At a Mass for his opponent the following day in a Las Vegas hotel, Mancini is deep in prayer. (NC photos)

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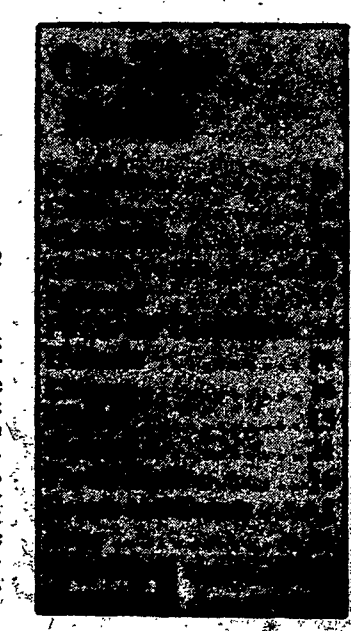
► A veteran Lebanese soldier of the Christian militia kneels to pray recently amid remnants of his home church in Damour. The church was taken over by PLO guerrillas during the civil war of 1975-76 and used as a maintenance garage by them during the intervening years. (NC photo)