

# news roundup

## World

**Pope travels to Holland** — Pope John Paul II began a trip to the Netherlands Saturday, hoping to unify the divided Catholic Church in that country. The visit has provoked much protest in the Netherlands. Polls show most Dutch citizens oppose the papal visit. The Pope's appointment of Bishop Jan ter Schure several months ago has aroused much dissent.

**Flash fire at British soccer field kills 40** — Fifty-two people were killed as a grandstand in Bradford, England was overcome with a flash fire during a soccer game. Approximately 200 other spectators were hospitalized with injuries and 100 were treated for burns and shock. About 10,000 spectators attended the televised soccer match.

**Kohl's party loses in German elections** — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Party lost elections in North Rhine-Westphalia, the most populous state in West Germany. The opposition Social Democrats attracted 52.1 percent of the vote while the Christian Democrats received only 36.5 percent. The election is seen as a sign of potential trouble for the Christian Democrats in the national 1987 elections.

**Over 1000 arrested in India as bombings sweep country** — The Indian government arrested some 1000 people suspected in connection with a wave of bombings which terrorized the country last week. At least 75 people were killed in the bombings. The Delhi region alone experienced 30 bomb explosions. Many believe Sikh separatists, who want an independent homeland in the Punjab state of India, executed the bombings.

**Kenya will take big steps to stop rhinoceros poaching** — Kenya will round up several hundred black rhinoceroses into sanctuaries to protect them from poachers. The total African population of the animals has decreased from 15,000 in 1980 to 8000 today, experts said. The decline is attributed almost totally to poaching. The population of the southern white rhinoceros, once down to 100, has recovered to about 3000, due to conservation efforts.

**Israel will now back meeting between US and Palestinians** — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has approved of American discussions with a Jordanian-Palestinian group, according to an Israeli official. Israel had not clearly stated its view before, although the Camp David agreement of 1978 called for negotiations among Israel, Egypt, Jordan and "representatives of the Palestinian people." A State Department official said Israel's approval will allow Secretary of State George P. Shultz Ph.D. '47 flexibility in talks with Egyptian and Jordanian leaders.

**China will support Palestinians** — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping pledged support for the Palestinians and urged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to cooperate with Arab states to bring about peace in the Middle East. Deng said Arab countries had to unite to achieve their common goal.

**British Conservatives turn against Thatcher** — A group of 32 Conservative Party members of Britain's Parliament have formed a group to oppose the policies of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The organization is called Conservative Center Forward and favors a more liberal form of conservatism than Thatcher advocates. None of the members of the group are in the cabinet. The group is under the leadership of former Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

## Nation

**Dick Tracy creator dies** — Chester Gould, creator of the Dick Tracy comic strip, died last weekend. Gould started drawing the Tracy strip in 1931. Dick Tracy was the first popular comic strip hero who was not intended to be funny. The strip was carried in almost 1000 newspapers at one time.

**Stevens students protest honorary degree for Sinatra** — A third of the graduating seniors at the Stevens Institute of Technology signed a petition protesting the awarding of an honorary doctorate to singer and commencement speaker Frank Sinatra. Stevens is located in Hoboken, N.J., Sinatra's hometown.

**Medical school will no longer require test** — Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will not require applicants to take the Medical College Admissions Test, starting next year. Johns Hopkins has required the test for the last 50 years, but decided to drop the requirement because the "undergraduate environment has been grossly distorted by the existence of this test," according to a dean of the college.

**Woman ordained as Conservative rabbi** — The first woman rabbi ever in the Conservative branch of Judaism was ordained Sunday in New York. Amy Eilberg is the daughter of a former Philadelphia congressman.

**Potential AIDS drug approved** — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the drug Isoprinosine for use against acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The drug's manufacturer, Newport Pharmaceuticals, said the drug is not yet ready for extensive distribution, although it will be available to some patients with doctor's prescription. The experimental drug stimulates the immune system. Isoprinosine was approved not due to evidence the drug worked, but because some AIDS patients were buying the drug on the black market or buying it abroad, according to the FDA.

**Highway deaths rise** — The National Transportation Safety Board said there were 47,824 highway deaths in 1984, a 3.6 percent increase over 1983. The rise follows a 16 percent decline in fatalities over the past four years. The board blamed the increase in fatalities on drunken driving and lack of seatbelt use.

**More blacks are elected to office than ever** — The number of elected officials who are black rose 6.2 percent last year, reported the Joint Center for Political Studies. There were 6056 black officials in January of this year compared to 5700 during January last year. Blacks still hold only 1.2 percent of the 490,800 elected offices in the United States.

## Sports

**Celtics beat Sixers at the Garden** — The Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 108-93 in the first game of the National Basketball Association's Eastern Division playoffs Sunday. The second game of the best-of-seven series will be played tonight.

**Red Sox lose (again)** — The Oakland A's defeated the Red Sox 5-3 Sunday. Oakland's Don Sutton pitched four innings of perfect ball before the Sox's Tony Armas hit a home run in the fifth. Armas hit two homers, bringing his total this year to ten, tops in the league. Sutton had the win and Roger Clemens the loss for the Sox. As of yesterday the Sox had a 15-15 record, placing them fourth in the division.

**Pro baseball will test for drugs** — Major League Baseball commissioner Peter V. Ueberroth said that all personnel under his domain will be ordered to take tests for drug use. The employees affected include owners and nonplaying employees of major league teams. About 3000 minor league players will also be required to take the test, but major league players will not be forced to take the test. Those players cannot be forced to take such tests until a medical panel has determined it is needed because of an agreement between the players' union and the owners.

**Knicks get right to Ewing** — The New York Knicks won the lottery for the first pick in the National Basketball Association's annual draft. The Knicks will choose Cambridge native Patrick Ewing who has just finished four years as center at Georgetown University.

## Weather

**Enjoy the sun while you can** — It will be sunny and warm today, with highs reaching the mid-80's. Tomorrow, however, will be much colder, with highs only in the 50's under cloudy skies.

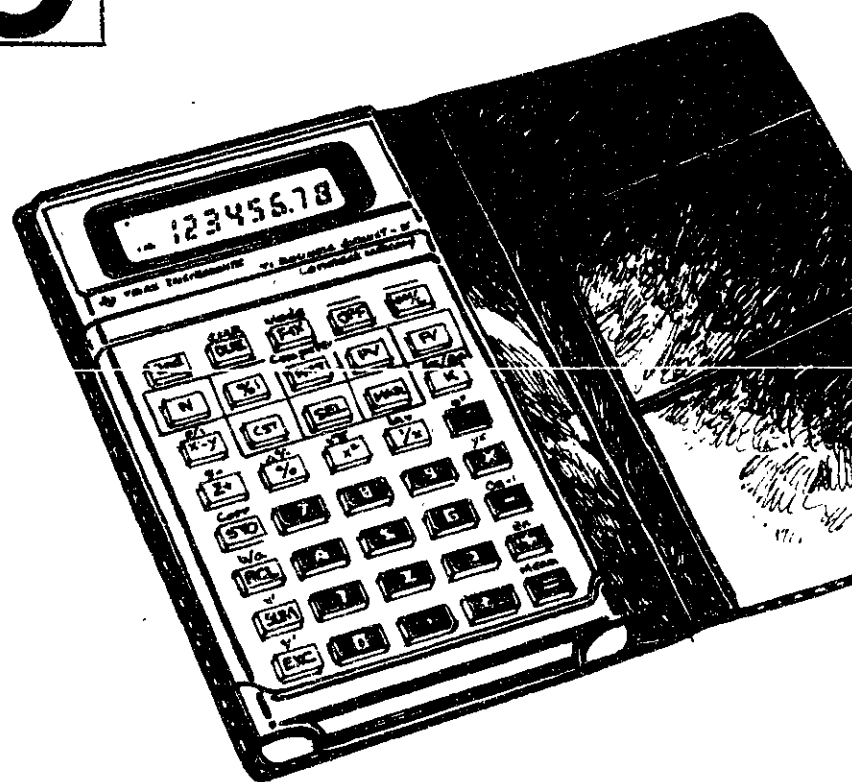
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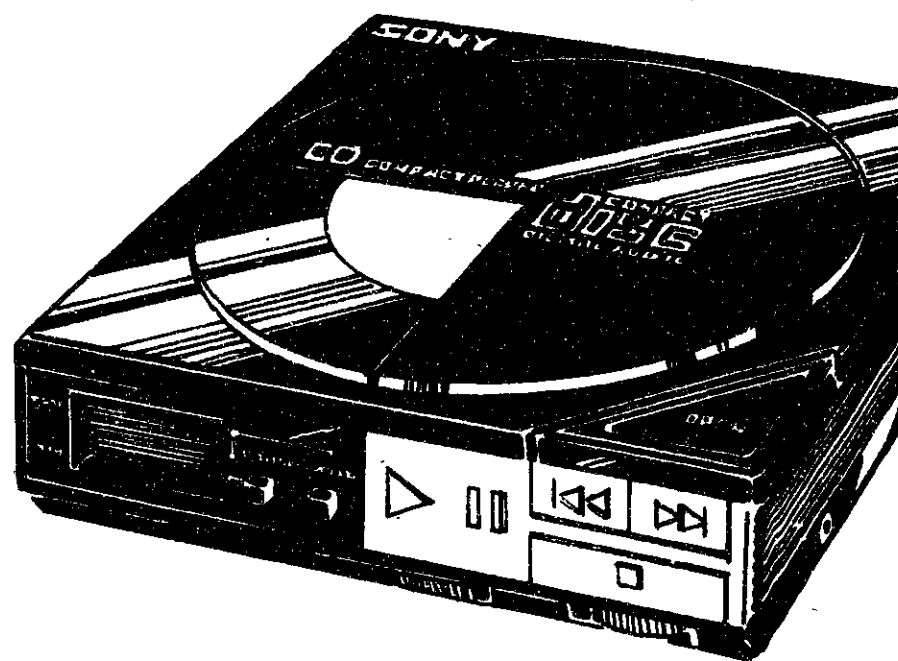
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