

World, Nation, People... in Brief

World

Avoid Becoming Slaves

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II last May 15th urged workers and computers to contribute to unemployment and cautioned that nations not become slaves to technology. The church has always urged to help workers protect their rights, especially since the pace of industrial age. The pope said May 1 in the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and a later day, Holy Trinity, in countries. The pope spoke at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square attended by 30,000 people. The audience, normally held on Wednesdays, was held on Tuesday because the pope left May 2 for a tour to the Pacific and the Far East.

Worshippers Attacked

Warsaw, Poland — Riot police with clubs and water cannons attacked pro-Solidarity demonstrators in at least seven cities during protest marches May 1. In Warsaw, water cannons were also turned on worshippers as they left St. John's Cathedral and the suburban St. Stanislaw's Church after Masses in honor of St. Joseph the Worker. Father Jerzy Popieluszko, a priest at St. Stanislaw's Church and an outspoken critic of the government, said he protested to government officials that the police committed an unprovoked attack on his congregation.

Priests 'Must Speak Out'

New York — Priests should stay out of politics, but they must speak out against injustice even if it brings accusations that they are becoming political, the Jesuit superior general, Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach said in an interview with CBS-TV. "The priest has always to be the witness of the heart of the matter," said Father Kolvenbach, elected to head the Society of Jesus last September. "And the heart of the matter is the conversion of our hearts." Father Kolvenbach was interviewed by CBS correspondent Charles Collingwood for an Easter program about the Jesuit-run Gregorian University in Rome. Because of the breadth of his comments, CBS decided to produce a separate half-hour program which it released to affiliates April 29.

Nation

Leaders Urge Support

New York — Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders, in a letter to Congress, have urged support for a Salvadoran refugee bill sponsored by Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass., and Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz. The letter was signed by the president of the National Council of Churches with 19 co-signers, including Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Pittsburgh, chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration and Tourism. It called the proposed legislation "an imperative first step in dealing with the situation of Salvadorans both here and elsewhere in the hemisphere." According to the NCC, the bill, H.R. 4447, provides for a three-year suspension of detention and deportation of Salvadorans who have come to the United States illegally.

Guidelines Criticized

Washington — Father Edward M. Bryce, director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, has criticized as "a grave disappointment" new guidelines developed by medical groups for treatment of severely ill or handicapped newborns. He said the guidelines seem to accommodate those who insist on the nursery deaths of handicapped infants, because those adults often claim to be acting in the child's best interests. Father Bryce, in a statement released late April 27, the same day that the American Academy of Pediatrics and other medical organizations released their guidelines, contrasted the medical groups' guidelines with new Department of Health and Human Services regulations on the same subject.

People

Names Make News

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Anthony Suava has donated his \$1,000 cash award to the Catholic Relief Services to help fight hunger in Ethiopia. Suava's award was presented to him by the Ethiopian government in Addis Ababa. He is the head of the photography department at the University of Pennsylvania.

Focus on Today's World



Father Charles Crowley, left, and Hubert Carville walk through the Stations of the Cross during one of the last services at Immaculate Conception Church in Plaquemine, La. The 45-year-old church, in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, closed its doors Easter Sunday because no priest could be found to replace Jesuit Father Joseph Fraggiosa, who died last year.



A poster proclaiming "The Pope and Yasser Arafat for Peace" pictures Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Arafat and Pope John Paul II in a 1982 meeting. Several shopkeepers in the Arab section of Jerusalem displayed the posters during Holy Week, partially to show Arafat as the spokesman and leader of the Palestinians.



Members of the "Pershing Plowshares," an anti-nuclear group, raise their hands in unity during their initial court appearance in Orlando, Fla. The group was arrested after breaking into the Martin Marietta defense plant in Orlando and smearing what they said was their blood on Pershing II missile components during an Easter demonstration.

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the Saints *by Luke*

ST. DYMPHNA WAS BORN IN IRELAND ABOUT 625. HER FATHER WAS A PAGAN KING AND HER MOTHER A CATHOLIC. DYMPHNA WAS 14 WHEN HER MOTHER DIED. THE KING COULD NOT BE CONSOLED AND HE SENT AMBASSADORS TO FIND SOMEONE AS BEAUTIFUL AND PIOUS AS THE QUEEN. HE WAS THEN ADVISED TO MARRY HIS DAUGHTER.

St. Dymphna

DYMPHNA FLED TO GEEL IN BELGIUM ALONG WITH OTHERS FROM THE COURT. THE KING PURSUED THEM AND PUT TO DEATH SEVERAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING A PRIEST WHO HAD HELPED DYMPHNA TO FLEE. DYMPHNA REFUSED TO RETURN AND WAS BEHEADED BY HER FATHER.

PEOPLE HAVE FLOCKED TO GEEL WHERE MANY ALLEGED CURES HAVE TAKEN PLACE. A HOSPITAL AND A CHURCH WHERE HER REMAINS LAY IN A SILVER RELIQUARY, HAVE BEEN BUILT IN HER HONOR THERE.

ST. DYMPHNA IS THE PATRONESS OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL AND NERVOUS DISORDERS. HER FEAST IS MAY 15.



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