

# World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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## World

### Glomp Assails Euromissiles

Warsaw, Poland -- Poland's primate, Cardinal Jozef Glomp of Gniezno and Warsaw, has condemned the placing of nuclear missiles in Europe. "The prospects for the year which has just started can evoke a feeling of oppression, because some European countries of ancient Christian culture are equipped with missiles carrying death; the very fact of threatening humanity with missiles like these is immoral," he said in a homily on Jan. 6 at Warsaw's St. John's Church.

### Rome Cafeteria for Poor

Rome -- Cardinal Ugo Poletti, papal vicar for the Diocese of Rome, opened a new cafeteria to feed the poor in Rome Jan. 6. The cafeteria, which serves 1,000 free meals daily to refugees and others in need, is under the co-sponsorship of Caritas, a Rome Catholic charitable organization, and the city of Rome.

### Voting Left to Conscience

Manila, Philippines -- The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines said Jan. 6 that Filipinos may boycott upcoming elections in good conscience because of the unstable political situation following the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino last August. The bishops said that traditional church teaching that Catholics have an obligation to vote applies only to normal circumstances. The upheaval since the assassination has created "far from normal" conditions, the bishops said.

### U.S., Vatican Establish Ties

Washington -- Ending more than a century of official non-recognition, the Vatican and the United States announced establishment of full diplomatic relations Jan. 10. The Vatican, in a brief statement, said the two countries, "desirous of developing mutual friendly relations already existing" had decided to establish relations at the level of an embassy at the Holy See and an apostolic nunciature in Washington. More details, Page 1.

### Pope Urges Compromise

Vatican City -- Pope John Paul II told a group of Lebanese Maronite Catholic legislators Jan. 10 that all parties involved in Lebanon's civil strife must concede something to foster national unity and promote reconciliation. All Lebanese, the pope said, "reunited around their legitimate authorities, should find the will and the power to rekindle, in a clear and sincere dialogue, those values of solidarity and unity that are indispensable to the survival of Lebanon."

### Latin American Conference

Vatican City -- The foreign ministers of Chile and Argentina will meet Vatican mediators Jan. 23 to work out final details of a solution to their territorial dispute, the Vatican announced Jan. 11. The announcement, made by the Vatican Press Office, said Pope John Paul II considered the time right for a "conclusive phase" of the talks, which have been mediated by the pope since 1979. The final treaty would reflect the proposals made by the pope, said the announcement. No details were given about the proposals.

## Nation

### Holocaust Remembered

New York -- An inter-religious prayer service commemorating the victims of the Nazi Holocaust has been prepared by the Anti-Defamation League and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. "From Death to Hope: Liturgical Reflections on the Holocaust" includes Pope John Paul II's 1979 prayer at Auschwitz and an invocation by the Rev. Martin Niemoeller, a German pastor, as well as other prayers, Scripture passages and Holocaust reflections. The collection was compiled by Eugene J. Fisher, executive secretary of the NCCB Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations, and Rabbi Leon Klenicki, associate director of the ADL Department of Interfaith Affairs.

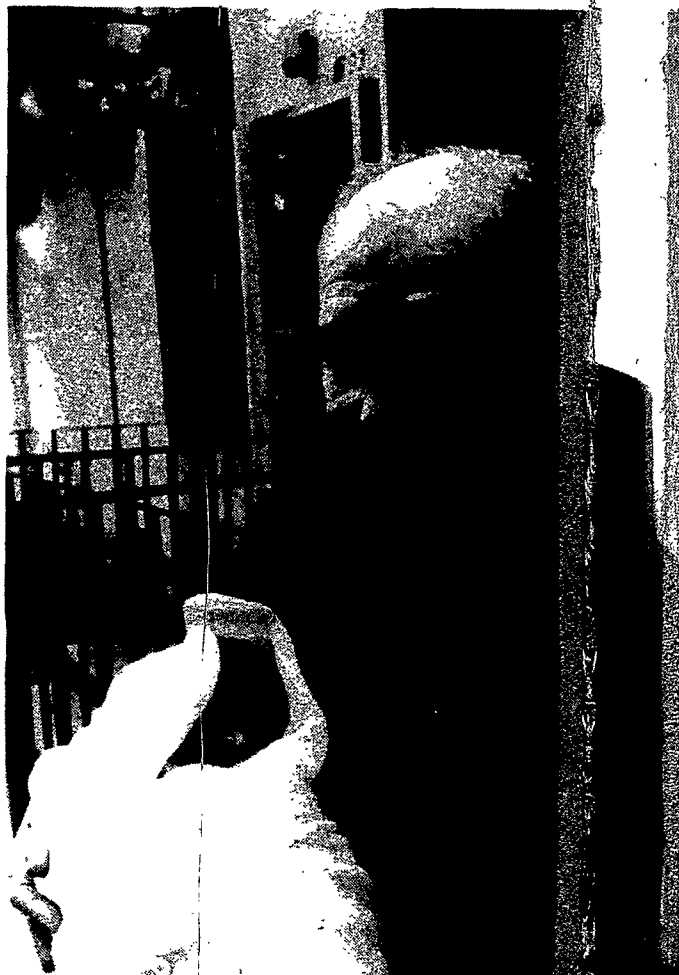
### Deterrence Condemned

Sioux City, Iowa -- In a statewide pastoral letter, 16 religious leaders in Iowa condemned any nuclear war and the "concept of nuclear deterrence" as immoral. Nuclear war cannot "be justifiable," they said, "under any circumstance; in any region; by any social system." The pastoral letter to the Christians of Iowa, initiated by the Iowa Inter-Church Forum, was completed in December and was published Jan. 5 by the Globe, newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux City. Three of the 16 signers are Catholic bishops of the state.

# Focus on Today's World



Estela Henry, 70, is helped from a canoe by other Miskito Indians as she arrives in Wounta, Nicaragua. She was returning from the bush after hiding for nearly two months during fighting between Sandinista troops and anti-Sandinista rebels. (NC Photo)



A newborn infant rests snugly in the arms of Franciscan Father Linus Hohendorf while the baby's mother is interviewed at the St. Francis Center in the Los Angeles garment district. The center assists the needy with food, clothing, rent money and medicine. (NC Photo)



Father Cecil G. Diethrich puts a robot through its paces in the robotics lab at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. Father Diethrich, former president of the college, now teaches and does research with the robots. (NC Photo)

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## the Saints *by Luke*

### ST. EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT



BORN OF WEALTHY PARENTS IN MILITENE, ARMENIA, ABOUT 378, EUTHYMIUS STUDIED UNDER THE BISHOP THERE AND WAS ORDAINED.

HE WAS APPOINTED SUPERVISOR OF THE MONASTERIES IN THE DIOCESE BUT WHEN 29 HE BECAME A MONK NEAR JERUSALEM. ABOUT 411, HE LEFT TO LIVE WITH A COMPANION AS A HERMIT IN A CAVE NEAR JERICO. AFTER ATTRACTING MANY DISCIPLES, HE LEFT HIS COMPANION, THEOCTISTUS, AND MOVED TO A MORE REMOTE SPOT. THERE, HE CONTINUED TO ATTRACT AND CONVERT EVEN MORE FOLLOWERS, INCLUDING NUMEROUS ARABS. PATRIARCH JUVENAL OF JERUSALEM CONSECRATED HIM BISHOP TO MINISTER TO THEM. JUVENAL BUILT HIM A SMALL MONASTERY ON THE ROAD FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO, WHICH EUTHYMIUS RULED BY VICARS, SO AS NOT TO DISTURB HIS OWN RULE OF STRICT SOLITUDE. HE ATTRACTED ENORMOUS CROWDS, AMONG THEM EUDOXIA, THE WIDOW OF EMPEROR THEODOSIUS II, WHO FOLLOWED HIS ADVICE TO GIVE UP HER ALLEGIANCE TO THE EUTYCHIANS, CONSIDERED HERETICS, AND RETURNED TO ORTHODOXY IN 459.

EUTHYMIUS DIED ON JAN. 20, 473, AFTER 66 YEARS IN THE DESERT. HIS FEAST IS JAN. 20.

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