

World, Nation, People... in Brief

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World

East Meets West

Warsaw, Poland — Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw and Gniezno and Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, Polish leader, met here March 9, according to a brief announcement from the official Polish News Agency, PAP. Although neither side revealed any details, the two are believed to have discussed Pope John Paul II's expected trip to Poland in June, which will begin June 18.

Britain Studies Moonies

London — Britain's attorney general, Sir Michael Havers, has called for removal of the tax-exempt status of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. Sir Michael told Parliament March 7 that he had asked the government's Charities Commission for a decision on the Church's status as a charity.

Nation

Wants to See Reagan

Washington — The president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis, has asked for a meeting with President Reagan in the wake of comments by two top administration officials linking the Church with Marxist elements in Central America. Archbishop Roach requested the meeting either between himself and the president or between administration officials and officials of the bishops' conference "to clarify the confusion about the Church's work." Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz had voiced their perception that the Catholic Church is too closely associated with Marxists in Central America.

Cardinal Rejects 'Innuendo'

Washington — Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington rejected a Reagan administration "innuendo suggesting that Church policy in Central America serves Marxist interests" at a March 7 hearing before two House subcommittees. Archbishop Hickey, who toured Central America Feb. 1-9, urged Congress to make a "distinct shift" in U.S. policy toward that region and urged the administration to "promote dialogue, insist on a ceasefire and support a negotiated end to the conflict" in El Salvador. More details, Page 4.

U.S. Policy Called 'Insane'

New York — Twenty-five U.S. Protestant and Catholic leaders have accused Secretary of State George P. Schultz of impugning the judgment and motives of Church leaders in El Salvador and have called U.S. policy toward El Salvador "irresponsible and inhumane."

The leaders expressed their views in a telegram extending "congratulations and the assurance of our prayers" to Archbishop Arturo Rivera Damas of San Salvador on his appointment as primate of El Salvador. The congratulatory telegram was initiated by the National Council of Churches.

"Recently in public statements, the U.S. secretary of state has impugned the judgment and motives of Church leadership in El Salvador for your advocacy of dialogue among all parties as an essential step toward solution of the armed conflict there," the message said. "However, the alternative U.S. proposal to intensify attempts to impose a military solution is, to our mind, irresponsible and inhumane."

Among Protestant signers were Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church and Thelma Adair, a Presbyterian laywoman who is president of Church Women United. Among Catholic signers were Father James Noonan, superior general of the Maryknoll Fathers; Father John O'Callaghan, president of the U.S. Jesuit Conference; Sister Melinda Roper, president of the Maryknoll Sisters, and Sister Mary Ann Dillon, president of the U.S. Catholic Mission Association.

Aid for Refugees

Washington — In response to a need for immediate aid, the Holy Childhood Association members in the United States sent \$30,000 to Ghana recently to provide relief from the physical distress suffered by the children and families of the estimated 200,000 or more refugees returning to Ghana from Nigeria. The situation came about when workers in Nigeria who were not native-born were ordered out of the country. They had little preparation and most had to travel by land to their native Ghana. Many, including women and children, had to carry their possessions in their hands while they walked through neighboring countries to reach Ghana. — Holy Child Association report.

Focus on Today's World



Visitors with plastic containers and bottles line up to get water from a spring in Ranschbach, West Germany. During the past few weeks more than 60,000 people have swarmed the small Rhineland village after reports of miraculous cures began appearing in the West German press. (NC photo)




Several hundred thousand Spaniards rally in downtown Madrid to express their opposition to the socialist government's efforts to liberalize Spain's abortion laws. With the theme "No to abortion, yes to life," the demonstration was the largest yet in a heated national debate. (NC photo)



At San Pedro Sula, Honduras' second largest city, Pope John Paul II thanks a local girl who gave him a bouquet of roses. (NC photo)

the Saints *by Luke*

ST. ANSELM II OF LUCCA



ANSELM WAS BORN IN 1036 IN MANTUA, ITALY. HE WAS NAMED BISHOP OF LUCCA IN 1073 BY HIS UNCLE, POPE ALEXANDER II, WHO HAD JUST VACATED THE SEE. ANSELM BECAME INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE OVER IMPERIAL INVESTITURE AND REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE SYMBOLS OF HIS OFFICE FROM EMPEROR HENRY IV. ANSELM EVENTUALLY DID, BUT THEN RETIRED TO THE CLUNIAC MONASTERY AT POLIRONE AND BECAME A BENEDICTINE MONK. RECALLED BY POPE GREGORY VII, HE SOON CLASHED WITH HIS CANONS OVER THEIR LACK OF AUSTERITY. WHEN THEY WERE PLACED UNDER AN INTERDICTION BY THE POPE AND EXCOMMUNICATED, THEY REVOLTED WERE SUPPORTED BY THE EMPEROR, AND IN 1079, DROVE ANSELM FROM HIS SEE. ANSELM RETIRED TO CANOSSA, BECAME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF COUNTESS MATILDA, REFORMED THE MONKS AND CANONS OF HER TERRITORY, AND WAS A FIRM SUPPORTER OF POPE GREGORY'S STRUGGLE TO END LAY INVESTITURE. AFTER GREGORY'S DEATH, POPE VICTOR III APPOINTED HIM APOSTOLIC VISITOR TO ADMINISTER SEVERAL DIOCESES IN LOMBARDY VACANT BECAUSE OF THE INVESTITURE STRUGGLE. HE DIED IN MANTUA, IN 1086, AND HIS FEAST IS MARCH 18.

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