

Auschwitz

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Press reports from the Middle East cite several Moslem leaders who have interpreted papal statements as siding with the Christian-led troops of Gen. Michel Aoun, who are fighting Syrian troops and allied Moslem militias.

Sheik Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah — spiritual leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah, or Party of God, a pro-Iranian Shi'ite group — said he welcomed a papal visit if it included visits to Moslems in west Beirut wounded in the fighting.

"We are even ready to give him all the guarantees for security so that he can visit our hospitals and see those wounded by Christian bombs," said Sheik Fadlallah.

"The Christians have not acted with a Christian spirit," he said. "On the other hand, we believe that those firing on east Beirut are certainly not respecting the ideals of Islam," he added.

Sheik Fadlallah also criticized the pope for blaming Syria and "forgetting that the cause of all this has been the role of Israel in producing the Palestinian tragedy.

"If the pope had spoken of the destruction of Moslem regions with the same force he used to speak of the Christian zones, we

would have said that he spoke with the voice of a prophet," the sheik said.

"We would have preferred the pope to lift himself to the superior level of impartiality," he added.

The fighting in Lebanon is a struggle for political power and not a religious war, Sheik Fadlallah said.

"The Maronites monopolize power," he said, referring to decades-old agreements that grant Maronite Catholics the presidency and leadership of the armed forces.

The violence "is part of the Middle East struggle for the conquest of power and is even expressed in a ferocious manner among Christians as well as among Mos-

lems," he said.

Druze leader Walid Jumblatt also saw a positive dimension to a papal trip if it included visits to Moslem areas destroyed by Christians.

For Nabih Berri, leader of the pro-Syrian Amal militia, a papal visit would be "a dance which serves for nothing.

"The only way to achieve peace is the political elimination of Gen. Aoun," Berri said.

An Iranian newspaper, *Islamic Republic*, opposed a papal visit, saying it would mean support of Aoun's crusade against Moslems.

Schools

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• \$24,505 to lease a bus to promote the consolidation of St. Philip Neri and St. Andrew's schools. St. Philip Neri was closed last June as part of the reorganization of the northeast quadrant.

A parish's portion of these shared expenses will be determined by its "ability to pay," using a formula similar to that used to determine parishes' contributions to the annual diocesan Thanks Giving Appeal.

The plan also notes that the diocesan development office will launch two gift programs in 1990 — a scholarship-patrons program that will match donors with disadvantaged children, and a special-gifts program that will match benefactors with

special programs and such school needs as renovation and fine-arts programs.

"I think the commission did a good job," Paul Morehouse, said of the new plan. Morehouse, chairman of the Southeast Quadrant Planning Board, noted that the new plan leaves a great deal of decision-making room to the quadrant governing boards.

"They heard what the quadrants were saying ... As the plan stands now, there's a lot of flexibility," said Morehouse, who noted that because of this flexibility, the plan's full implications will only be known when each of the three remaining quadrant plans are released.

This spring, the northeast quadrant

board released its plan, which resulted in the closing of four schools last June and calls for one more to close by June, 1990.

Morehouse said his planning board will meet to discuss the plan in late September.

Patricia Glogowski, chairwoman of the Northwest Quadrant Planning Board, was unavailable for comment.

Vivian Kurdt, co-chairwoman of the Southwest Quadrant Planning Board, declined to comment, saying she needed more time to study the plan.

Also during the commission's press conference, Bishop Clark announced that an anonymous donor had contributed \$150,000 to the diocese's Catholic Foundation. The money will go towards tuition as-

sistance for needy children, he said.

In addition, the bishop said the proceeds the diocese receives from the sale of Cardinal Mooney High School to the Greece Central School District this fall will be used to help establish a Catholic School Endowment Fund within the foundation.

Proceeds of the sale will be divided between the diocese and the Holy Cross Brothers, who owned the school. The amount the diocese will receive from the sale has not been determined yet.

Labor Day

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Social Concerns in declaring that "one of the worst injustices in the contemporary world is the unequal distribution of the goods and services intended by God for all.

"All of our society suffers from this disproportionate distribution of power and wealth," Bishop Sullivan continued. "When the pain of economic dislocation and the rewards of economic recovery are not shared fairly, as they have not been in the past 10 years, social and political ties can be frayed or shattered."

He called for examining government policies to see how they "encourage or discourage employers from campaigns to dismantle established unions, unilaterally rescind health and retirement benefits or restructure so as to block organizing efforts.

"No one may deny the right to organize without attacking human dignity itself," Bishop Sullivan said, quoting the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter "Economic Justice for All." "Therefore, we firmly oppose organized efforts, such as those regrettably seen in this country, to break existing unions or prevent workers from organizing."

Activist

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ven state legislatures the right to ban abortion.

"The Supreme Court's decision mobilized the opposition. They're a fairly strong force — monetarily and politically," he said.

Amy Dorscheid, who credited her husband with getting her involved in the pro-life movement, said she is "embarrassed" by the attention she has received due to her pro-life activities.

"I am not a confrontational person; I'm pretty timid ... This is not a natural thing for me," she said. "I want people to stand up for the babies who are dying. I want people to understand (that) just because you don't see that baby it's not there."

Those interested in joining the pro-life group at St. Joseph's Church in Penfield can contact the Dorscheids through the parish by calling 716/586-0674.

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