

World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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World

Bulgars, Italians Differ

Rome -- The chief investigator of the 1981 attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II ended a "quite positive" visit to Bulgaria July 18 but said Italian and Bulgarian views on possible Bulgarian involvement in the attempt still differ. Italian Judge Ilario Martella, who heads the 14-month-old investigation, had no comment about the case after his late afternoon arrival from Sofia, Bulgaria, at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport.

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Disarmament ... But

Brussels, Belgium -- While urging new and repeated initiatives in disarmament talks, the Belgian bishops defended Belgium's plan to install 48 cruise missiles if those talks fail. "The Gospel is against violence but also makes it an obligation to defend one's brother. Non-violence cannot exclude legitimate self-defense," said Cardinal Godfried Danneels of Malines-Brussels, who presented the message July 19.

Bush Stuns Nuns

Rome (NC) -- Seventy-five nuns gathered in Rome said July 15 they were "appalled" that U.S. Vice President George Bush had voted two days earlier to resume U.S. production of nerve gas weapons. "Dignity of human life demands reversal of the decision," said the nuns in a telegram to the vice president. Bush broke a 49-49 tie in the Senate July 13 by voting for a Reagan-backed bill that would authorize \$130 million for production of binary nerve gas weapons.

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Nation

A 'No' from Cardinal

New York -- Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, answering press speculation that he would be named to a bipartisan commission to recommend Central American policy to the Reagan administration, said he does not want to be a member of the commission. His decision was given to Henry Kissinger, former secretary of state under the Nixon and Ford administrations. Kissinger was named by President Reagan to head the bipartisan commission.

KC Concerns: Cults, Arms

Columbus, Ohio (NC) -- The dangers posed by religious cults and the arms race top the Knights of Columbus agenda of proposed resolutions for the 101st meeting of the Knights' Supreme Council Aug. 2-4 in Columbus. The Supreme Council is the highest legislative and policy body of the Knights of Columbus, which has a membership of nearly 1.4 million throughout the world.

People

Names Make News

Michael F. Hurley, vice president for development of the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America, has resigned to accept a position as vice president and general manager of Life Broadcasting, Inc. . . . Pope John Paul II has called for prayers for Emanuela Orlandi and her family. The pope, who has appealed three times for the release of the 15-year-old Vatican citizen since her June 22 abduction, made the appeal at the close of his weekly general audience.

Focus on Today's World



The Thomas McGuire family of Orland Park, Ill., greets 12-year-old Elaine Reid, right, one of 160 children from Northern Ireland who are spending part of the summer with U.S. families.



A statue appears to be praying as the 100-year-old St. Mary's Nativity Church in Raceland, La., is torn down recently.

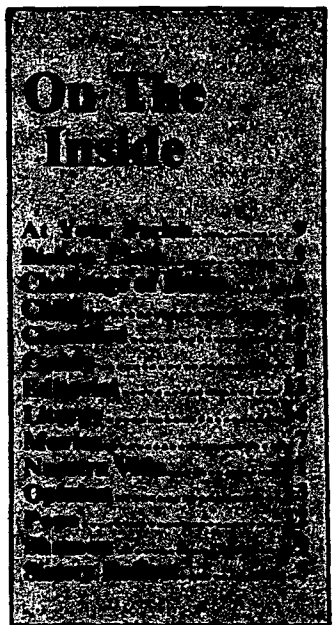
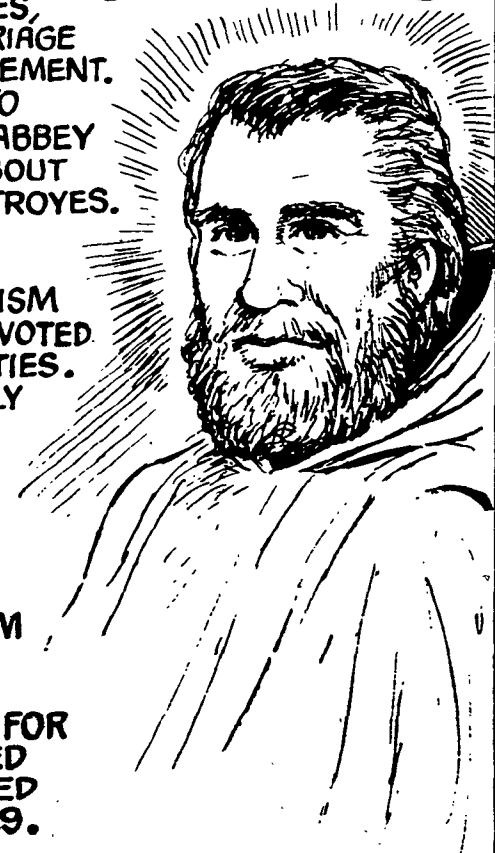


Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy greets Raymond Hill, a carnival worker, during Riverfront Days on Harriet Island in St. Paul, Minn. For the past 25 years, "Father Mac," a former pastor from Watertown, N.Y., has traveled the carnival circuit as chaplain.

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the Saints *by Luke*

LUPUS WAS BORN IN 383 AT TOUL, GAUL, HE MARRIED THE SISTER OF ST. HILARY OF ARLES, BUT AFTER SIX YEARS OF MARRIAGE THEY PARTED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. LUPUS GAVE HIS WEALTH TO THE POOR, ENTERED LÉRINS ABBEY UNDER ST. HONORATUS, AND ABOUT 426 WAS NAMED BISHOP OF TROYES. IN 429, HE ACCOMPANIED ST. GERMANUS OF AUXERRE TO BRITAIN TO COMBAT PELAGIANISM THERE AND ON HIS RETURN DEVOTED HIMSELF TO HIS EPISCOPAL DUTIES. ACCORDING TO LEGEND, WIDELY DISPUTED BY SCHOLARS, LUPUS PERSUADED ATTLA THE HUN TO SPARE TROYES DURING HIS BARBAROUS MARCH THROUGH GAUL IN 451. BUT ATTLA WAS DEFEATED AT CHALONS; LUPUS WAS ACCUSED OF HELPING HIM ESCAPE AND WAS FORCED TO LEAVE TROYES. AFTER LIVING AS A HERMIT FOR TWO YEARS, HE WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO TROYES. HE DIED IN 478. HIS FEAST IS JULY 29.



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