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Focus on Today's World

World

Archbishop Leads Protest

(Updated) — Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua, Nicaragua, led a march July 9 in support of a priest charged with conspiring against the government. The priest, Father Luis Amado Pena, has been confined to a seminary near the capital city of Managua, according to a spokesman for the U.S. State Department. The march, part of a 2 1/2-hour demonstration, started at the outskirts of Managua and ended at the seminary. According to news reports, the government has shown a videotape to international correspondents which purports to show Father Pena looking over explosive devices in the home of an anti-government organizer. Archbishop Obando Bravo is reported to have said the videotape is fabricated and that the Sandinista government is conducting a campaign of harassment against the Church.

Nation

'Baby Killer' Label Allowed

Anchorage, Alaska — An Alaskan Superior Court judge has dismissed libel charges against a right-to-life group which referred to doctors who performed abortions as "baby killers." Third District Superior Court Judge Mark C. Rowland dismissed the case against Alaska Right to Life, brought by doctors who claimed the group libeled them in a newsletter article which listed their names and asked, "Does your doctor kill babies?" The judge's ruling said, "The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants an absolute privilege to expressions of opinion."

F.E.L. Still Pressing Chicago

Chicago — A religious music publisher involved in an eight-year legal battle with the Archdiocese of Chicago has appealed a federal judge's decision to deny the publisher an additional \$1.2 million in damages for the archdiocese's copyright violations. F.E.L. Publications Ltd. filed the appeal July 3 in Chicago. The appeal seeks to overturn U.S. District Judge Thomas R. McMillen's June 8 denial of an F.E.L. motion to replace an earlier \$190,400 jury award with higher "statutory damages" of approximately \$1.4 million.

Black Auxiliary Ordained

Baltimore — Archbishop William D. Borders of Baltimore ordained two auxiliary bishops July 2, including the first black bishop for his archdiocese. Newly ordained Bishops John H. Ricard and William C. Newman will serve as auxiliaries in the Baltimore Archdiocese. Bishop Ricard, a member of the Josephites, an order originated to serve black Catholics, is the 10th black bishop in the United States.

'Baby Doe' Pact Formed

Washington — Key U.S. senators and national health and advocacy groups have agreed to principles for a new "Baby Doe" law which would define the right of handicapped infants to life-saving medical treatment and establish government protections of that right. The government's role in the issue has been the focus of a heated national controversy since early 1982, when an Indiana baby with Down's syndrome died of starvation after his parents rejected surgery to correct a deformed esophagus. Senators involved in negotiating the agreement intend to introduce it in the form of an amendment to the 1974 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act after Congress reconvenes July 23.

Bomb at Abortion Clinic

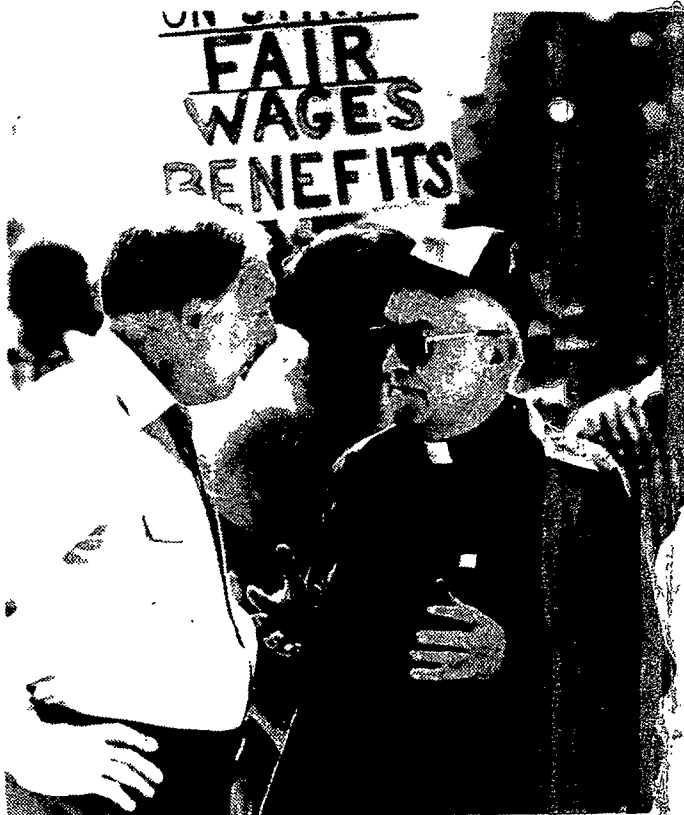
Washington — A bomb placed outside the Washington headquarters of the National Abortion Federation July 4 failed to explode, but a separate explosion and fire caused by a propane gas tank connected to the bomb caused "extensive" damage, a federation spokeswoman said. No suspects were immediately identified in the bombing attempt and fire, which, according to federation membership director Lois Schoenbrun, gutted a first floor kitchen, blew out 80 percent of the windows and scorched the walls away from the floors on the building's third floor. She said no one was at the building at the time of the explosion and there were no injuries.

Jews Deny Anti-Catholic Bias

New York — The nationwide anti-Catholic campaign being waged by Christian fundamentalists, Tony Alamo, is "prejudiced and bigoted," the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said July 17 in a press report. The 100-year-old Jewish group said the anti-Catholic campaign is "a direct attack on the Jewish people and their faith." The group said it is "deeply concerned" about the "anti-Catholic bias" of the campaign and is "committed to a vigorous defense of the Jewish people and their faith."



At the home of Bishop Antonio Fortich of Bacolod, Philippines, Columban Father Brian Gore, left, and Niall O'Brien celebrate their release from six months in a Philippine prison. A judge dismissed murder charges against the priests and six church workers. The nun in the picture was not identified. (NC Photo)



Father Donald Bauer of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Lakeland, N.Y., talks with United Auto Workers of America representative Tony Spoto as pickets walk behind them at the Accurate Die Casting plant in Fayetteville, N.Y. Father Bauer and Father Richard Morissette, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Chittenango, N.Y., walked the picket line with the striking workers. (NC Photo)



Bolivian soldiers patrol the streets of La Paz during a nationwide general strike called by union workers demanding higher salaries and lower prices. The union also rejected a series of last minute proposals from the government. (NC Photo)

the Saints *by Luke*

St. ANNE



ST. ANNE WAS THE MOTHER OF MARY AND THE GRANDMOTHER OF JESUS. SHE AND HER HUSBAND JOACHIM LIVED IN NAZARETH. THEY WERE CHILDLESS, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED A STIGMA AMONG THE JEWS. HE WAS SAD AND LEFT HIS WIFE ANNE TO GO INTO THE DESERT TO PRAY FOR A LONG TIME. ANNE PRAYED AND BEGGED GOD TO SEND THEM A CHILD. EVENTUALLY, AN ANGEL CAME TO HER AND SAID, "ANNE, THE LORD HAS LOOKED UPON YOUR TEARS. YOU WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A DAUGHTER AND SHE WILL BE HONORED BY ALL THE WORLD." JOACHIM HAD A SIMILAR VISION IN THE DESERT.

THEIR DAUGHTER WAS NAMED MIRIAM, WHICH MEANS MARY. ANNE OFFERED HER CHILD TO GOD IN THE SERVICE OF THE TEMPLE AT A VERY EARLY AGE.

ST. ANNE'S NAME MEANS "GRACE." SHE WAS ENDOWED BY GOD WITH SPECIAL GRACES IN HER PRIVILEGED ROLE OF THE MOTHER OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.

THE FEAST OF SS. ANNE AND JOACHIM IS JULY 26.

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