

# News In Brief

## Pope attacks abortion

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John Paul II, in his sharpest attack on abortion to date, Sunday condemned abortion as "a great assault on the conscience, a great disgrace, a great pain."

In a clear rejection of demands by some Italian politicians that he stop calling for the repeal of Italy's liberal abortion law, the pontiff told a crowd of 50,000 gathered at St. Peter's Square for his noon blessing:

"The (Roman Catholic) Church does not want to judge anybody, but it must present evidence of the truth. The church knows that every attempt against the child's life in the womb of the mother is a great assault on the conscience, a great disgrace, a great pain. And so the church wants to help, to serve."

## Study faults nursing home regulations

WASHINGTON (AP)—An analysis financed by the nursing home industry claims the government underestimated by more than \$500 million the cost of implementing proposed regulations for nursing homes receiving Medicare and Medicaid.

The regulations are aimed at improving the quality of care given the 2.2 million patients who live in these institutions whether they receive government assistance or not. Many of the proposals are designed to safeguard the patients' psychological welfare, in addition to their physical well-being.

The study was prepared for the National Council of Health Centers and the American Health Care Association, two organizations involved with the nursing home industry. Both organizations argue that the cost of the changes may outweigh benefits.

## One killed, seven injured in explosion

CUSTER CITY, Pa. (AP)—A workman died in the explosion of a derailed crude oil tank car when he tried to save another worker trapped inside a toppled tanker, authorities said Sunday.

Phillip Winter, 31, of North Collins, N.Y., was killed and seven others were injured in the blast Saturday at the site of an earlier train derailment. The workmen were pumping oil from the cars and cutting them into scrap when one exploded.

Winter died Saturday night of apparent asphyxiation, said a spokeswoman for nearby Bradford Hospital. Two men were admitted in critical condition with burns.

The seven other men, including some firefighters, suffered from shock and inhalation of petroleum fumes. Two were hospitalized in satisfactory condition.

## Marcos calls for opposition

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —President Ferdinand Marcos said Sunday that martial law is a burden and he would like to see a strong political opposition develop in the Philippines.

Marcos spoke on the eighth anniversary of his military regime, a day that brought the arrest of opposition leaders in the central Philippines who had gathered for an anti-government rally. Such demonstrations are illegal here.

The arrest of 12 people brought to more than 200 the number of people jailed in connection with anti-government demonstrations marking the anniversary of the 1972 declaration of martial law.

The anniversary of Marcos' "New Society" was declared a national day of thanksgiving.

# OWASA sues Carrboro over hydrant fees

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The Orange Water and Sewer Authority filed suit in Orange County Superior Court Friday against the town of Carrboro for about \$21,000 in unpaid fire hydrant fees.

Thursday night the OWASA Board of Directors met and decided to sue the town after the failure of a year-long effort to collect the delinquent fees out of court.

Carrboro refused to pay the fire hydrant fee in July 1979 when OWASA raised the monthly rate from \$5 to \$13.75 per hydrant. The fee later was dropped to \$12, but Carrboro has continued to refuse payment.

OWASA said that Orange and Durham counties also have delinquent bills for fire hydrant fees dating from

September 1979. Orange County owes \$5,000, while Durham owes \$1,260.

"We have attempted over the last months to work this out without litigation," said OWASA Executive Director W. Everett Billingsley.

"We have met with representatives of the one town and two counties for discussion, and they have not been successful in coming up with a satisfactory resolution," he said.

Billingsley said OWASA had no alternative but to sue Carrboro. The board might consider taking similar action against Orange and Durham counties after legal research is complete, he said.

Carrboro officials said they would not pay the fees because of the increased rate. "I was so outraged with

(OWASA)," Carrboro Alderman Braxton Foushee said. "I think (the increase) is too much."

"Our rates are based upon the costs of service," Billingsley said. "The cost of providing fire hydrants was analyzed and it came to \$12 per hydrant."

OWASA collects almost \$100,000 a year from Chapel Hill, Carrboro, The University and Orange and Durham counties. OWASA officials have warned that any reduction in revenue might result in a reduction of fire hydrant maintenance.

"I don't know if we would win but we can try," Foushee said.

"We owe something, but not \$12 per hydrant."

# Kennedy hits Carter campaign trail

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is beginning a string of fall campaign appearances for President Jimmy Carter amid strong signs that voters who once supported Kennedy against the president are moving to embrace the Democratic ticket.

Kennedy planned to appear with Carter in Los Angeles tonight at three fund-raising events, including a \$250-a-person affair to benefit the Democratic National Committee.

With Kennedy prepared to stump for Carter in California, a former top supporter of the senator in Ohio said the state party is fast closing ranks.

"They're getting behind the president because Republican candidate (Ronald) Reagan's giving them a push," said Timothy Hagan, chairman of the Cuyahoga Democratic Party, and an organizer of one of the earliest "Draft Kennedy" movements more than a year ago.

"Carter looks a lot better compared with Reagan," Hagan said. The local Democratic leader said he doubts that many former Kennedy backers will support independent candidate John

Anderson. "They recognize that a vote for Anderson is a vote for Reagan," he said.

Hagan credited Carter and his aides for moving to include everybody in the fall campaign.

"We're working with them and they're working with us. There's no 'them' or 'us' any more."

Hagan's comments about Ohio are mirrored in the latest *New York Times*-CBS News poll, which shows that former Kennedy supporters make up a quarter of the president's backers.

The poll, taken Sept. 10-14, shows that 53 percent of Kennedy's former supporters now favor the president's reelection, an increase of 30 percentage points from the previous survey which was taken before the Democratic National Convention.

Eighteen percent are supporting Reagan, while 15 percent say they are for Anderson.

In addition to the public poll results, virtually all of the unions that once supported Kennedy, including the United Auto Workers, have joined hands with the president. The exception

is the International Association of Machinists, which is neutral.

After a nine-month challenge, Kennedy issued a terse statement of support for Carter the night the president won renomination at the Democratic convention in mid-August. Kennedy's support grew warmer in the days that followed.

Kennedy greeted a campaigning Carter at Logan Airport in Boston, and he appeared before the membership of two unions that had supported his candidacy, urging them to switch their backing to Carter.

One, the American Federation of Teachers, decided to support Carter after the president made an appearance the day after Kennedy did. The second was the still-balky Machinists union.

Aides say Kennedy intends to combine his fall campaigning on Carter's behalf with stumping for Democratic congressional candidates and efforts to



Sen. Edward Kennedy

raise money to reduce his own campaign debt of about \$1.7 million.

Kennedy plans to appear at Carter's side in Washington, D.C., Boston and New Jersey. Stops with the president in Florida and New Orleans also are likely, aides say.

## waste

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Public Health, said the meeting was constructive, but said it was too early to draw any conclusions since the task force was still studying the compact.

Greenberg stressed that his committee could only make recommendations about the plan and that final implementation of the proposal would be settled on a federal level. "The problem with the compact idea is that it requires federal legislation to be put into effect," he said.

The meeting between Reid and the committee was the first official contact with South Carolina, although informal talks have been made with other states as well.

Reid said South Carolina was willing to provide the Barnwell site as the regional facility if the compact were adopted.

Ralph Ely, a member of a special technical advisory committee and director of the Office of University Relations at the Research Triangle Institute also supported the plan. He said the Barnwell site already had cut

back on the amount of wastes it would accept, therefore citing the need for a compact.

"If we don't have a compact with other states we might not have any choice but to establish a burial site in North Carolina," Ely said. "Gov. (Jim) Hunt has said to us that the state needs to take care of all its wastes independent of other states."

"The country's three facilities equipped to handle (low-level) radioactive wastes have given notice that they will close down if they cannot handle the volume of the wastes," Ely said.

Ely said the Barnwell burial site would eventually cut back up to 50 percent of its present intake, averaging about a 1 percent reduction a month. "South Carolina has already started to cut back...and this at a time when about 10 percent more radioactive waste products are being produced in the state this year than last," he said.

## debate

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Reagan said that attitude didn't take into consideration the rights of the one being aborted. He said he believed the unborn child was a human being entitled to rights of its own.

Anderson replied, "The unborn child also has a right to be wanted."

One of the panelists asked what changes and sacrifices the candidates would require from the American people to deal with the energy crisis.

Reagan repeated his campaign position that "it is the government itself that has caused the energy shortage" and added that "America is an energy-rich country."

Anderson opened his response by saying, "I simply cannot allow to go past that statement made by Gov. Reagan, who ignores the crisis we face." He said Reagan totally misunderstood the energy crisis.

Anderson also renewed his support for a 50-cents-a-gallon tax on gasoline as the beginning of a "new conservation ethic."

Reagan and Anderson voiced sharply different proposals for revitalizing the nation's deteriorating cities, with Anderson calling for multi-billion dollar urban aid programs and Reagan generally advocating solutions within the

private sector.

Each was asked how he would ease urban problems without violating their separate commitments for federal spending restraint.

Reagan stressed one of his major campaign themes—an easing of federal regulations. He said that current federal grants to states and cities "come with such red tape...that the local governments' hands are tied."

By contrast, Anderson advocated creation of a \$4 billion urban reinvestment trust fund that he said would help cities rebuild and called for a similar \$4 billion community trust fund.

Reagan attacked such an approach saying, "The money will come from the pockets of the people living in those very areas" that need to be revitalized.

After the debate Anderson met his supporters and said he felt pretty good about his showing. As to the question of whether he emerged a winner, the independent said, "I will leave that to the judgment of the great viewing audience."

"I'll sure sleep well tonight," Reagan said. As he left the convention center, he said that asking a debater how he did is like asking an actor on opening night to criticize the play.

## Morgan

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monthly Interim Council. "We've completed a very productive two-day session," Harry Kaplan, president of the N.C.S.L. said Sunday. "We had 120 student delegates from 20 different colleges and universities around the state."

The legislature passed an emergency resolution opposing Sen. Jesse Helms', R-N.C., wilderness bill, Kaplan said.

They also passed a resolution designating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday and defeated another one approving increased nuclear power in North Carolina, Kaplan said.

The monthly resolutions are recommended to various organizations across the state, Kaplan said. Bills passed at the annual assembly in March are used to testify at committee meetings of the state legislature, he said.

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