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# Cardinal

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custody of Cardinal Ballestrero. It is marked by what appears to be the image of a crucified man, long believed to be that of Jesus Christ.

A January 13 article in the Turin newspaper La Stampa quoted Cardinal Ballestrero as saying that "it seems to me the U.S. scientists are acting as if the final decision had already been made. We are still discussing the situation, and will in due time communicate the results."

Meanwhile, Luigi Gonella, the cardinal's adviser regarding the shroud, told the National Catholic News Service Rome bureau in a telephone interview that "we are still in the negotiating stage with laboratories. We have received different proposals. We won't say anything until we have finished studying the proposals."

During their press conference, however, Gove and Harbottle provided copies of an October 10, 1987, letter from Cardinal Ballestrero telling the 1986 workshop participants that the Vatican had directed

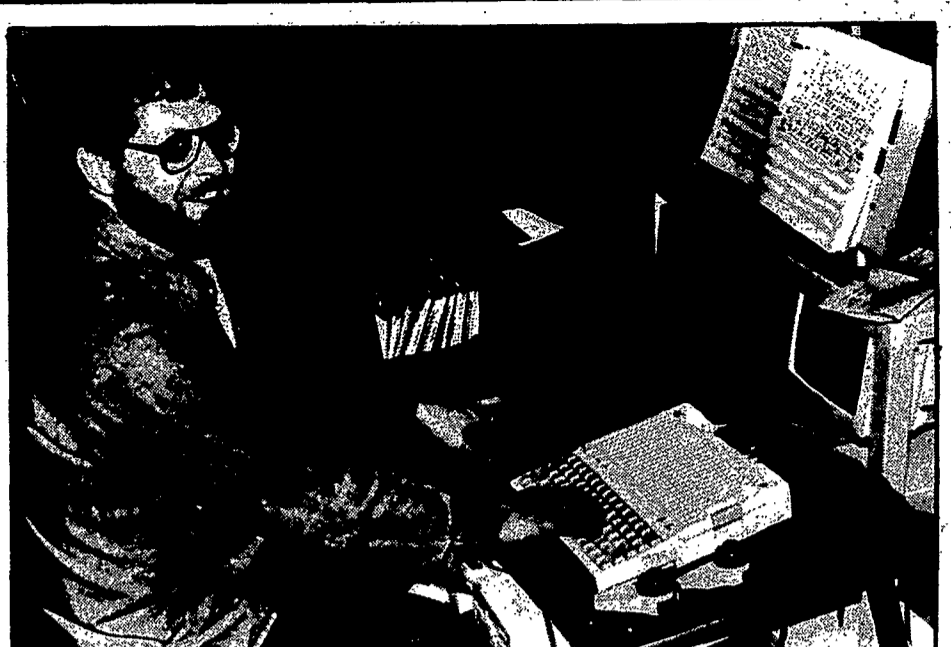
that "no more than three samples be taken" for laboratory testing.

"The choice of the three laboratories, among the seven which offered their services, was made, after long deliberation, and careful consultations, on a criterion of internationality, and consideration for the specific experience in the field of archeological radio carbon dating, taking also into account the required sample size," the Oct. 10 letter said.

Gove and Harbottle also released a copy of an October letter to Pope John Paul II, in which they expressed their dissatisfaction and cited "our collective impression that Cardinal Ballestrero has received very unwise scientific advice."

"The procedure that the cardinal of Turin is suggesting is bound to produce a result that will be questioned in strictly scientific terms by many scientists around the world who will be very skeptical of the arbitrarily small statistical basis when it is well known that a better procedure was recommended," the letter to the pope stated.

"Since there is great world expectation for the date of the shroud, the publicity resulting from a scientifically dubious result will do great harm to the church," it added.



**ROCK GOSPEL** — Father Robert Beck, a Scripture professor at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, uses two personal computers to store and replay the songs he composes. The result of this unusual approach to music was a new musical, entitled "Mark: A Rock Gospel," which Father Beck composed on four synthesizer keyboards connected to a Commodore 64 and an Apple IIc computers. The musical was recently performed at the college.

# Workers

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"Why should anyone listen to them?" he asked. Thus far, he said, INS is pleased with employer cooperation.

Others argue that although it might be nice to allow all immigrants the chance to live in the United States, a nation has to control its borders.

But attempting to control the borders is futile unless U.S. foreign policy addresses the economic crises facing Mexico and the violence in Central America that drive immigrants to the United States, said Pablo Sedillo, director of the Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

A recent move by the U.S. Treasury to ameliorate some of Mexico's debt woes was a start, he said.

"As long as we have the war situation in

Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala, Mexico is going to be the port of entry for Central American immigration to the U.S.," he contends.

Ernesto, a 28-year-old Salvadoran resident of Washington, agrees. "Anyone who is opposed to more Salvadorans coming in should be opposed to U.S. funding of the war in El Salvador," he said in a January 13 interview.

Fleeing violence in his homeland, the young man crossed the U.S. border in May 1982, five months too late to qualify for legalization under terms of the immigration reform law. He lost his job cleaning hospital rooms in November when his employer told him he feared INS would impose sanctions.

Since then he has been turned down for job after job. Friends have taken him and his wife into their apartment, while Ernesto continues to pound the pavement in search of a way to pay the bills. "If there were peace in my country, I'd be the first Salvadoran to rush home," he says.

# Pope calls

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Association. After a brief talk the pope answered questions put to him by a few of the journalists.

Asked about a recent wave of violence in east Jerusalem which included tear gas attacks on two of Islam's most sacred mosques, the pope said, "One cannot accept in any way an attack on people at prayer."

The pope also said he had not received an invitation to visit the Soviet Union. Problems which he said could hinder such a visit included the status of the Catholic Church in the Ukraine and other Soviet regions.

The Church in the Ukraine is in a "difficult" situation, he said, adding that the issue has been raised in ecumenical dialogue with Orthodox churches.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church "has shown over the centuries a great fidelity toward the bishop of Rome, and this fidelity obliges us — obliges me in this case — to be equally faithful to them," he said.

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