

# Lithuania

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quarters.

Landsbergis said these actions brought shame on the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin ordered most foreign journalists out of Lithuania.

"They're starting to take away our one and only weapon — information," said one young member of Sajudis, the independence movement that has controlled the Lithuanian government since March.

Gorbachev appeared to have adopted a strategy of "bureaucratic invasion" to bring the rebel republic to heel. Militiamen — as the police are called — loyal to Moscow's Interior Ministry were used in the nighttime occupations of several public and Communist Party buildings.

"It's like a boa constrictor. It will begin to squeeze tighter and tighter," one observer said.

More than 30 Soviet armored personnel carriers moved through Vilnius on their way to a military base over the April 1 weekend, adding to a sense of apprehension in the capital and in government circles.

Moscow's naming of its own prosecutor March 30 and installing him in the Lithuanian prosecutor's office was considered the

most serious escalation of the conflict.

"This is an attempt to destroy the juridical system of the Lithuanian republic," Landsbergis said.

Most of the office's legal staff immediately walked out in protest. Later that night, militiamen were sent by Moscow to take control of the building in downtown Vilnius.

Landsbergis said the step may signal an upcoming legal crackdown on Lithuanian youths who were preparing to avoid the Soviet army draft this spring. Hundreds of Lithuanians have deserted the Red Army and are being sought by Soviet police. Some 40,000 youths are scheduled to be called up this spring.

On April 2, Soviet authorities said so-called "progressive" newspapers would be barred from publishing in the Communist Party press center — where the republic's main daily newspapers are published. On March 31, militiamen armed with billy clubs were posted in the center.

"This is theater. They try to show they have control of publishing with 15 soldiers dressed in militia uniforms," said Vilnius

Kavaliauskas, an editor of *Tiesa*, Lithuania's Communist Party daily.

At Parliament in downtown Vilnius, the nerve center of Lithuania's struggling government, Sajudis officials said they were discouraged by much of the world's reaction to Gorbachev's tactics. They said the United States and other Western countries appeared afraid to criticize Gorbachev.

During a press conference March 31, Landsbergis repeated his position that his government was willing to negotiate everything "except the fact of Lithuania's independence." Such talks would have to be on a state-to-state level, he said.

Lithuania's Communist Party leader Algirdas Drazauskas, a strong supporter of independence, appeared to be staking out a slightly more moderate position. He suggested that a referendum might be conducted on independence then used "as an ace" in negotiating with Moscow.

Lithuania's leaders slightly softened their positions on some other issues. They suspended plans to set up their own border force and volunteer army.

# Sr. Bowman

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She joined the Franciscan community at age 15 and professed first vows in 1958 and final vows in 1963.

She was the only black woman in the order.

She received a doctorate in English literature and linguistics from The Catholic University of America in 1972, specializing in Elizabethan literature.

She taught at several Catholic high schools and colleges, and since 1979 she had been consultant for intercultural awareness for the Diocese of Jackson, Miss., and a faculty member of the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Among honors she received were two honorary doctorates: the American Cancer Society's Courage Award, given at the White House in 1988; and *U.S. Catholic* magazine's U.S. Catholic Award in 1989,

given for contributions to the advancement of women in church and society.

Last year, after a book on her life was commissioned, actor-producer Harry Belafonte said he planned to turn the book into a movie.

Admirers of Sister Bowman in 1989 established the Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation with the goal of raising \$150 million to provide scholarships to black youths.

Before her death, Sister Bowman asked that any gifts in her memory be donated to the foundation, which is based at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt.

Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington, who said he talked by phone with Sister Bowman March 29, said, "I thanked her for her work in the church, for the many ways she had helped African-Americans and all of us."

Cardinal Hickey said he shared "sorrow with all of our black brothers and sisters throughout the country and the world, for whom her cries for equality and freedom were never silent."

# Idaho

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abortion.

Father Day said Andrus' veto statement "was just a summary of all the pro-choice arguments."

The diocesan pro-life director said he and others had "attempted on numerous occasions to see the governor and explain the pro-life side" after Andrus got the bill for consideration.

Those backing a veto claimed the bill was unconstitutional and would not survive the state Supreme Court.

"Gov. Andrus has abandoned his principles and the pro-life people of Idaho will not be fooled by his phony excuses," Wilke said.

"It is ridiculous for him to continue to claim he is pro-life when he has vetoed a pro-life bill that would have saved thousands of lives."

In his statement, Father Gouldrick said, "We will continue our public policy efforts aimed at helping the unborn have an opportunity to grow and develop, and at helping their mothers resolve difficulties they may be experiencing with a pregnancy by alternatives which are non-invasive and non-destructive of life."

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