

# World, Nation, People... in Brief

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## World

### Charismatics' Retreat

Rome -- The International Catholic Charismatic Renewal plans a worldwide priests' retreat Oct. 5-7, 1984, in Rome. The theme of the retreat will be "A Call to Holiness." The theme deals with "a trend among priests back to the image of holiness," according to Redemptorist Father Tom Forrest, council chairman for the organization. He said 7,000 to 10,000 priests from 100 countries are expected to attend the retreat.

### Priest, Nun Accused

Naples, Italy -- Italian police arrested more than 400 people, including a priest and a nun, in a nationwide sweep against alleged members of the Camorra, the Naples version of the Mafia. Among those arrested in 33 Italian cities June 17 and 18 were Franciscan Father Mariano Santini, 55, chaplain of the maximum security prison in Ascoli Piceno, and Sister Aldina Murelli, 51, an elementary school teacher in Ercolano. Although exact charges against each suspect were not made public, judicial sources said Father Santini, known in religious life as Father Saverio, was believed to have acted as a go-between for Raffaele Cutolo, jailed "godfather" of the Naples crime syndicate, and those outside prison when Cutolo was jailed in Ascoli Piceno. Sources said Sister Murelli, a member of the Daughters of Charity of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, was believed to have served as a letter carrier for Cutolo from the Ascoli Piceno prison, where she often made visits.

## Nation

### Leave Lebanon, All Urged

Washington -- In a nine-point statement, the Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Dialogue in the United States scored government treatment of Coptic Christians in Egypt and the presence of any foreign forces in Lebanon. The statement, made public in Washington June 20, urged authorities of the churches engaged in the dialogue to seek the removal of all Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian forces in Lebanon, to promote internal resolution of the strife there, and to help in Lebanese reconstruction. On Egypt, the dialogue participants declared they were "deeply preoccupied" with the situation facing the Christian churches, particularly the Coptic Orthodox Church.

### Heckling Organized

Washington -- Nicaraguans who heckled Pope John Paul II last March were part of a carefully arranged effort to discredit the Church and neutralize its opposition to the Sandinista government, said a former Nicaraguan counterintelligence officer who defected to the United States. The defector, 24-year-old Miguel Bolanos Hunter, said the overall plan to discredit the Church involves associating the Church hierarchy with "the two enemies of the Nicaraguan people: the United States and the wealthy class, the bourgeoisie." In Nicaragua, 88 percent of the 2.8 million people profess Catholicism.

### That Court Again

Washington -- A lawsuit by several University of California students challenging the school's use of a portion of their mandatory fees for abortions was turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court June 20. The students had argued they should not be forced to help pay for other students' abortions in violation of their right to freedom of religion, but the court without comment refused to review lower court rulings dismissing the students' challenge of the mandatory fee policy.

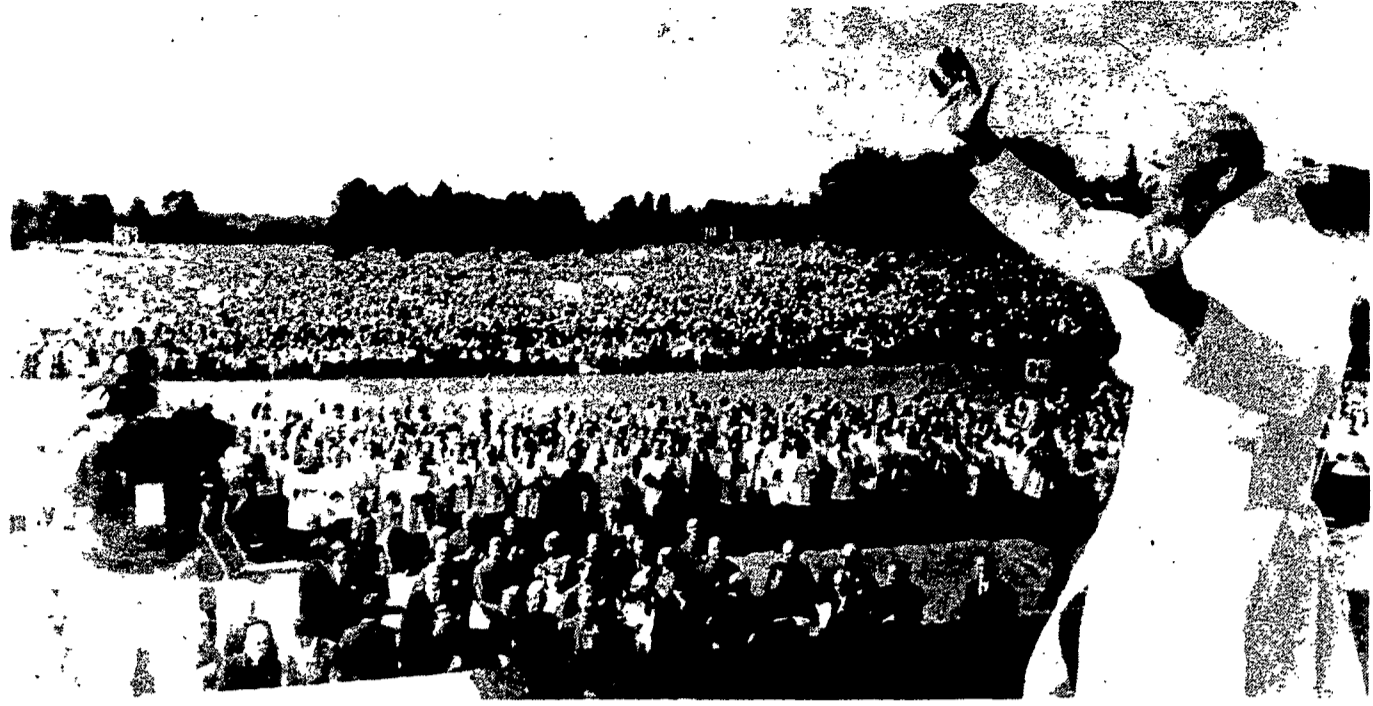
### Aid Requests Sought

New York -- The U.S. Catholic Conference's Communication Committee is seeking "preapplications" for its annual Catholic Communication Campaign grants. The grants fund special projects related to Catholic communications in print, radio, television and other media. The preapplication process allows potential recipients to file brief proposals, from which those considered eligible to submit full applications will be chosen. Grant recipients then will be selected.

### Back to Hoop

San Francisco -- The University of San Francisco will resume its NCAA Division I basketball program in 1985-86 but will not try to be the national power it was in past years, according to Jesuit Father John Lo Schiavo, USF president. He announced the decision June 10, saying the university will not recruit players from out of state and will not seek national exposure. Father Lo Schiavo announced the termination of the USF basketball program in 1982 following a series of scandals, including recruiting violations which recurred despite university's efforts to put a stop to them.

# The Pope in Poland



An exuberant Pope John Paul II waves to the crowd assembled in a park in Poznan, where the pontiff celebrated Mass on the fifth day of his trip to Poland



Dressed in prison garb, three survivors of a World War II Nazi concentration camp talk with Pope John Paul II during a Mass at the Wroclaw Hippodrome.



On his arrival, Pope John Paul greets the Polish bishops, including Cardinal Josef Glemp, center. The pope is accompanied by government leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, in uniform, and Polish President Henryk Jablonski, reaching to shake someone's hand.

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## the Saints by Luke

**OLIVER WAS BORN IN LOUGHCREW, MEATH, IRELAND, IN 1629, OF A NOBLE FAMILY THAT SUPPORTED KING CHARLES I AND THE CAUSE OF IRISH FREEDOM. HE STUDIED AT ST. MARY'S BENEDICTINE ABBEY IN DUBLIN, WENT TO THE IRISH COLLEGE IN ROME WHEN HE WAS 16, AND WAS ORDAINED IN 1654. HE SPENT THE NEXT 15 YEARS IN ROME AS PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY. HE WAS NAMED ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH AND PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND AND RETURNED TO IRELAND IN 1670. HE SPENT FOUR YEARS REORGANIZING HIS DIOCESE, REFORMING THE ABUSES THAT HAD ARISEN DURING THE ABSENCES OF PERSECUTED BISHOPS.**

**IN 1673 RENEWED PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS FORCED MANY BISHOPS TO FLEE, AND HE WAS FORCED INTO HIDING. IN 1678, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE TITUS OATES PLOT, ALL CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND BISHOPS WERE ORDERED EXPELLED FROM IRELAND, AND ON DEC. 6, 1679, HE WAS IMPRISONED ON FALSE CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE BRITISH CROWN, AND COMPLICITY IN THE TITUS OATES PLOT.**

**OLIVER WAS HANGED, DRAWN AND QUARTERED ON JULY 1, 1681, AT TYBURN, THE LAST CATHOLIC TO SUFFER MARTYRDOM THERE. HE WAS CANONIZED BY POPE PAUL VI IN 1975, THE FIRST IRISH SAINT TO BE CANONIZED SINCE ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE IN 1226. HIS FEAST IS JULY 1.**

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