

# Pope urges authorities to assist handicapped

**United Press International**  
 TROIS RIVIERES, Quebec — Pope John Paul II, cheered by thousands of Canadians, urged governments Monday to cut arms spending to help the handicapped and plunged into a sensitive local political issue by defending the rights of Indians and Eskimos.

Traveling through Canada by limousine and train, the pope struck out against discrimination by calling for increased medical aid for the handicapped and legislation to guarantee the political power of Canada's native population.

John Paul's remarks came on the second day of his trip to Canada, during which he spoke to the handicapped in Quebec City, traveled 25 miles by limousine to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre, then took a special 10-car train to the industrial city of Trois Rivieres.

The day's most emotional moment came when the pope met about 500 handicapped patients at Quebec City's Francois Charon rehabilitation center. Many were in wheelchairs and John Paul placed his hand on the foreheads of some, embraced others and kissed one elderly woman patient on the cheek.

"If only we were to devote a small part of the arms race budget to this task, we could make huge progress and ease the fate of many suffering

people," he said. "We must provide training, suitable employment with a just wage, promotion opportunities and security to spare the handicapped traumatic experiences," he said, adding that such programs require "the aid of public authorities."

The pope then boarded a black limousine and was driven to what Canadians considered the most politically charged stop of John Paul's 12-day tour — a meeting with leaders of Canada's Indians and Eskimos at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre.

The Indians and Eskimos have been vocal in pressing for political self-determination. Canada's Parliament is studying the question before drawing up legislation.

John Paul's defense of native rights, delivered in French, English, and seven native dialects, put him squarely in the middle of the issue.

"I know that the relations between native people and white people are often strained and tainted with prejudice," he said.

He said Indians and Eskimos were among the poorest members of society and that their recognition by the government was "late in coming."

Government action on native rights was "evident in some pieces of legislation, open of course to further progress and in the increased recog-

nition of your own decision-making power," the pope said.

The Indians and Eskimos showed their appreciation by giving the pope examples of native craftsmanship, including a deerskin jacket and a red- and black-feathered headdress.

Moved by the gesture, John Paul took an unscheduled walk through the crowd of about 8,000, much to the consternation of his security men.

The pope's trip from Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre to Trois Rivieres in a specially outfitted train was highlighted by thousands of well-wishers who lined the route waving banners and climbing atop cars and tractors to get a glimpse of him.

During the journey, John Paul ate a meal that started with Italian-style prosciutto ham and melon and ended with a strawberry tart dessert and coffee.

At the Cap-de-la-Madeleine church near Trois Rivieres, the pope celebrated an outdoor mass dedicated to the Virgin Mary before about 50,000 gathered under a driving rain. His sermon dealt with the religious significance of Mary.

The pope's tour of Canada, his 23rd international trip since becoming pope in 1978, began Sunday in Quebec City.

# Director begins job of promoting theater arts - a 'well kept secret'

**By DEENA ELLIOTT**  
 Reporter

Theater Arts on the Texas A&M campus has been a "well-kept secret," says Dr. Roger Schultz, who is starting his first year here as the new director of theater arts.

Schultz is in charge of publicizing and promoting all productions, recruiting students into the program and serving as business manager for the Aggie Players — the production company for Texas A&M theater arts.

Schultz said the goal for the theater arts is to establish a first-rate program by presenting the campus and community with quality entertainment and offering students quality training.

Schultz said a few problems the program faces is a lack of visibility throughout the state and nation. More students need to know Texas A&M has a theater arts program, he said.

The lack of its own theater also presents problems, he said. Although theater arts has the use of three theaters, the expenses before production — rental of storage space, salaries paid to Rudder

employees and vehicle rentals for transportation for costumes, scenic units and props — would be avoided if the theater arts program had its own theater.

"As the program grows, it will become less of a problem," Schultz said.

Schultz said the program will have a chance to shape its own destiny with Texas A&M's approval of the new Department of Speech Communication and Theater Arts.

Theater arts presently is under the Department of English, which is one of the three largest departments on campus. Being a small part of a large department is not as advantageous as becoming recognized as another department in the College of Liberal Arts, Schultz said.

Schultz said he was attracted to Texas A&M because it is a quality school and is making a commitment to liberal arts education. Texas A&M's theater arts program has "imaginative, intelligent, industrious students dedicated to what they are doing," he said.

Schultz said the theater is "the

ultimate form of rhetoric and fine art," and emphasized the importance of a strong theater arts program.

"Theater takes music, dance, literature, architecture, sculpture and graphic art and combines them in a single, complex and collaborative art form, which in turn expresses politics, religion, psychology, sociology, history, etc.," he said.

Schultz has made his career in the theater and believes "one isn't in the theater, the theater is in him." Schultz quoted Cervantes in expressing the art of theater: "Nothing, in fact, more truly portrays us as we are and as we could be than the play and the players."

Schultz has been at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City since 1982 as an associate professor and chairman of the theater program. Schultz was assistant professor of theater with tenure at the University of Minnesota in Duluth from 1970-1982. During that time, he was a graduate teaching assistant from 1977-1980 at the University of California in Santa Barbara.

# Soviets say "Star Wars" accord to avert an arms race up to U.S.

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MOSCOW — The United States holds the key to a "quick and fundamental accord" to avert an arms race in space between Moscow and Washington, the Kremlin's chief adviser on space weaponry said Tuesday.

Speaking on NBC's "Today" show broadcast from Moscow, Yevgeny Velikhov, vice president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said it is up to the United States to take the initiative in so called "Star Wars" talks.

"The Soviet Union hopes that talks will be conducted aimed at specifically preventing the arms race in outer space," said Velikhov said. "The problem as I see it is the United States.

"From the position of principle, I

believe there exists a good possibility for quick and fundamental accord."

Velikhov, who in his capacity at the academy advises the Kremlin on space weapons, said the Soviets will maintain a moratorium on testing space weapons as long as the United States also does so.

"The moratorium was announced by the Soviet Union unilaterally and the Soviet Union is abiding by that moratorium until the U.S. starts testing of anti-satellite weapons," he said.

The Soviets proposed talks last June to prevent an arms race in space, but refused to attend as long as the United States insisted on combining the "Star Wars" talks with negotiations on the reduction of inter-

continental missiles.

The Soviet Union suspended Geneva talks on intermediate and strategic nuclear missiles late last year in response to the deployment of 572 U.S. cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in five European nations.

Asked which side has the edge in developing space weaponry, Velikhov said: "From the point of view of science we cannot know what is being done in military laboratories. Yet the level of laser technology and space technology is more or less equal for both sides."

Velikhov said it was highly unlikely that either side would gain an advantage in an arms race in space and a "treaty would make sure that there will be no breakthrough."

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