

World and Nation

Bishops condemn U.S. deterrence policy

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — About 100 United Methodist bishops from across the country unanimously condemned nuclear armaments Tuesday and termed the U.S. policy of nuclear deterrence "a dogmatic license for perpetual hostility between the superpowers."

The bishops representing the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination declared any "moral case for deterrence, even as an interim epoch, has been undermined by unrelenting arms escalation."

The stand by the chief overseers of the 10

million-member denomination was the first by a major religious group to reject the policy of stockpiling nuclear weapons for deterrence. It has been a keystone of American defense strategy for 40 years.

After two hours of discussion, the unanimous adoption of the 31,500-word teaching-document brought the bishops to their feet for two minutes of applause.

Bishop C. Dale White of New York told a press conference afterwards, "It's a clear and ringing declaration.

"We're challenging the politics of this government and nation and doing so in the name of Christian justice."

Their document asserted a "clear and unconditioned 'no' to any use of nuclear arms, called for a ban on space weapons, a mutual verifiable nuclear freeze and 'ultimate dismantling of all such weapons.'"

The final phrase was added on a motion by Bishop Richard W. Wilke of Little Rock, Ark., the only substantial change made before approval of the document.

The bishops said nuclear arms threaten all human life and "creation itself," and even their use in an attempted "limited war" would violate classic "just war" principals by hurting noncombatants and having no chance of doing more good than harm.

Declaring that a current "nuclear idolatry" based on vengeful judgment and mass destruction is "contrary to the will of God," the bishops urged a new U.S.-Soviet epoch of reciprocity and also independent, even risky, initiatives to get rid of such weapons.

Records say Deaver has lobbied friends

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael K. Deaver, under investigation for possibly violating conflict-of-interest laws in the 11 months since he resigned as one of President Reagan's top aides, has lobbied friends and top administration officials on behalf of his foreign clients, government records show.

Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of State George Shultz and U.S. Trade Representative Clayton K. Yeutter are some of the influential people that Deaver or members of his firm have contacted on behalf of their clients.

And the clients have paid handsomely for the services of Michael K. Deaver and Associates, according to documents filed with the Justice Department for the six-month period ending March 18.

The picture that emerges is that of a firm whose employees traveled abroad, entertained clients at some of the Washington's priciest restaurants and kept in touch with top-ranking officials as well as bureaucrats and congressional aides.

The documents, filed under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, do not make clear which employee was involved in each duty.

But Deaver told a television interviewer earlier this month that some clients, such as Saudi Arabia, insisted that he handle their case exclusively.

The law requires companies that represent foreign countries or foreign firms to detail what they do and how much they are paid. It does not cover domestic clients.

Deaver received substantial fees from his clients. Canada signed a \$105,000-a-year agreement and paid over \$50,000 on Nov. 7 and \$25,000 six weeks later. The CBI Sugar Group Inc., a consortium of Latin American and Caribbean sugar producers based in Panama City, Panama, paid Deaver \$300,000 over five months, and the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia paid him \$125,000 on Feb. 18.

The Justice Department has been urged by the Office of Government Ethics, five members of the Democratic minority of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Deaver himself to seek the appointment of a special prosecutor to see if Deaver violated any laws.

Deaver, 48, a former White House deputy chief of staff and an intimate of the Reagans for years, has denied doing anything wrong.

Final homage

NASA prepares remains of shuttle crew for burial

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AP) — Seven flag-draped coffins holding the remains of the astronauts killed three months ago in the explosion of space shuttle Challenger arrived Tuesday to be prepared for burial or cremation.

Nearly 150 military personnel and civilians watched as the astronauts' coffins were placed in silver hearses and taken to the base mortuary to be prepared according to their families' wishes.

A six-man color guard carried the American, Navy, Air Force and NASA flags, while a 37-member Air Force honor guard saluted.

The coffins arrived shortly after noon in a C-141 aircraft, which also carried the escorts and officials from

the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The plane left Cape Canaveral, Fla., at 9:34 a.m. EDT — three months and one day after Challenger exploded nine miles above Earth.

Thousands of space center workers lined roads as hearses carried the bodies from a medical laboratory to the plane. Larger crowds waited outside the Kennedy Space Center headquarters building and near the huge hangar where shuttles are assembled.

The Dover mortuary is the East Coast receiving and embalming site for remains of government employ-

ees, military personnel or their relatives.

Base officials said the mortuary work should take about a day.

NASA has not determined the time or cause of death of the astronauts, according to Richard Truly, director of the shuttle program. Divers who retrieved the bodies reported they were not recognizable. As a result, forensic experts had a difficult time making identifications.

Many experts believe the astronauts died almost instantly either from the force of the explosion or from rapid decompression of the crew compartment.

Terrorism charge levied against Libyans

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A prosecutor's indictment says a Libyan intelligence officer visited Turkey in January to scout American targets for terrorist attacks.

Security Court prosecutor Ulku Coskun prepared the indictment for the trial of five Libyans accused of planning a grenade attack on a U.S. military officers' club in Ankara.

Two of the Libyans were captured near the club before the attack could be carried out on the evening of

April 18, three days after the U.S. air raids on Libya. They were carrying a bag containing six hand grenades.

The indictment said the club was chosen because it would be crowded. About 100 people were attending a wedding party that Friday night, and the prosecutor has said the explosion of just one grenade could have killed or wounded half of them.

The indictment said Capt. Abdul-

lah Mansur of Libyan intelligence visited Istanbul for about 15 days with one of the arrested Libyans "to determine locations of U.S. installations" and "targets."

Ali Eceflil Ramadan and Recep Muhtar Rohoma Tarhuni, the two captured by police, are being held for trial but the other three defendants left Turkey soon after the arrests. The indictment said Ramadan was the man who accompanied Mansur in January.

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