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Salvador Media Mum

San Salvador, El Salvador -- The Salvadoran news media are keeping quiet about killings and human rights abuses, forcing Catholic officials to publish weekly reports on the political violence, said Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez of San Salvador. "If you want to know what is happening in El Salvador, listen to the foreign radio stations and read the foreign press," he said July 31 in a Sunday homily in the cathedral. Salvadoran newspapers and radio and television stations are owned by backers of

Terrorism Rejected

Castelgandolfo, Italy (NC) - Pope John Paul II prayed for victims of violence throughout the world July 31 and called for the rejection of "every form of terrorist or retaliatory attack." Addressing some 7,000 people before reciting the noon Angelus from the balcony of his summer residence in Castelgandolfo, 15 miles south of Rome, the pope mourned violent incidents in Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Sicily, France and Portugal.

Spanish Bishops Upset

Madrid, Spain -- In their first open criticism of the ruling Spanish Socialist Workers Party, the Spanish bishops have accused it of promoting values "dissociated from the cultural and moral patrimony of the Spanish people." The bishops made their criticisms in a document titled "The Visit of the Pope and the Faith of our People," which was released July 29 in Madrid.

Pinochet Backs Pope

Santiago, Chile -- Pope John Paul II's call for dialogue in Chile between the government and its opponents constitutes a valuable stimulus" to national peace, said Chilean President Augusto Pinochet in a letter to the pope. The letter, which referred to a July 13 papal call for Pinochet to open talks between the government and labor and political dissidents, was published in Santiago July 30.

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Eyes Opened

Wichita -- The City of Wichita has banned the disposal of human fetuses in a city-owned incinerator after seeing a pro-life group's photos of fetuses sent for incineration. Wichita's city manager and director of community health jointly issued the ban Aug. 1 in an administrative order. The order also urged hospitals using the incinerator to find other ways of disposing of non-fetal human tissue. More details, Page 6.

2 Priests Ejected

Ft. Benning, Ga. -- Army officials ejected from Ft. Benning two priests and a woman in the Army Reserve for distributing leaflets encouraging Salvadoran soldiers to stop fraining at the fort. Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois of Lutcher, La., Oblate Father Larry Rosebaugh of Chicago and Linda Ventimiglia, an Army Reserve warrant officer from Salem, Ala., were charged with impersonating officers, disorderly conduct and two counts of criminal trespass. The three, who never identified themselves to the Army,, according to Lt. Col. Wayne Andrews, an Army spokesman, were charged in "John Doe" misdemeanor warrants.

K. of C. Meeting

Columbus, Ohio -- The Knights of Columbus will strengthen its commitment to family life and tuition tax credits, said Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, head of the Catholic fraternal organization. Dechant delivered a report to the 101st annual meeting of the Supreme Council, the Knights' highest legislative and policy-making body. Dechant said the Knights must have "the courage of our convictions when our principles are trampled upon and our rights cavalierly disregarded."

Nuke Vote Put Off
Washington -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee put off a vote on a nuclear freeze resolution Aug. 2 even though supporters of the resolution had forced the committee to hold a special meeting on the measure. By a 9-8 vote the committee upheld a decision by its chairman, Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.), to postpone the vote until at least Sept. 20. The non-binding resolution, similar to one approved by the House in May, calls for a mutual and verifiable freeze of U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals at current levels.

Oppose Vatican Ties

Washington -- Americans United for Separation of Church and State opposes the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. government and the Vatican. The opposition was announced July 26 after a House bill sponsored by Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Wis.), House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, and about 25 others was introduced to repeal an 1867 statute prohibiting expenditure of funds for U.S. diplomatic relations with the

Focus on Today's World



During evening rush hour traffic in Austin, Texas, a motorist flashes a peace sign to members of the Committee In Solidarity With the People of El Salvador demonstrating on an overpass.



Todd Waters, vice president of a Minneapolis advertising firm, gives "thumbs up" to people gathered at a Minneapolis send-off rally prior to his departure on a 3,082-mile train trek to raise money for emergency shelters and food banks throughout the nation. The trip is dubbed the "Penny Route" because he is asking people to donate a penny for every mile he travels — all by hopping freight cars.

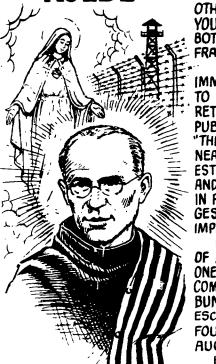


Border patrol agents escort five illegal aliens to the Chula Vista, Calif., holding center near the Mexican border. Legalization for illegal aliens is at the heart of the immigration reform bill before Congress, U.S. bishops representatives say, and the U.S. Catholic Conference may oppose the legislation if the amnesty provisions are weakened.

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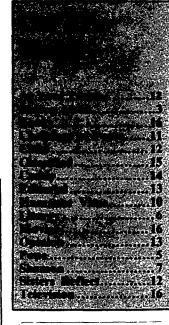


ST. MAXIMILIAN MAXIMILIAN KOLBE WAS BORN AT ZDUNSKA-WOLA, NEAR LODZ, POLAND ON JAN. 7, 1894, AND BAPTIZED RAYMOND. IN HIS YOUTH, IT IS SAID, THE BLESSED VIRGIN APPEARED TO HIM WITH TWO CROWNS, ONE OF CHASTITY AND THE OTHER OF MARTYDOM. SHE ASKED, "WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE ?" RAYMOND SAID, "I CHOOSE BOTH." MUCH LATER HE JOINED THE CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS, TAKING THE NAME MAXIMILIAN.

IN 1917 HE FOUNDED THE MILITIA OF MARY IMMACULATE IN ROME TO ADVANCE DEVOTION TO MARY. HE WAS ORDAINED IN ROME IN 1918, RETURNED TO POLAND AND FOUNDED A MONTHLY PUBLICATION ABOUT MARY. IN 1927, HE FOUNDED "THE CITIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION," NEAR WARSAW, HOUSING 800 RELIGIOUS AND ESTABLISHED SIMILAR FOUNDATIONS IN JAPAN AND INDIA. HE BECAME THE SUPERIOR IN 1936 IN POLAND AND IN 1941 WAS ARRESTED BY THE GESTAPO WHEN THE NAZIS INVADED. HE WAS IMPRISONED IN THE NOTORIOUS AUSCHWITZ.

FATHER KOLBE VOLUNTARILY TOOK THE PLACE OF A MARRIED MAN WITH A FAMILY WHO WAS ONE OF 10 MEN ARBITRARILY SELECTED BY THE COMMANDANT TO BE PUT TO DEATH IN A STARVATION BUNKER IN RETALIATION FOR A PRISONER WHO HAD ESCAPED. AFTER NINE DAYS FATHER KOLBE WAS FOUND STILL ALIVE AND WAS KILLED ON AUG. 14, 1941, BY AN INJECTION OF CARBOLIC ACID.

HE WAS BEATIFIED BY POPE PAUL VI IN 1971, AND CANONIZED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II IN 1982. HIS FEAST IS AUG. 14.



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