

Catholic bishops 'encouraged' by Ford's abortion stand

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Roman Catholic leaders, "disappointed" with Jimmy Carter's abortion stand, met with President Ford today and said they were encouraged by his views on that issue, catapulted to prominence in the presidential campaign.

But Archbishop Joseph Bernardin said after speaking with Ford for more than an hour "this does not mean that we are totally satisfied."

The archbishop had said after a meeting with Carter two weeks ago that he and other

Catholic leaders were dissatisfied with the Democratic candidate's opposition to a constitutional amendment forbidding abortion.

Ford favors a different kind of constitutional amendment — one that would allow states to set their own policies.

"We feel that there are better approaches," said the archbishop. But he said the leaders were encouraged, adding the bishops want to afford the unborn the "maximum protection possible."

He said the principal difference between the approaches of Ford and Carter was the "unwillingness" of the Democrat to support any kind of change in the Constitution.

With both men opposed to an amendment totally proscribing abortion, the President's task was to persuade the Catholics that he is more in tune with their views than Carter. From Archbishop Bernardin's comments, he apparently succeeded.

Ford makes his first cam-

aign sortie next Wednesday to his alma mater, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. And both men are deep in preparation for the first of their three debates, in Philadelphia on Sept. 23.

On the Senate floor today, Sen. Lowell Weicker urged that the debates be opened to independent candidates, to be "afforded the same opportunity to present their views to the nation as are President Ford and Mr. Carter." He said it is a sad commentary that they are not.

Carter's running mate, Sen.

Walter Mondale, was at Notre Dame University in Indiana, declaring that the worst of America's foreign policy in recent years "was a mirror image of the lawlessness of the Watergate era."

He planned to end a five-day cross-country campaign trip later in the day with a speech in Washington at the Retail Clerks Legislative Conference.

Sen. Robert Dole was enroute to Texas after a speech Thursday night in New York — his first campaign foray since early in the week.

In Chicago, Carter was treated to a colorful torchlight parade, riding with Mayor Richard Daley — producer of the show — in a red convertible beneath bursting fireworks. He had been in Ohio earlier in the day.

Thursday Carter said that as early trip to China, preferring instead a top-level Chinese leaders visit the United States, but Ford's spokesman scoffed at that idea.

Meanwhile, Ford left the White House long enough to

talk to the Jewish service organization B'nai B'rith, where he said Carter's efforts to cut the administration's record peacetime defense budget would bring about crisis.

Ford said of Carter, "The gentleman has proposed troop withdrawals from Western Europe and from Korea; defense budget cuts that would cripple our ability to supply or sustain our friends; bans on nuclear tests by our allies; a nuclear strategy of massive retaliation policies which would invite a

major crisis with our allies, including Israel."

And Ford said: "I say to you, the gentleman on other occasions has advocated defense cuts of \$5 billion to \$7 billion, delaying our strategic lumber program, withdrawing from overseas bases and cutting off military aid to vital allies. I say to you, if we do any or all of these things it would be impossible to have a defense adequate to maintain our freedom and the freedom of our friends."



A real swinger
 Finley Grade School youngsters had a swinging time during recess as they enjoyed the continuing summer weather. The school district has nearly 50 more students now than it did at the end of the school year last June. (Herald photo by Gary Larson)

Prosser clinic pediatrician fired after 2 months

PROSSER — A pediatrician recruited to Prosser by Health Systems Research Inc. (HSRI) has been fired after a little over two months, it was learned today.

Tina Kelaidis, a community relations representative for HSRI in Salt Lake City, today said Dr. Melvin Stern, a pediatrician, was fired for

"violations of his contract."

Contacted at Sunnyside General Hospital, Dr. Stern only would say that he "had a major contract dispute" with HSRI and would be remaining in the Lower Valley.

Dr. Stern said he would not be associated with HSRI but would continue to see patients and practice at Prosser and the two hospitals in Sunnyside.

Kelaidis said a new pediatrician has been recruited to Prosser. "It's unfortunate but we'd just like to let this all blow over," she said.

Dr. Stern said he had applied for hospital privileges at Valley Memorial and Sunnyside General when he came to Prosser. Kelaidis said the contract violation included "working with another clinic." His termination with HSRI was effective Friday, she said.

He came to Prosser July 1 under HSRI.

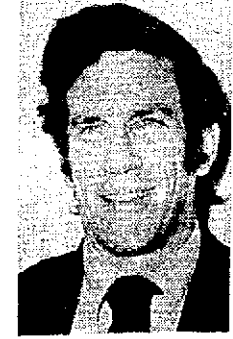
Dr. Stern will confine his practice to pediatrics and adolescent medicine. He has hospital privileges at Prosser Memorial Hospital and Sunnyside General and Valley Memorial Hospital and Sun-

nyside General and Valley Memorial hospitals in Sunnyside.

Dr. Stern expects to open an office in the Community Health Care office in Prosser and an office in Sunnyside and divide his time.

He came from Los Angeles where he was on the staff at the University of Southern California Medical School and director of pediatrics and adolescent outpatient service at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

He and his family live at a ranch home in the Whitstran area.



Dr. MELVIN STERN

Guards vote to strike

Hanford security guards voted two to one Thursday to strike if they can't reach a settlement with the Atlantic Richfield Hanford Co.

The 160 guards have been working without a contract since June.

The guards rejected ARHCO's latest offer Thursday and listed several items they felt are necessary before any contract can be signed, a union official said.

The two parties have been involved in mediation with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Pete Nichols, mediator from Spokane, said ARHCO officials are looking at the guards' proposal, but he didn't know when they will reply.

He predicted mediations efforts will continue next week.

Girl who helped break sex ring slain

KNOXVILLE, Iowa (AP) — A pretty college student who tipped authorities to a bizarre sex and blackmail ring and planned to write a book about it was buried in a private service Thursday. She had been strangled during a sexual attack, police said.

The nude body of Maria Lisa Peak, 21, was found Tuesday in a cornfield a few miles from Wartburg College at Waverly where she was a sophomore majoring in journalism.

"After the experience she had, I can't imagine her putting herself in any situation where she would get hurt," said Chuck Offenburger, a newspaper reporter who was working with her on the book. "She was really wary of people."

In 1975, Miss Peak was lured into a sex and blackmail

scheme operated by John Joseph Carmody Jr., a used car salesman from nearby Mason City.

Authorities found that as many as 15 women — most them young and attractive — were told by Carmody, 38, that if they did not submit to him sexually, give him money and introduce other female friends to him, he would have them killed.

The Mafia story was a hoax, police said. Last May, Carmody pleaded guilty to rape and extortion and is serving a 40-year sentence in the Iowa State Penitentiary.

Offenburger, a reporter for The Des Moines Register, said Miss Peak had received threats after Carmody was imprisoned.

"Women who said they loved him and wanted to marry him

called and said they knew she was the one that blew the whistle. They swore to kill her." Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, said no link has been established between Miss Peak's murder and the Carmody case.

"Sure we're looking at it, but that's pure speculation," he said.

Offenburger described Miss Peak as "a very gutsy young woman who never indicated any fear. She told me she was anxious to go talk to Carmody in prison and look him in the eye so he'd know she wasn't afraid anymore."

Offenburger said Carmody's lawyer had refused to permit the interview, saying Carmody planned to write his own book.

The girl's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Peak, were to have



MARIE LISA PEAK

met with Offenburger on Wednesday to discuss the book. "Just tell everyone she was a great girl," said Mrs. Peak, "and that the tragedy of losing her is terrible."

Court asked to block a-waste tank construction

By JINI DALEN
 Herald Staff Writer

Environmentalists went to court Thursday to block construction of nuclear waste storage tanks at Hanford.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., against the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), seeks having the tanks licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It also requests that an environmental impact statement be filed.

An ERDA spokesman in Richland said today his agency has had continued discussions with the National Resources Defense Council, one of the four plaintiffs, concerning their complaints "over a long period of time."

"We maintain the tanks don't need to be licensed since they offer interim storage of radioactive waste — they're

not for permanent storage," he said.

He pointed out that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, in a report accompanying legislation authorizing ERDA's fiscal 1976 appropriation, specifically stated, "These tanks don't need to be licensed since they're not for long-term use."

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umbia, S.C., and S. Allan Stocks, an Augusta, Ga., ophthalmologist, calls for stainless steel tanks instead of the carbon steel being used.

But the ERDA official noted, "Stainless steel is needed only for acid wastes. Those at Hanford are not acid."

Six new tanks, authorized in the 1976 budget, are now being built at Hanford.

The excavation and concrete work have been completed and steel for the tanks is now on seven railroad cars on their way to the vendor, the spokesman reported.

Six additional tanks, authorized for fiscal 1976, haven't been started.

Sea conference 'obstructed'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Third World nations are obstructing progress at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson has charged.

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Order sought to halt teacher strike

SEATTLE (AP) — A last-minute plea from striking teachers failed to deter the Seattle school board from its plans today to seek a temporary restraining order which would force teachers back into the classroom.

"It was obvious the board was more interested in going to court than settling a contract," said Jim Carlson of the Seattle Teachers Association.

He said negotiation sessions continued until 3 a.m. today. And while both sides said good progress was made, Carlson indicated there were some hard feelings when the teachers' request that court action not be sought was refused.

David L. Moberly, superintendent of the state's largest school district, planned to appear in King County Superior Court in the morning. Carlson said teachers wanted to resume negotiations immediately after the court session.

Thursdays was the first day of classes since the teachers voted to go on strike Tuesday morning. The student turnout was about 20 per cent of what had been anticipated, but Moberly said he was satisfied and predicted an increase today.

Administrators, volunteers and nonstriking teachers helped keep the classrooms open in the 62,000-pupil school district.

A flap developed over the Wednesday night layoff of Vi-

vian McLean, president of the STA's paraprofessional department, but school officials said Thursday the layoff was a mistake "totally unrelated to the funding. They said it happened because of special education funding uncertainties.

Key issues are pay, layoff policy and whether to institute an agency shop.

In all, 4,200 teachers, paraprofessionals and classified staff are off the job in the dispute.

building to house the Weather Service and Agricultural Research Service activities. The agencies will lease the building for 20 years from WSU.

WSU Vice President Warren Bishop told regents enrollment on the Pullman campus is expected to approach the record 16,800 students forecast for this fall.

"The most recent information I have from the admissions office indicates we are somewhere between 16,600 and 16,800 and moving upward almost daily," Bishop said.

"We think we will be able to house all the students within the system," Bishop said. "It may mean putting a few extra beds in lounges areas for a few days and asking fraternities to take a few more students, but we think we are going to be able to handle all of them."

WSU's enrollment of 16,184 last fall was also a record for the institution.

Record enrollment predicted for WSU

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington State University Regents have authorized bid advertising to construct a \$1.9 million building for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Weather Service at the Tree Fruit Research Center in Wenatchee.

Regents, meeting here Thursday, said bids will be opened Oct. 5 in Wenatchee for the

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Fish count

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 The upstream movement of fish at Columbia and Snake River dams Thursday.

Dam	Chil-Steel-Blue-Shadow	Silt-moak head back	Vets
Bonneville	1279	765	0
The Dalles	369	704	0
John Day	315	658	0
McNary	293	739	42
Ice Harbor	49	402	0
Lower Monumental	21	291	0
Little Goose	7	123	0
Lower Granite	0	77	0
Priest Rapids	123	152	2
Wells	80	53	6

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Klundt mum on explosion

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Marvin Klundt has refused to answer questions about the chemical explosion in which he and another Hanford Nuclear Reservation worker were contaminated with radioactivity.

Klundt was contacted Thursday by telephone a day after being released from an isolated decontamination facility.

"I don't want to talk about it," Klundt said. "It was just like any other explosion." Then he hung up.

Klundt, 43, will continue to be monitored for radioactivity and is expected to keep getting some treatment for as long as another month, according to a spokesman for the Atlantic Richfield Hanford Co.

Marbet convicted of trespass

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A Marion County District Court jury convicted Lloyd Marbet of criminal trespassing today for disrupting a utility rate case hearing in July.

Marbet, 29, Portland, was arrested after refusing to quiet down during a public utility commissioner's hearing on a rate increase application by Pacific Power & Light Co.

The six-member jury deliberated about 20 minutes before returning a unanimous guilty verdict. The trial began Thursday.

Judge Tom Hansen said he would sentence Marbet on Sept.

9 months jail for 3 oz. of pot

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — The former vice president of the University of Idaho student body was sentenced Thursday to serve nine months in the Latah County jail after pleading guilty to possession of less than three ounces of marijuana.

In sentencing Bryan Kincaid, 22, Second District Judge Roy Mosman said "in the classic sense of the word, you're not a

Quick agreement predicted on federal spending

Conferees from the House and Senate hoped to finish their work of reconciling conflicting versions today so that reports can be prepared and the final version can be voted on in both chambers next Wednesday, the deadline for action under budget law.

The Senate and House budget chairmen, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, and Rep. Brock Adams, D-Wash., said separately that they expect to meet the deadline.

The two resolutions, both reflecting the Democratic majority's emphasis on programs to create jobs, differ little in their total figures. The House version sets spending at \$412.2 billion, the Senate at \$400 million less. The House revenue floor is \$362.5 billion, \$50 million more than the Senate's. The deficit would be \$50.7 billion in the House resolution, \$50.8 billion in the Senate's.

Differences between allocations for various budget cate-

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gories require negotiation. For example, the Senate resolution would provide \$500 million in additional subsidies for the Postal Service but the House version provides nothing. There are other differences in detail in the health and social services categories.

Ford's revised budget proposals called for \$398.8 billion in spending and \$351.3 billion in revenues, allowing a deficit of \$47.5 billion.