



Invasion requires 'vigorous response,' analysts say
 During an Aug. 3 demonstration against the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, a young woman stands outside London's Kuwaiti Embassy wearing traditional dress and the flag of Kuwait over her face instead of a veil. In response to the "clear-cut case of aggression against another nation," the world community should exert strong pressure on Iraq, but the United States should not resort to military solutions, said Father J. Bryan Hehir, professor of ethics and international politics at Georgetown University.

Prelate resigned after affair was discovered

ATLANTA (CNS) — Archbishop Eugene A. Marino of Atlanta resigned his post because of "an intimate relationship with a woman," according to Bishop James P. Lyke, apostolic administrator of the Atlanta archdiocese since Archbishop Marino's resignation in July.

During an Atlanta news conference Aug. 2, Bishop Lyke said the relationship began in 1988 and ended only when church authorities learned of it.

Bishop Lyke urged "compassionate support and prayer" for Archbishop Marino, who is under medical care at a retreat house in an undisclosed location in New York.

Named July 10 to lead the archdiocese following Archbishop Marino's resignation, Bishop Lyke called the press conference after an Atlanta television station, WAGA, broke the story of the relationship Aug. 1.

On Aug. 4, three days after Archbishop Marino's affair first became public, Father Michael Woods of Atlanta admitted that he, too, "was intimately involved with the lady mentioned in the Archbishop Marino reports." Father Woods offered his resignation as pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in the Atlanta suburb of Sandy Springs.

The woman, 27-year-old Vicki R. Long, is a single mother and former singer who three years ago filed suit against a priest in Columbus, Ga., in the neighboring Savannah diocese, claiming the priest was the father of her daughter. She has refused to talk to reporters.

Anthony Fontana, a Louisiana lawyer who has specialized in handling pedophilia lawsuits against church officials, told WXIA-TV in Atlanta Aug. 6 that he is representing Long. He said she denies having had any sexual relations with Father

Woods, a 48-year-old Irish-born priest.

On Aug. 5, *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* quoted Bishop Lyke as saying he "hoped" there would be no further scandals but that "another one or two wouldn't surprise me."

At the Aug. 2 press conference, the day after WAGA broke the news of Archbishop Marino's relationship with Long, Bishop Lyke told reporters that church authorities learned of the archbishop's two-year relationship with her in mid-April.

In early May, suffering chest pains and exhaustion, the 56-year-old archbishop temporarily gave up his authority and went into seclusion at a retreat house, where he is receiving medical care, and spiritual and psychological counseling.

Bishop Lyke said Archbishop Marino submitted his resignation as archbishop of Atlanta to Pope John Paul II in early June and the pope accepted it in July.

He said the announcement at the time, that Archbishop Marino was suffering from "severe stress" and needed a long rest, was true, although it was not the whole story.

Bishop Lyke said that, while news of the archbishop's "intimate relationship with a woman" was not announced at the time of his resignation, the archbishop authorized him to confirm it if it became public.

He declined to discuss any details except to say that the relationship — which began shortly after Archbishop Marino was appointed to Atlanta in 1988 — has ended.

He said Long has filed a legal claim against the archdiocese, but he refused to give details.

Responding to reports that Archbishop Marino had helped her buy a house and contributed to her support, Bishop Lyke said that if the archbishop gave her any

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AFL-CIO adopts policy to remain neutral on abortion

CHICAGO (CNS) — Meeting in Chicago, the AFL-CIO Executive Council voted July 31 to adopt a recommendation to remain neutral on abortion.

"The AFL-CIO ... adopts a carefully considered policy of deferring to the individual judgments of its affiliates and their members on reproductive issues," said a policy statement, adopted with only three dissenting votes.

"The AFL-CIO yields to the good and sound judgment of union members — expressed persuasively and emotionally by unionists on both sides of the issue — that they choose to pursue their goals on reproductive issues within political, legislative

and legal arenas as their individual consciences dictate," the statement said.

An 18-member panel of the Executive Council had recommended continued neutrality July 30 to the full 35-member council.

"The differences of opinion about reproductive issues, including abortion, that now divide American public opinion are mirrored in the labor movement," the statement said.

AFL-CIO spokesman Rex Hardesty told Catholic News Service that the Executive Council action brings to an end a debate over abortion within the union that started last November.

The statement applies to the AFL-CIO, its state federations, and its local central labor councils.

"Very good. That's good news; better than I expected," said Monsignor George G. Higgins, retired secretary for social concerns for the U.S. Catholic Conference and a longtime labor advocate, when informed of the panel's recommendation.

Monsignor Higgins, who had testified in June before the panel, told CNS he had expected the panel to suggest the "possibility of some kind of compromise, some general statement" about the right to privacy, a main tenet of abortion rights advocates.

The policy statement acknowledged that unions have "staunchly and fervently defended the right of all persons to privacy, to personal belief and to self-determination on matters of religion, thought, conscience and family."

"We resent and resist government intru-

sion into matters that are essentially private," the statement continued, "and we have consistently opposed abridgements of personal freedom everywhere in the world."

Monsignor Higgins said that in his testimony, he recommended that the union stay neutral on abortion. "I had 20 minutes, and I played on that theme," he said.

"I did not get involved in the debate on abortion. I scrupulously avoided that," Monsignor Higgins said. Prior to and since his testimony, he said he did not talk with "anybody on either side" on the panel.

Pro-life allies of labor had urged continued neutrality, saying the issue was too divisive for the union and would harm union organizing efforts.

Abortion-rights activists arguing for their position contended that a change from

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