

THE ATTEMPT ON THE POPE

KGB Seen Culprit

By NC News Service
Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski, both former national security advisers to U.S. presidents, said today they believe the KGB, the Soviet secret police, was behind the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May 1981.

There is mounting evidence that the KGB was involved in the most monumental assassination attempt carried out in this century — that against the pope, Brzezinski said in an interview in Turin's La Stampa Jan. 7. Brzezinski was adviser to President Jimmy Carter.

There is no doubt that the investigation by Italian authorities has established the complicity of Bulgaria in the attack, he was quoted as saying. "Those who know the reality of eastern Europe automatically deduce that the Soviet Union was in command of the operation."

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said in an interview with Cable News Network that former CIA Director Richard Helms had told him "it had all the earmarks of a KGB operation."

Kissinger said he agreed because "if you try to square the known facts, it really leads almost to no other conclusion." Kissinger was adviser and Secretary of

State under President Richard Nixon. Both Bulgaria and the Soviet Union have denied that they were involved in the plot.

Probe Judge Off to Germany

Judge Ilario Martella, chief Italian investigator of the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, left Rome Jan. 2 for West Germany to continue his probe.

A statement issued by his office said the judge would visit Frankfurt to interrogate Musa Cedar Celebi, a Turk jailed as a complicity suspect in the May 13, 1981, attempt on the pope.

Italian judicial sources said Martella wants to question Celebi, who is suspected of having provided weapons and money to convicted assailant Mehmet Ali Agca, to check claims made by Agca.

Agca, also a Turk, is serving a life sentence in Italy because of his conviction. Reportedly, Agca has told authorities that several Bulgarians were involved in the planning of the crime and were present in St. Peter's Square when Agca fired at the pope.

The only Bulgarian arrested in the case, Sergei Ivanov Antonov, has produced seven witnesses who say they were with him at the Rome offices of Balkan Airlines, a Bulgarian state company, at the time of the shooting.

Antonov's lawyers have moved for immediate release of their client, claiming a "complete lack of evidence" to link him with the assassination attempt.

Haitian Case Hits New Snag

By John Dash

If anything, Rochester's Haitian refugees are deeper in legal limbo today than anyone could have foreseen at this time last week.

Initially, the refugees were slated to appear in Judge Gordon Sacks' Buffalo courtroom at 1 p.m. today. On Dec. 28, however, the volunteer attorneys for the men filed a request for a change of venue for the proceedings which will determine whether the refugees will be allowed to stay in the United States, or will be deported to Haiti. In the request to move the

proceedings from Buffalo to Rochester, the attorneys also asked that further action in the matter be delayed until a determination is made on the change of venue.

Late last Thursday, however, word was given the Haitians that, because of a scheduling problem on Judge Sacks' calendar, their scheduled appearance was postponed.

According to James Maloney, executive director of the Catholic Family Center, the notice that the appearance was postponed did not include the judge's disposition of the change of venue request.

Maloney is a key figure in the Cuban/Haitian Emergency Refugee Committee, as well as head of the office which provides services to the majority of the Haitian refugees here.

The refugees will argue their case that they have fled intolerable political persecution in their homeland. Twelve of them are under the institutional sponsorship of the United States Catholic Conference, and two under Church World Service.

They are among those refugees who were incarcerated at Ray Brook Federal Penitentiary in the Adirondacks.

They were released from detention following a Federal Court order June 29 which ruled that their imprisonment was illegal.

Rochester's refugees are among the 1,900 Haitians who fled their homelands in boats two summers ago, only to find themselves summarily locked up by the order of the Attorney General on reaching U.S. shores.

Also at that time President Reagan issued an extraordinary order to the Coast Guard to shoot if necessary to keep the Haitians from the U.S.

It is the contention of the government that the refugees are economic refugees rather than political refugees, despite continuing reports of human rights violations and official disrespect for the rule of law under the Haitian government of dynast Jean Claude Duvalier.

Among the agencies making those reports are Amnesty International and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States.

Stella Maris Plans Auction

Articles in good condition are needed for a fundraising auction to take place at Camp Stella Maris Saturday, June 4.

The camp has been offering area youth recreation programs in a Christian atmosphere for 56 years. It hopes to provide further camp development and a new infirmary/bath/office complex. New programs for seniors and handicapped persons are also projected.

Anyone with articles to donate should contact Kathy Gullio, auction chairperson, at 266-3009, or Camp Stella Maris 346-2243 to arrange for pickup.

Rosary on The Air

The Family Rosary Network may be heard at 6:30 nightly over the following stations:

- WWG, Rochester (1500AM); WXXY, Watkins Glen (104FM); WFSW, Seneca Falls (99FM and 1110AM); WOIV, Syracuse (105FM); WSIV, Syracuse (1540 AM); and WXRL, Buffalo (1300AM).

DPC AGENDA

- 9:45 a.m. Opening Prayer (prepared by the Northwest Region) Minutes and Agenda Approval Chairperson's Remarks Directors' Report Sisters' Council Report Priests' Council Report Youth Report Coffee Break
- 9:45-10 a.m. Ministerial Review Committee Larry Michael
- 10 a.m.-noon Family Life Regional Meetings Frank Staropoli
- 12-12:05 p.m. Liturgy and Lunch The Liturgy will be prepared by the Northwest Region. Please bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided.
- 12:05-1:30 p.m. Bishop Clark, Presentation and Open Forum
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Lourdes Perez-Albuerne, Mission in Tabasco
- 2:15-2:35 p.m. Parish Project Update, Sr. Ann Habershaw
- 2:35-2:45 p.m. Regional and Appointed Members Reports
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. Regional election procedures; directions to the Executive Committee; Evaluation; the Closing Prayer (prepared by the Northwest Region)
- 3:15-3:30

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark appoints:

Father Ronald Stacy to pastor of St. Andrew's Church, from associate pastor, St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan.

Father Michael J. Mahler, to sabbatical, for an independently developed program at the Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, Jan. 15-June 15, 1983.

Father Thomas F. Corbett, to sabbatical, for the Institute for Clergy Education, University of Notre Dame, Feb. 15-June 15, 1983.

Father Roy J. Kiggins, to sabbatical, for the Institute for Clergy Education, University Notre Dame, Feb. 15-June 15, 1983.

Father John Hemple, to a leave of absence.

Father Edward Dillon, to associate pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester.

Father Edward Golden, to chaplain at Elmira Correctional and Reception Center, from pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church.

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