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World

Galileo Judge 'Wrong'

Vatican City -- Preliminary findings by a Vatican committee indicate that the judge who condemned scientist Galileo Galilei in the 17th century was wrong. A full-page report on the findings by the committee, appointed by Pope John Paul II in 1980 to study the Galileo case, appeared in the March 9 edition of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. A 17th-century astronomer, Galileo proved scientifically that the Earth revolves around the sun. He was condemned in 1633 by a church inquisition and held under house arrest because his thesis was thought to contradict a literal interpretation of Scripture that the sun moves around the Earth and the theological belief in the centrality of humans as redeemed by Christ.

Mkhatshwa Charges Dropped

(Undated) -- A regional court has dismissed charges of subversion against Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, secretary general of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, who had been held under arrest since Oct. 30. The regional court in Zwelitsha in the black tribal homeland of Ciskei ruled March 8 that charges against Father Mkhatshwa were groundless after a key witness recanted earlier testimony.

Sandinistas Assailed

Milan, Italy -- Nicaragua's Sandinista government is Marxist-Leninist and is not providing the proper atmosphere for free elections, said Bishop Pablo Antonio Vega, president of the Nicaraguan bishops' conference, in an interview with the Italian national Catholic newspaper, *Avvenire*. "The Sandinista government through its ideology and method is a Marxist-Leninist government," said Bishop Vega. He added that the daily workings of the government are not totalitarian, but this did not lessen its Marxist orientation.

Sister Paola Canonized

Vatican City -- Pope John Paul II canonized the 19th-century foundress of a Religious community and affirmed the dignity of women March 11. The new saint, Paola Frassinetti, foundress of the Sisters of St. Dorothy, was canonized in ceremonies which included a concelebrated papal Mass. St. Paola led a life that "affirmed the identity and dignity of women, which the church has always protected and sustained for the moral betterment of society and for the coming of the reign of Christ," the pope said during the homily.

Nation

AMA against Baby Doe Rules

Washington -- The American Medical Association and five other medical groups asked a federal court March 12 to block the Reagan administration's newest "Baby Doe" rules which went into effect Feb. 13. The groups said that the regulations infringe on the parents' right to privacy and interfere with medical decisions about the treatment of handicapped infants.

'White Train' Nuns Fined

Caldwell, Idaho (NC) -- Two Idaho nuns were given \$25 suspended fines and six months' unsupervised probation March 5 after pleading guilty to charges of criminal trespass while trying to stop the "white train." Sisters of St. Dominic Jeanne Burg and Janet Ackerman were among seven people arrested in Nampa, Idaho, and more than 40 people arrested in other areas Feb. 24 for trying to stop the train, which they believe was carrying nuclear warheads. Charges against other protesters in Bangor, Wash., the train's destination, and in Portland, Ore., were dropped.

Reagan Veto 'Constitutional'

Washington -- President Reagan acted within his constitutional power when he "pocket vetoed" a bill extending human rights certification requirements for El Salvador, a federal judge ruled March 9. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson was ruling against a suit filed by the Senate, the bipartisan leadership of the House and 33 House Democrats. The legislators had said that a pocket veto, in which Congress does not have an opportunity to override the action, is legal only in the period between the expiration of one Congress and the beginning of another.

People

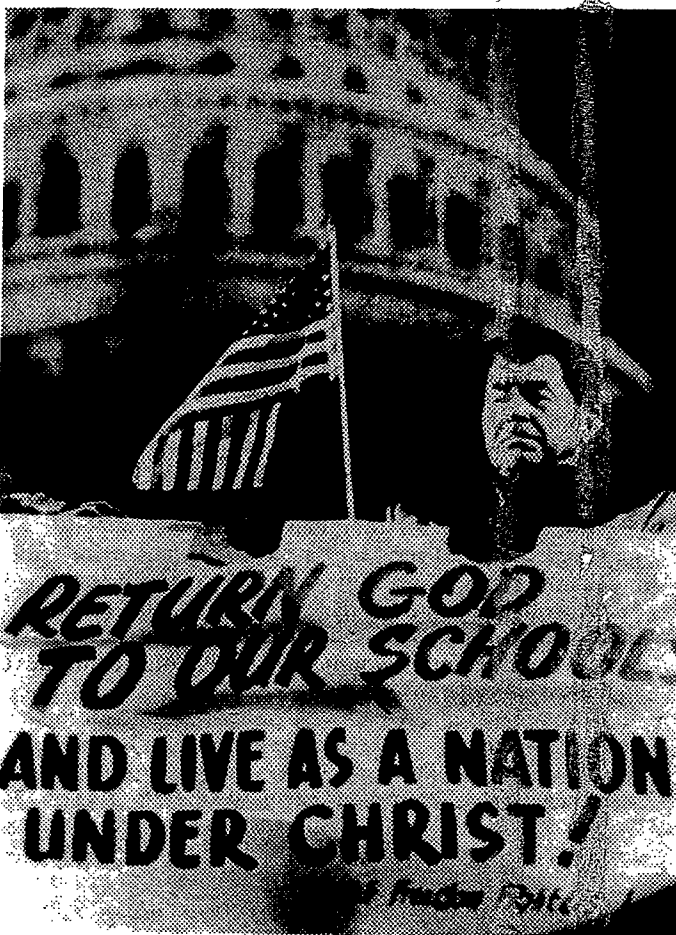
Names Make News

Pope John Paul II has named Jesuit Father Michael J. Kaniecki, a flying pastor, as coadjutor bishop with the right of succession for the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. Bishop-designate Kaniecki, 48, superior since 1982 of the 45 Jesuits working in Alaska, continues the line of Jesuit bishops heading the Fairbanks Diocese since its first bishop was appointed in 1917. . . . Father Bob Ogle, a member of the Canadian Parliament since 1979, has decided not to seek re-election after he was told by the Vatican that he would not be exempted from a church law prohibiting priests from exercising civil power though public office.

Focus on Today's World



About 2,000 students of schools near Warsaw, Poland, participate in a Mass to protest the removal of crucifixes from state-run schools. The Mass was celebrated a day after students at an agricultural college in Mietno staged a one-day takeover of the school to protest the government action.



Polish Freedom Fighter Josef Mlot-Mroz of Salem, Mass., makes his feelings known during an all-night school prayer vigil outside the Capitol in Washington.



Students representing each of the 50 states rally on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in support of the school prayer amendment. Organized by the Moral Majority, the group of about 175 college students chanted, "Kids want to pray!" and "Why can't they pray?"

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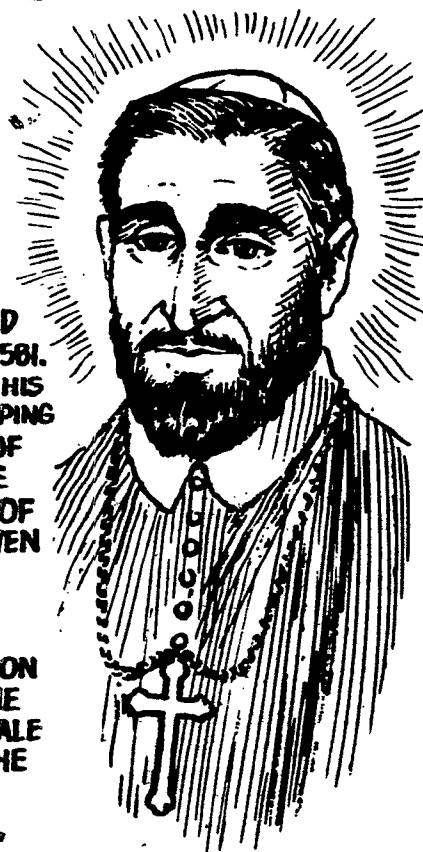
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the Saints *by Luke*

TORIBIO ALFONSO DE MOGROVEJO WAS BORN NOV. 6, 1538 IN SPAIN, THE SON OF A WEALTHY LANDOWNER. HE WAS A BRILLIANT SCHOLAR AND WENT ON TO BECOME A PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA. KING PHILIP II SOON DISCOVERED HIS ABILITIES AND MADE TORIBIO CHIEF JUDGE OF THE INQUISITION AT GRANADA. AFTER THE DEATH OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF LIMA, PERU, THE KING SUGGESTED TO POPE GREGORY XIII THAT TORIBIO BE NAMED TO THE SEE. AT FIRST HE HUMBLY DECLINED BUT FINALLY ACCEPTED THE APPOINTMENT AND ARRIVED IN LIMA IN 1561. TORIBIO WAS A VERY ACTIVE LEADER FOR HIS VAST ARCHDIOCESE, BRINGING ABOUT SWEEPING CHANGES IN SUCH MATTERS AS CONVERSION OF THE INDIANS AND DUTIES OF THE CLERGY. HE MADE THREE MAJOR PASTORAL VISITATIONS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, ONE OF WHICH TOOK SEVEN YEARS. HIS LEADERSHIP HAD A STRONG INFLUENCE ON DIOCESES THROUGHOUT SOUTH AMERICA. IT WAS TORIBIO WHO CONFERRED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON ST. ROSE OF LIMA, THE FIRST SAINT OF THE NEW WORLD, AND HE BECAME THE FIRST MALE SAINT. ON HIS THIRD PASTORAL VISITATION HE BECAME ILL AND DIED ON MARCH 23, 1606. ST. TORIBIO, KNOWN ALSO AS ST. TURIBUS, WAS CANONIZED IN 1727 BY POPE BENEDICT XIII. HIS FEAST IS MARCH 23.

ST. TORIBIO



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