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# Pope ends Africa tour

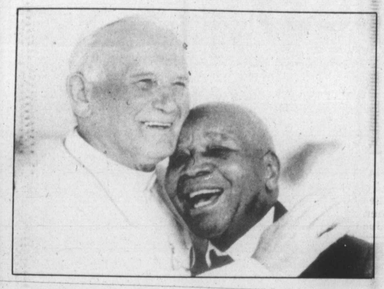
BLANTYRE, Malawi — Pope John Paul II, on the last stop of a four-nation African tour, praised the people of Malawi for their "spirit of compassion" in tending to the needs of 650,000 Mozambican refugees.

John Paul arrived Thursday from Zambia and was given a rousing welcome in Malawi, where he was greeted by 90-year-old President Hastings Kamuzu Banda and thousands of cheering people, including Archbishop of Blantyre James Chiona.

Banda, who has ruled the country with a firm hand since it won independence in 1964, said the arrival of the pontiff marked "a great day, a great occasion" for Malawi.

John Paul praised Malawi for its generosity in feeding and sheltering more than 650,000 Mozambicans who crossed the border to escape the bush war in their homeland.

The refugees now make up 8 percent of the population of the small, densely populated central African country.



BLANTYRE, MALAWI — Pope John Paul and Malawi's Life President Kamuza Banda embrace during the Pope's arrival on the last stop of his African tour. Banda, who is in his late 80s, has ruled Nalawi since independence in 1964.

JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA.—About 10,000 black and white mourners marched through central Johannesburg at the funeral last Saturday of murdered human rights activist David Webster who was gunned down by masked assassins.

# Throngs at activist's rites

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Thousands of black and white South Africans jammed a downtown cathedral to mourn assassinated human rights activist David Webster Saturday and marched through the city's segregated suburbs in one of the largest anti-apartheid funerals under a three-year-old state of emergency.

Hundreds of police — under orders not to interfere — escorted the procession of marchers and buses to a suburban cemetery, taking no action against activists who chanted, danced, raised clenched fists and unfurled the flags and banners of anti-apartheid organizations, including the outlawed African national Congress.

Police helicopters circled the city and plainclothes police were seen taking pictures, but no arrests were made and the daylong ceremonies were peaceful despite the brazen defiance of the minority white government's emergency regulations.

Webster, 44, regarded as an expert in extra-judicial repression, was killed Monday outside his home with a shotgun blast to the chest fired by an unidentified gunman, becoming one of only a few whites to join the ranks of scores of black activists whose assassinations in the past decade remain unsolved.

Law enforcement officials have vowed to solve Webster's murder and last week released sketches of three suspects in the slaying — all white males between the ages of 23 and 39 — described by an unidentified witness.

About 3,000 people filled the Anglican cathedral downtown Saturday morning for a three-hour service, punctuated by testimonials and jazz music honoring Webster, whose friends described the social anthropologist as an African music enthusiast.

Hundreds unable to squeeze into the church chanted and sang until the beginning of the 3-mile march to the suburban cemetery where Webster was buried to the strains of ANC songs and brass band melodies. — (UPI)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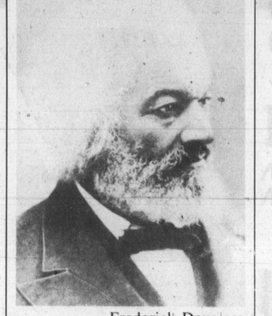

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# Global AIDS cases

GENEVA — Reported global cases of AIDS rose by 5,221, or 3.56 percent, in April to a total 151,790 at the end of the month, the World Health Organization said Friday.

The United States accounted for more than half of the increase, with 2,845 new cases reported to the U.N. health agency. The U.S. total of 89,501 AIDS cases as of April 30 represented 59 percent of the world figure.

"But updated reports basically were received only from the United States and European countries," a WHO official explained.

WHO tabulations showed that figures last supplied by the most affected African and Latin American countries were as much as six or even 12 months old.



# Mayor reopens Safety City

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and Transportation Commissioner Herman Williams, Jr. recently held a ceremony to officially reopen Safety City and to issue a Proclamation to the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers Association proclaiming April 23rd Safety Patrol Day in Baltimore City.

Joining in the ceremony were School Superintendent Dr. Richard C. Hunter and Mose Ottenheimer, Chairman of the Mayor's Traffic Safety Commission. Students from John Eager Howard, Matthew Henson and Chapel Hill Elementary Schools were in attendance.

Safety City is a miniature city of streets, traffic signs and signals where youngsters, ages four to eleven learn all aspects of traffic safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and seat-belt use.

The design of Safety City replicates actual street conditions including small scale buildings and Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Safety City is a facility used by organizations from around the state. Various local governments work together in promoting traffic safety in the Baltimore Region with the help of state, and federal programs and assistance from private groups.

The Safety City program was started by the Police Department in 1970 and was transferred to the Department of Transportation in 1986.

The facility is open from mid-April through October and is staffed by traffic safety instructors and former crossing guards with extensive traffic safety teaching experience.

Safety City is located north of Druid Lake in Druid Hill Park. The facility is directly northwest of the downtown area and is accessible from the Jones Falls Expressway I-83. Follow Safety City signs directly around the park.

To schedule a tour phone 396-3561.

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CROSSING GUARD Helen Kroks instructs Park Heights Elementary school students on the proper way to cross a street, during their visit to Safety City.

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MILES, BLAIR AND JONATHAN take a break during short-court tennis lessons at the Southern District's second annual parent-student seminar. Thirty Baltimore City public schools participated in the seminar at the Lockerman-Bundy Elementary School. "Together We Can Make A Difference" was the theme as parents, students and teachers attended workshops and seminars. The Honorable Judge Robert M. Bell was the featured speaker.


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# Grants aid recruitment

BALTIMORE (UPI) — Maryland's Higher Education Commission has awarded grants to three of the state's public universities to support their recruitment of black professors.

The Henry C. Welcome Grants are named for the late West Baltimore physician whose wife, Verda Welcome, is a former state legislator.

Officials said the grants give the schools $15,000 each for the professors' first year. $10,000 for the second year, and $5,000 for the third year.

The awards will help professors Duane Smoot of the University of Maryland medical school, Anthony Maddox of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's computer science division, and Grace Teelucksingh, of the special education department at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Officials said four professors received the awards for the current academic year, but there were only funds for three candidates in the coming academic year.


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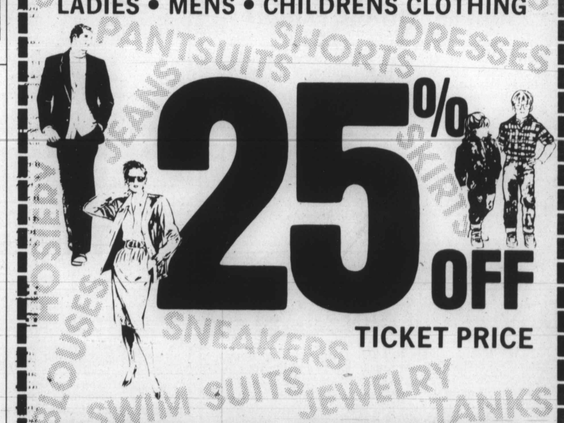


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