

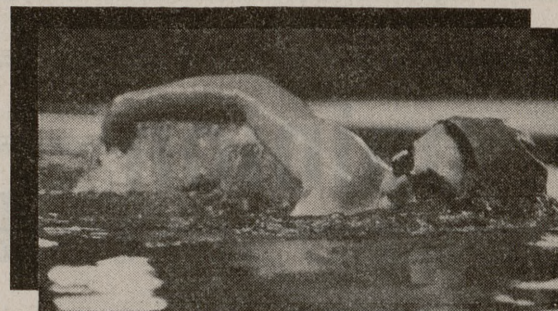
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Catholics urge Poles to start talks

United Press International
WARSAW, Poland — Poland's Roman Catholic bishops warned continued martial law could lead to protests and civil war, urging in a letter to be read across the nation that authorities resume a dialogue with other Poles.

The military government said Thursday production has increased since martial law forcibly halted strikes at coal fields. And travelers told of new roadblocks around the capital, indicating military rule was far from over.

In Brussels, Belgium, the European Common Market dropped plans to sell 100,000 tons of surplus food to Poland at a 15 percent discount and decided instead to give direct food aid to the Polish people through non-governmental organizations.

Deputy Prime Minister Jerzy Ozdowski said Poland's meat and fat stockpiles will fall 22 percent this year because of a drop in poultry supplies and import restrictions, Warsaw Television said Thursday.

Catholic Primate Archbishop Jozef Glemp is very concerned by the possibility the whole thing could fall apart

in Poland, said a source who recently met the church leader.

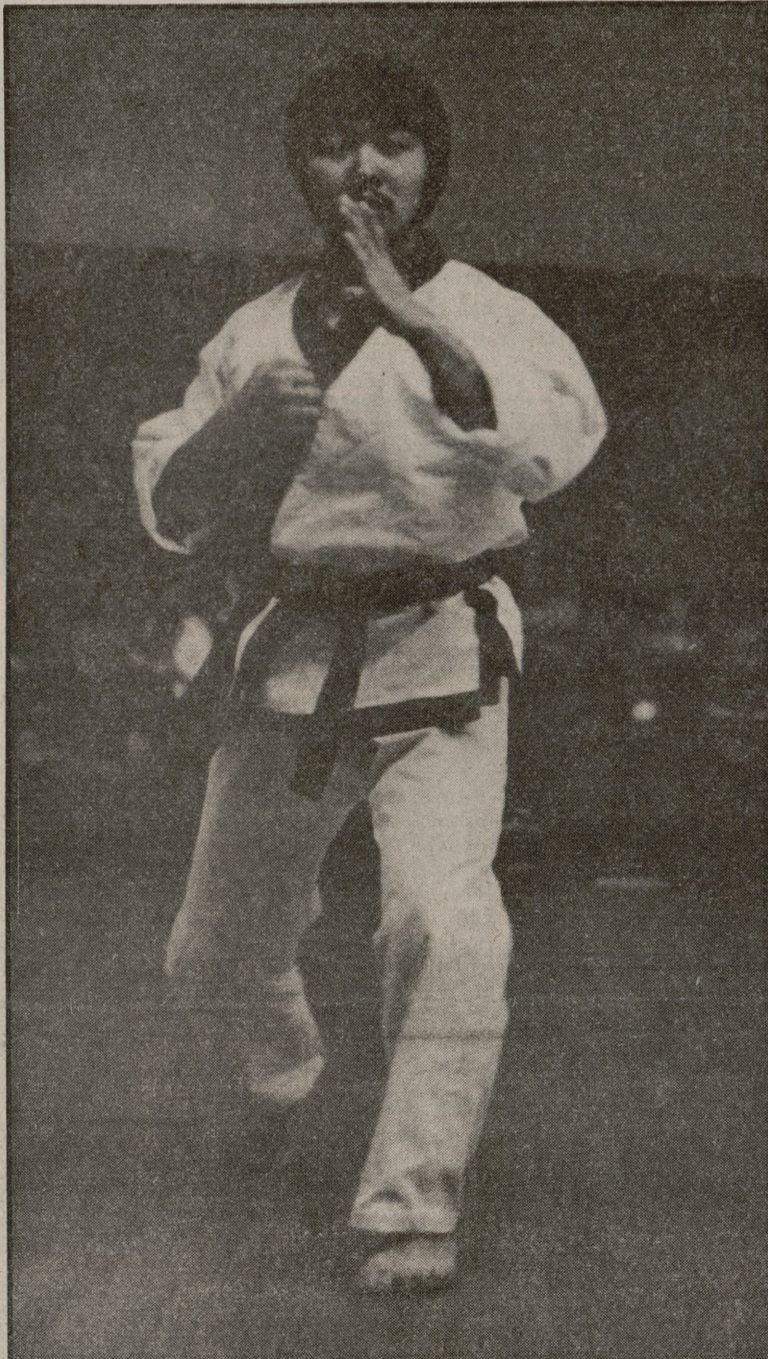
Glemp and his bishops drafted a pastoral letter to be read Jan. 31 in congregations throughout the country urging authorities to lift or relax the martial regime declared Dec. 13 or face violent consequences.

Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski was scheduled to address Parliament Monday and the church clearly was attempting to pressure him into announcing an easing in the military regulations.

The letter insisted the country must return to the dialogue between the authorities and society, warning "limiting of freedom leads to protests, disturbances, even fraternal war."

"A restoration of normal functioning of the state, a quick release of the internees, an end of all ideological pressure and firings from jobs for convictions or membership in a union should be (part of) this freedom," it said.

"We state in the name of freedom that people should get back the right to organize themselves in independent, self-governing trade unions and youth associations."



Staff photo by David Fisher

One bad hombre

That would have been the impression you would have had of Shigeru Katada if you had been at G. Rollie White Coliseum Thursday night for the Tae Kwon Doe demonstration. A junior mechanical engineering student from College Station, Katada is a Second Degree Black Belt.

Day brings out activists, march

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Today is the ninth anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that legalized most abortions — an occasion that draws another round of marches and prayer services in the nation's capital.

Thousands of abortion backers and foes were expected to participate in the activities aimed at drawing support or opposition to several abortion bills before Congress.

Roman Catholic Church officials designated today as a national day of prayer and fasting for the unborn.

Pro-choice advocates planned interfaith services to underscore what they said was widespread support for abortion rights among the majority of the nation's religious groups.

Members of the anti-abortion movement were to march on Capitol Hill to demand a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion.

President Reagan agreed to meet with two anti-abortion groups, but, as of early today, had made no decision on a request to meet with those favoring the availability of abortions.

Patricia Gavett, executive director of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, was not optimistic.

"All appointment requests from the religious community are processed by Morton Blackwell of the Office of Public Liaison," she said. "Since Mr. Blackwell has been a long-time activist in the anti-abortion cause, he

is very anxious the president not be exposed to pro-choice arguments."

The anti-abortion march traditionally has drawn thousands of participants from the East Coast and Midwest, many of them parochial school children released from classes for the day and bused to Washington.

At the center of the marchers' demand is what organizer Nellie Gray has called the "Paramount 'Unity' Human Life Amendment."

Sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-S.C., in the Senate, and Reps. Thomas Luken, R-Ohio and Robert Dornan, R-Calif., the proposed constitutional amendment would "assure that the paramount right to life of each human being, born and preborn from fertilization, is protected without regard to age, health or condition of dependency," according to March for Life organizers.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has endorsed another amendment, named after Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, which would overturn the 1973 decision, then allow each state and the Congress to write its own anti-abortion legislation.

Many in the movement, however, feel that the Hatch proposal is a compromise that would not go as far as the Helms' bill in protecting the unborn.

Auto industry still chaotic

United Press International
There was a double dose of bad news in the auto industry today.

Labor leaders face the prospect of telling their members why contract talks with General Motors Corp. are stalled. And there are indications interest rates may go up.

United Auto Workers discussions with GM and Ford broke off this week after 10 days of bargaining. Ford and GM are seeking contract concessions they contend are necessary to revitalize the financially ailing industry.

The next step for the union is meetings of the Ford and GM councils Saturday in Washington. Those groups will hear reports from negotiators, then give directions on how to proceed.

In another possible blow to the

auto industry as well as other businesses, the Federal Reserve Board tightened the money supply, raising fears short-term interest rates including the prime, may soon rise.

The Fed is attempting to control money growth by draining reserves banks have available to lend, by selling government securities with an agreement to repurchase them at a later date.

In economic good news, sources say President Reagan, facing sharp criticism from big business, is reconsidering boosting taxes on gasoline, cigarettes, most alcoholic beverages and some luxury items.

Reagan told his senior staff Thursday to find another way to raise revenues.

Polish refugees jump ship, ask for asylum

United Press International
HOUSTON — Eleven Polish refugees — including seven members of the Solidarity Union who fled a cargo ship — have asked for political asylum, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials report.

Seven people, who walked off a Polish freighter in the Houston Ship Channel, were granted work permits Thursday, INS district director Paul O'Neill said.

Stanley Garczynski, head of the Texas Polish-American Congress, said members of the group — which included two married couples — left the cargo ship Zabrze Wednesday, walked to waiting vehicles and were taken to a restaurant owned by a Polish immigrant.

All seven are members of the Solidarity Union and served as sailors on the vessel.

They joined seven other Polish refugees in Houston who arrived earlier in separate groups. Four of those were granted work permits Thurs-

day. The other three already have visas allowing them to remain in the country for a while.

The Zabrze, owned by Gdynia American Line, left Houston Thursday, headed for New Orleans and other stops before returning to Poland.

Two of the women sailors who sought asylum are wives of crewmen and are pregnant, a group spokeswoman said. Among the sailors were the first officer of the ship, who was second in command, and his wife, who worked on board.

The seven other refugees came to the United States in two groups. Three arrived in America from Vienna recently and four others had been visiting relatives in Houston when martial law was declared in Poland.

O'Neill said INS would handle the asylum requests "the same as any other." He said individual applications would be reviewed at the local level and by the State Department.

J-board New panels prompt conformity

by **Gaye Denley**
Battalion Staff

A new co-ed judicial board structure for campus residence halls, begun last semester, has brought a higher level of fairness and consistency to j-board decisions, according to a survey of board members by the Department of Student Affairs.

Judicial boards, panels of dormitory residents who hear cases of University and hall policy violations, give residents a voice in the enforcement of those policies, RHA Vice President Michele Rowland said.

Cases involve policy violations such

as alcohol in the dormitory, cooking and violation of visitation hours. Sanctions vary from verbal reprimands, to sitting on weekends to hall probation.

In the past, each hall set up its own judicial board, selecting its members through interviews with hall council and staff members. Thus, each j-board consisted of residents living in that particular hall.

The new sub-area j-boards, however, have jurisdiction over two or more residence halls. For example, the Mosher-Aston j-board hears cases occurring in both Mosher Hall, a

women's hall, and Aston Hall, a men's dorm. Three Mosher women and three Aston men serve on that board.

Inconsistent penalties for similar violations in different residence halls was a chief reason for the sub-area structure, said Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs. Housing staff members set up seven campus j-boards, each with jurisdiction over two to five men and women's dorms.

"Inconsistency was number one (in the reasons for the change)," Sasse said. "A lot of boards were doing a lot of different things with the same offense."

Similarly, feelings of apathy among

j-boards with small case loads prompted the restructuring. "Some boards had never had a case, and some boards had lots of them," Sasse said.

After one semester, an overwhelming majority of students serving on j-board in different residence halls believe the new boards are more equitable and more effective.

"Overall, the judicial board members are very supportive and positive towards the sub-area judicial board system," Commons Area Coordinator Paul Henry says in the student affairs evaluation. "They perceive that their decisions are very fair and consistent."

FBI catch suspect

United Press International
NEW YORK — Black Liberation Army member Donald Weems, wanted in a \$1.6 million Brink's hold-up and escape from a New Jersey prison, was arrested Wednesday night, authorities said Thursday.

An FBI spokesman said Weems, 35, was picked up at 8 p.m. by members of the FBI and the New York City Police Department Bank Robbery and Terrorist Task Force.

He did not offer any resistance.

The spokesman said officers seized two 9-mm handguns, a shotgun, a .45-caliber handgun and a bullet proof vest.

Regents to meet

The authorization of three new degree programs at Texas A&M University is scheduled for discussion at a meeting of the Board of Regents Monday.

The regents will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the regents' annex of the Memorial Student Center.

Meeting as a committee of the whole, regents will hear reports of the Planning and Building Committee, the Committee for Service Units, the Committee for Academic Campuses and the Executive Committee.

During the report of the Committee for Academic Campuses, the regents will discuss the following three programs: a bachelor of business

Noteworthy dates

Feb. 5 is the last day for graduating seniors and graduate students to make formal applications for their degrees.

On Thursday, The Battalion mistakenly reported Feb. 15 as that deadline. The Battalion regrets the error.

The following are additional noteworthy dates for the spring semester:

- today - last day to add classes and last day to enroll in the University.
- Feb. 2 - last day to drop courses with no record.
- Feb. 5 - application deadline for graduate and undergraduate degrees to be awarded in May.
- Feb. 19 - last day for dropping courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
- March 8 - mid-semester grade reports.
- March 15-21 - spring break.
- May 7 - last day of spring semester classes. Commencement.
- May 8 - Commencement and Final Review.
- May 10 - first day of spring semester examinations.
- May 14 - last day of spring semester examinations.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy and warm with a 50 percent chance of rain. High today in the mid-70s; low in the mid-40s. Saturday's forecast: partly cloudy with the high in low-60s and low in the mid-40s.