

# Poland, church agree to aid

**United Press International**  
**VATICAN CITY** — Poland's Roman Catholic Church and the government have agreed to establish a church-run foundation that will administer millions of dollars from the West to help revive the nation's economy, sources said Tuesday.

The agreement appeared to be part of a larger deal struck by the church in which informed sources said the Vatican agreed to urge Solidarity founder Lech Walesa to step aside in return for a pledge to lift martial law and enact reforms.

The sources said Polish Primate Cardinal Jozef Glomp and

the government reached the agreement before Pope John Paul II's trip to his homeland June 16, but that it was discussed during the pontiff's visit.

They said the agreement could be a prelude to lifting economic sanctions against Poland.

The sources said the foundation was expected to handle millions of dollars in loans or grants from the West and funnel the money into the Polish economy, particularly into agriculture and small business.

Plans for the foundation, which was Glomp's idea, provide for the church to receive the money from the Western

sources and administer it together with the government.

A diplomatic source said the money would come from some major Western foundations, Polish ethnic communities in the West, Common Market countries and wealthy Roman Catholic dioceses.

The sources said the pope, Glomp and Polish leaders Gen. Wojciech Jartelski and President Henryk Jablonski discussed the foundation during the pontiff's visit.

Vatican and other church sources, who spoke Monday on the condition they not be identi-

fied, said several top Vatican officials persuaded the pope to ask Walesa to step out of the public eye — at least temporarily — as part of a broader agreement with the Polish government.

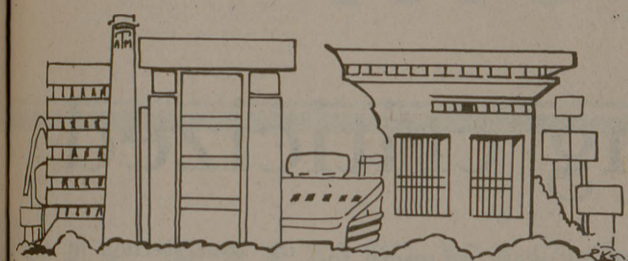
They said the government promised to institute reforms and eventually lift martial law, imposed Dec. 13, 1981 and partially suspended a year later.

Archbishop Achille Silvestrini, secretary of the Vatican's Council for the Public Affairs of the Church, fashioned the

agreement during a visit to Poland before the pope began his trip on June 23, the sources said.

The sources, all close to the Vatican's secretary of state, said John Paul II discussed details of the agreement in two meetings during the trip with Poland's military leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

They also disclosed the pontiff approved the firing of the Rev. Virgilio Levi, who wrote about the agreement Friday in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. He was deputy director of the newspaper.



## Around town

### Prof receives medal from ASAE

**Robert E. Stewart**, distinguished professor emeritus of the agricultural engineering department, has received the 1983 **Cyrus Hall McCormick Medal** from the **American Society of Agricultural Engineers**.

The award was presented to Stewart during the Society's annual Summer Meeting today at Montana State University in Bozeman.

The Cyrus Hall McCormick Medal has been awarded annually since 1932 to a member of ASAE for "exceptional and meritorious engineering achievement in agriculture."

Stewart joined Texas A&M in 1968 as a distinguished professor of agricultural engineering. He was named distinguished professor emeritus in 1980. Stewart is a native of Carthage, Missouri. He received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate in agricultural engineering from the University of Missouri, in Columbia.

He currently lives in Bryan with his wife, Bonnie. They have one daughter and two grandsons.

### Continuing education head named

**Dr. Lee J. Phillips**, who currently serves as assistant director of program development for the Texas Engineering Extension Service has been named **director of continuing education** for Texas A&M University, effective Friday.

Phillips, a 1953 electrical engineering graduate of Texas A&M, has been affiliated with TEEX, the engineering education and training arm of the University System, since 1976.

As director of continuing education, Phillips will be responsible for leadership and supervision of all continuing education activities conducted within the academic departments of the University.

### Director of Financial Aid named

**Walt E. Benson**, currently Student Aids Coordinator at the Milwaukee Area Technical College, has been named **director of Student Financial Aid** effective Aug. 10.

He replaces Dr. Malon Sutherland, assistant vice-president for student services, who has been serving as acting director.

Benson is a member of the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators and the Mid-Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

### University calendar deadline Friday

The deadline to submit events for publication in the Fall 1983 All University Calendar is Friday. Items must be submitted in writing to the Student Activities office in 208 Pavilion. For more information call 845-1133.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call 845-2611.

## Singer dons tux for son's wedding

**United Press International**  
**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Customarily casual Willie Nelson turned a long gray cutaway tuxedo Monday night to be best man at his son's wedding.

Billy H. Nelson, 25, married Eileen E. Caldwell of Joelton at the Baptist Church on Broadway and just about the entire Nelson clan was in town to celebrate.

Billy Nelson is the youngest

of the three children born to Willie Nelson and the first of his three wives, Martha Matthews, a Cherokee Indian who now lives in Waco. She and Nelson divorced in 1963.

In the wedding church parlor afterward, the wedding couple cut into a multi-tiered cake that included tiny staircases and a fountain. Singer Johnny Rodriguez was among those congratulating the couple.

### Illegal drinks contained methanol

# Poisoned liquor kills 17 Mexicans

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**EL HIGO, Mexico** — For the 18,000 residents of El Higo, a town of bars, mosquitos and sugar cane refineries, the deaths of 17 peasants poisoned by "firewater" was only one incident in the widespread trade in illegal alcohol.

"We were at a friend's wake, talking about his adventures and misfortunes, when I drank the aguardiente (sugar cane liquor)," said Bartolo Ordone, 27.

Ordone is a peasant who was hospitalized after the June 17 wake where he sampled the li-

quor, laced with lethal methanol.

"I lost my vision and I felt like I could not move," Ordone said.

Ordone was one of the 100 people poisoned in El Higo and surrounding sugar cane cooperatives where the harshness of daily life is often softened by a \$1 bottle of homemade sugar cane liquor produced in clandestine distilleries in the state of San Luis Potosi.

The colorless liquid, which often has the odor of rubbing alcohol, generally has a proof of more than 100.

The death of the youth whose wake Ordone attended was the first of a chain of funerals in which mourners drank the same deadly liquor.

It was not until seven people died that authorities realized the alcoholic mixture was mortal and advised residents to stop consuming it.

According to the Mexican Social Security Institute, at the end of the second week of June, a total 16 men and one woman died because of the liquor.

Local authorities arrested five "firewater" merchants, and though the maker of the alcohol has never been caught, police chief Matias Isaguirre said "the matter of firewater will end."

But for many of those in El Higo, a town of 18,000 that lies 170 miles northeast of Mexico City, the deaths only signify the latest incident in the underground activity.

"In a short time, all will return to how it was, as though nothing had happened," said Aurelio Vazquez, a doctor at the local government Social Security hos-

pital who treated dozens of the methanol poisoning cases.

The owner of one of El Higo's bars said local police allow the illegal liquor business to flourish, sometimes for money or sometimes only for family or friendship ties that tightly link everyone in the small town.

Of El Higo's 100 mosquito-infested bars, only 50 are legally registered with authorities. These are only allowed to sell beer, but it is common knowledge that the other 50 operate outside the margin of the law.

# ONE CALL to set up meetings

**United Press International**  
**DALLAS** — Western Union has spent more than a million dollars to set up its new **ONE CALL** travel planning service, and the corporate brass now is hoping the calls come pouring in.

"We know our (potential) market is very large," said John Richard of Dallas, head of the new Western Union subsidiary.

"We know our concept has been enthusiastically received by everyone we've talked to. But since it's a totally new concept, it's very difficult to know what to expect."

The concept allows a meeting planner to make a single phone

call giving specific needs. **ONE CALL** then will transmit those specifications via computer link-up to hotels and motels, to airlines and to car rental agencies. They in turn will respond with bids, giving the prices they would charge to serve the meeting. After a five-day period to gather bids, **ONE CALL** will send them to the meeting planner in a mailgram message.

With the bids and information in hand, the planner can contact the various suppliers to make arrangements for the meeting.

"For suppliers, it means a vast information network to reach prospective customers and thus

generate additional sales leads," Richard said. "For meeting planners, **ONE CALL** saves enormous time and trouble in assembling the necessary information on which to make decisions regarding arrangements."

Western Union has set up **ONE CALL** in an office in far north Dallas with 12 full-time employees and a tandem computer.

When it started on June 23, it had more than 40 lodging and car rental companies signed up, Richard said.

Offering their facilities to the program are such major lodging chains as Hilton, Sheraton, Howard Johnson's, Dunfey, Radis-

son, Southern Host and Amfac. Some Holiday Inns, Westin Hotels and Ramada Inns are also included.

Car rental agencies include Budget, American International and Thrifty. Hertz and Avis are considering **ONE CALL**, Richard said.

**ONE CALL** sales people are now talking to airlines to bring them into the system. Since deregulation, Richard said, airlines can set prices at low levels to compete for group travel.

**ONE CALL** aims at meetings between 50 and 150 travelers. A meeting planner or travel agent using the service pays a one-time

fee of \$75 and then between \$10 and \$25 for each meeting.

Hotels, airlines and car rental companies pay **ONE CALL** only when they submit a winning bid. Fees range between \$25 and \$75 per meeting.

Richard said the system also could be used by travel clubs and travel agents who conduct tours.

"By the end of this year we hope to have 5,000 meeting planners and travel agents signed up," Richard said.

# High Court rules on gas sales, may prompt price increases

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**WASHINGTON** — In a ruling that could prove costly to consumers, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a federal energy agency erred when it excluded natural gas pipeline firms from higher "first-sale" pricing.

While the court said it was in general agreement with a lower court, the 5-4 decision also set aside a ruling that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission had misread a key energy law and told the commission to consider the issue again.

The dispute involves whether transfers of natural gas should be allowed to trigger the higher price ceilings under a 1978 energy law.

In setting aside the lower court ruling, Justice John Paul Stevens rejected the government's arguments that using first-sale pricing would allow pipeline companies to reap a \$200 million annual windfall, and possibly force higher natural gas prices on consumers.

Stevens held the energy commission's exclusion of pipeline production from the pricing scheme of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 frustrated the regulatory policy Congress sought to achieve in passing the legislation.

Contesting the commission's stand were the Mid-Louisiana Gas Co. and four other pipeline firms that produce 5.5 percent

of natural gas nationwide annually.

"First-sale" pricing, part of the complicated pricing structure of the gas policy act, was designed to spur production and ensure sufficient gas supplies by allowing higher prices at the wellhead to compensate for development costs.

Also at issue in the case was whether the commission had the authority to deny first-sale status to gas that pipeline companies

effectively sell to themselves.

In Tuesday's ruling, Stevens said the commission has discretion to decide whether intercorporate or downstream transfers should receive first-sale treatment.

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