



Liberation at last

In a thanksgiving Mass at St. John Fisher College, area Filipino-Americans celebrated the end of the Marcos regime. See Page 7.



Geneseo 'chaplains'

The O'Brien family gives more than a little of themselves in bringing the Eucharist and more to nursing home residents. See Pages 10 and 11.

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Nation

Bishops oppose train

Two Catholic bishops active in the peace movement are opposed to a nuclear weapons train, calling it "another step toward global crucifixion" and a symbol of an immoral U.S. nuclear arms policy. "Our government's evident policy is to reject disarmament initiatives while seeking a nuclear first-strike capability," said Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle and Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen of Amarillo, Texas, as the train traveled across the country in February.

No room for dissent

An advertisement promoting freedom to dissent from church teaching on abortion "contradicts the clear and constant teaching of the Catholic Church that deliberately chosen abortion is objectively immoral," Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles said March 3. Echoing Archbishop Mahoney, Archbishop John L. May told reporters that "there is absolutely no room for a pro-choice position (on abortion) in the Catholic Church." The remarks referred to a March 2, full-page ad in The New York Times headlined, "Declaration of Solidarity," which proclaimed support for the 97 Catholic signers of an earlier Times ad that argued in favor of a diversity of opinion among Catholics regarding abortion.

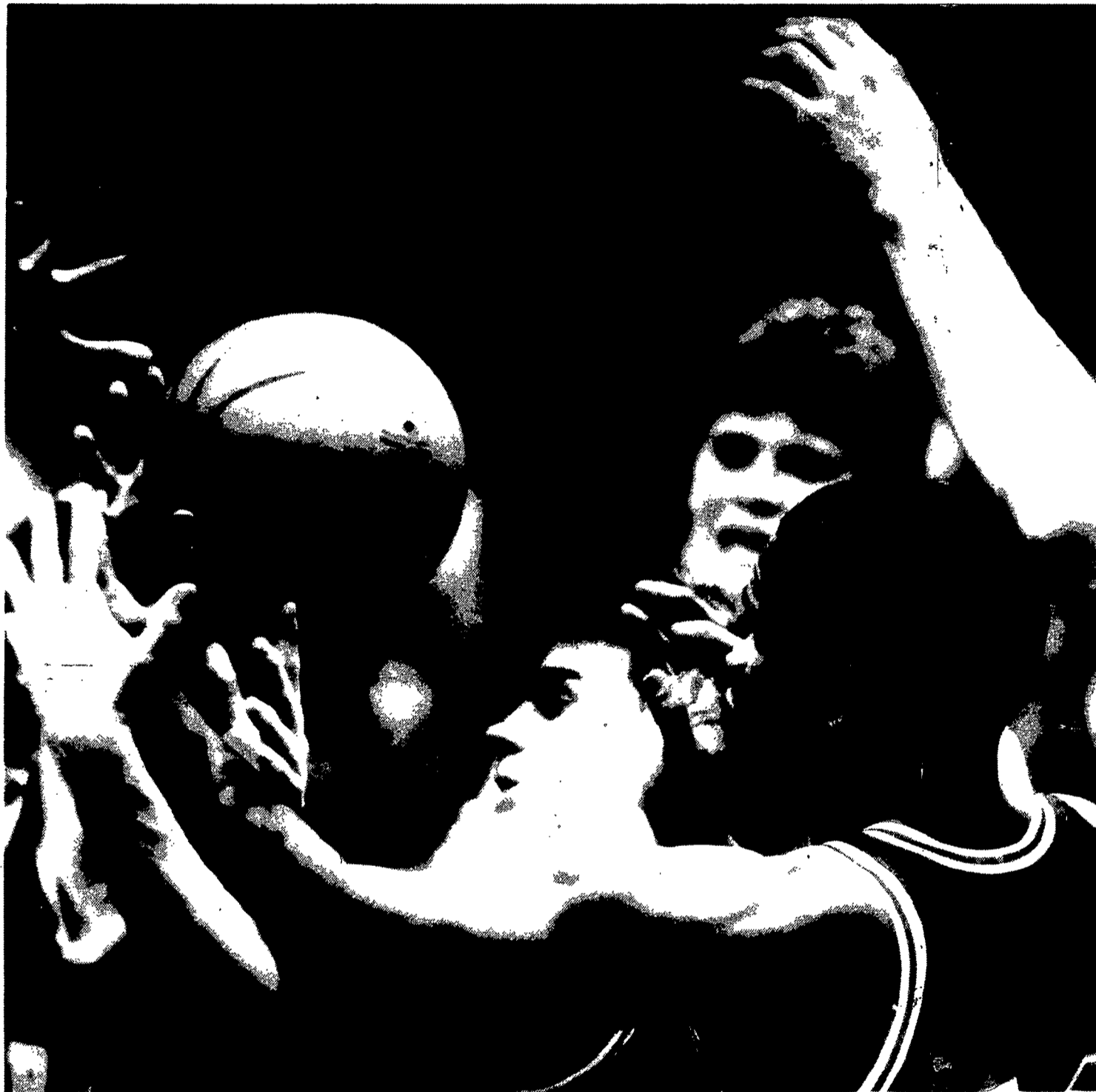
World

Rights violations reported

The Irish Catholic organization Trocaire has reported "widespread" human rights violations continuing in El Salvador, despite an improvement in conditions in recent years. The report, published in January, cites, among other violations, "indiscriminate bombing of civilian populations" during government operations against guerrilla forces. Particularly criticized in the document was the "widespread and indiscriminate bombing of the civilian population in disputed parts of the country" and the military's efforts to destroy livestock and crops in those areas. The report said an estimated 600,000 Salvadorans have been displaced by the war.

Newspaper blasts D'Escoto

Vatican City (NC) — Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Father Miguel D'Escoto, a suspended Catholic priest, is using the Way of the Cross as a "demagogic manipulation" to get the country's Catholics to support the Sandinista government, said the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. The newspaper said Father D'Escoto was leading a 14-day, 180-mile Way of the Cross throughout Nicaragua. The event has the "declaredly political aim" of getting Nicaraguans "to put their faith at the service of the Sandinista regime, to instigate the people against their pastors," the paper asserted. Father D'Escoto is trying to drive a wedge between the bishops and the people and has used the Way of the Cross to criticize Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua, Nicaragua, it added.



Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal

So near and yet so far away

Eric Loewenguth of Aquinas finds himself engulfed in a sea of arms as he and other players go for the ball during Wednesday night's game against Webster. For more sports, see pages 12 and 13.

Brighton-E. Rochester plan

Proposed Seton Junior High wins approval

By Teresa A. Parsons
Bishop Matthew H. Clark and diocesan education officials last week approved a plan to create a southeast suburban Catholic junior high school in Brighton next year.

Seton Junior High School, named for Mother Elizabeth Seton, the foundress of the Catholic school system in the U.S., will incorporate seventh and eighth grades from St. Thomas More, St. Jerome and Our Lady of Lourdes/Our Lady Queen of Peace schools at our Lady of Lourdes' building, 165 Rhinecliff Drive.

"I approve of the plan as it has been presented to me," the bishop wrote in a letter, dated February 27, announcing his decision. "I congratulate all of you for the spirit of cooperation which you have demonstrated in inter-parish cooperation and seeking for better ways of providing quality Catholic education."

The following existing schools would be reorganized in the 1986/87 year:

- St. Jerome, East Rochester: from pre-k through 8 to pre-k through 6.

- St. Thomas More: from pre-k through 7 to pre-k through 6.
- Our Lady of Lourdes: from grades 3-8 to grades 3-6.

No school-level changes are planned for Queen of Peace, which adopted a pre-kindergarten-to-grade-two format in an earlier consolidation with Lourdes.

The plan calls for the school to be governed by an inter-parish school board and to be re-evaluated annually. As junior high enrollment increases at Seton, Lourdes students in grades 3-6 would gradually be moved to St. Thomas More School, beginning with the lowest level.

Seton Junior High School is not connected with diocesan plans resulting from the Urban School Study. Titled the "Proposal for a Southeast Suburban Consolidated Junior High," the high school plan was developed by a steering committee of principals, pastors, diocesan education officials, and school and finance committee members from the four parishes involved.

That now-familiar anthem — declining

enrollment in the face of rising costs and curriculum changes prompted by the Regents' Action Plan — was cited as the impetus for the consolidation.

"A consolidation is not necessarily intended to save money, although it may as a by-product," explained Sister Patricia Pullman, principal of Our Lady of Lourdes. "Its purpose is to preserve high quality education."

Much of what the Regents' plan suggests for seventh and eighth grade is already offered at Lourdes, at least minimally, Sister Patricia said. But with more students, existing courses can be better developed.

Specifically, such programs as library skills, computer, remediation and accelerated math classes, home career skills and an introduction to technology course will be expanded next year. Students will be offered a choice of foreign languages — French or Spanish. The teaching staff at Seton will also include a part-time guidance counselor, an

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