

World, Nation, People... in Brief

Focus on Today's World

World

U.S. Priest Among Protesters

London — More than 2,000 people participated in a three-day "Peace Pentecost" demonstration at a U.S. Air Force base in England to protest the stationing of nuclear weapons there. The protesters included two Anglican bishops and a U.S. Catholic priest, Father George Zabelka, who was chaplain to the U.S. airmen who dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Father Zabelka was in Britain with the Bethlehem Peace Pilgrimage composed of 20 Christians, mostly Catholics, who are walking the 7,700 miles from the Trident nuclear submarine base in the state of Washington to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ.

Bishop Blames Apartheid

Durban, S. Africa — South Africa's white-minority government's racial segregation system of apartheid is mainly responsible for escalating violence involving the country, according to Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, president of the Southern African Bishops' Conference. Archbishop Hurley issued statements after the May 20 bombing of the South African Air Force headquarters in which at least 17 people died and after the May 23 retaliation bombing by South Africa in neighboring Mozambique. On May 23 the African National Congress, an illegal black guerrilla group known as ANC, claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Air Force building. Said the archbishop, "Violence we abhor, but we cannot abhor ANC violence without abhorring violence built into apartheid."

Nation

Tuition Bill Approved

Washington — The Senate Finance Committee, by a vote of 11-7, approved a tuition tax credit bill May 24. The bill, which President Reagan and Catholic school representatives have supported, faces a challenge in the Senate from opponents who say the measure will take money and talent from public schools. The credit would be for half the tuition a parent pays to send a child to a non-public elementary or secondary school up to a maximum credit of \$100. This would go into effect July 1 and would increase to a \$200 maximum in 1984 and \$300 in 1985. A similar bill died in the Senate last year. Robert L. Smith, executive director of the Council for American Private Education, said he believes that "philosophically there are a lot of supporters in the Senate, but the problem is the preoccupation with the budget."

Sisters File Appeal

Silver Spring, Md. — The Sisters of Mercy of the Union have filed a canonical appeal of the dispensation from religious vows of Agnes Mary Mansour, who resigned from the order so she could keep her job as director of the Michigan Department of Social Services. Then-Sister Mansour was dispensed from her vows May 9 after she declined to agree with the Vatican that she resign from her job. The Sisters of Mercy, based in Silver Spring, said in a statement that its central administration initiated the appeal May 18. The announcement of the appeal came in a May 20 statement mailed to the media. Sister Theresa M. Kane, president of the order, said the appeal is based on the right, provided under church law, of recourse against church actions. The appeal, she said, cites a lack of due process in the case, a lack of opportunity for a hearing and a lack of clarity on the specific causes of the action.

Demonstrators Arrested

Washington — About 240 peace demonstrators were arrested in the U.S. Capitol May 23 after staging a protest against nuclear weapons. Among the demonstrators were Notre Dame Sister Mary Evelyn Jegen, a former national coordinator of Pax Christi; Franciscan Father Richard Rohr, pastor of the New Jerusalem Community of Cincinnati, and his companions, Ursuline Sister Patricia Brockman, three men and one woman from the community. Sojourners, an evangelical peace community based in Washington, organized the demonstration. Charges against the 243 people involved were unlawful entry and unlawful demonstration. Those found guilty received sentences of five days in jail or \$50 fines. According to court information, Sister Brockman had paid the fine by May 25. A court aide said Father Rohr and other demonstrators who had not done so had until May 31 to pay the fine.

People

Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Bishop Thomas J. Drury of Corpus Christi, Texas, and appointed Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla., to succeed him. Bishop Drury, 75, a native of Ballynote, Ireland, has been bishop of Corpus Christi since 1965. Bishop Gracida, 59, was the first bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee and has served there since its inception in late 1975. . . . **Majella Mulkeen**, a 20-year-old Irish social worker, was elected president May 23 of the newly formed International Youth Pro-Life Organization. The organization was set up during the second International Congress of Youth for Life, held May 20-23 in Cologne, West Germany. The Cologne congress was attended by 200 young people between the ages of 20 and 25 from eight countries: Austria, England, Ireland, West Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, South Africa and the United States.



Fathers Niall O'Brien, left, Brian Gore, center, and Vicente Dangan appear in a court in Kabankalan, Philippines, on charges they participated in the 1982 murder of a town mayor and four aides. Pleading not guilty, the priests said they are being framed by powerful sugar barons who resent efforts to organize workers. (NC Photo)



An older sister helps a young child during a meal at a mission in Kikwit, Zaire, run by the Sisters of the Annunciation. Saved from the verge of starvation, the children are in a nutrition program and are now considered out of danger. The sisters serve more than 4,000 meals a month. (NC Photo)



In Exeter, N.H., Sister Honora Reardon shakes hands with Bishop Odore Gendron of Manchester, N.H., after she and three other nuns settled out of court with the bishop on a contractual dispute over the nun's teaching positions. In a joint statement it was announced that the nuns will not continue to teach at Sacred Heart School in Hampton, N.H., but may apply for other teaching positions in the diocese. (NC Photo)

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the Saints *by Luke*

ST. KEVIN

KNOWN IN IRELAND AS COEMGEN AS WELL AS KEVIN, ACCORDING TO TRADITION, HE WAS BORN AT THE FORT OF THE WHITE FOUNTAIN IN LEINSTER, IRELAND, OF ROYAL DESCENT. HE WAS BAPTIZED BY ST. CRONAN AND EDUCATED BY ST. PETROC. HE WAS ORDAINED, AND BECAME A HERMIT AT THE VALLEY OF THE TWO LANES IN GLENDALOUGH.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS THERE HE WAS PERSUADED TO GIVE UP HIS SOLITARY LIFE AND WENT TO DISERT-COEMGEN, WHERE HE FOUNDED A MONASTERY FOR THE DISCIPLES HE ATTRACTED, AND LATER MOVED TO GLENDALOUGH.

ON A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, HE BROUGHT BACK MANY RELICS FOR HIS PERMANENT FOUNDATION AT GLENDALOUGH. HE WAS A FRIEND OF ST. KIERAN OF CLONMACNOIS AND WAS ENTRUSTED WITH THE RAISING OF THE SON OF KING COLMAN OF UI FAELAIN BY THE KING. HE DIED IN 618 AND HIS FEAST IS JUNE 3.

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