

# Belfast Women Hand Whitelaw Peace Petition

BELFAST (UPI) — A delegation of Roman Catholic housewives Monday presented Britain's chief administrator in Ulster, William Whitelaw, with the first 50,000 certified signatures they have collected for a Belfast peace petition.

The two women carrying the signatures said their movement hit the 50,000 mark Sunday night after two weeks of an intensive campaign aided by the

Catholic Church.

A similar petition in Londonderry has drawn more than 6,000 signers, its organizers said.

Despite the thrust for peace, violence in Northern Ireland continued.

Roving gunmen early Monday wounded two civilian men in downtown Belfast and a part-time soldier in a rural community. Later a bomb destroyed a bakery in Londonderry's city center without causing casualties, police said.

The housewives launched their drive in reaction to the torture and slaying of William Best, a Catholic British soldier home on leave, by the official wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army in Londonderry. Best, a native of Londonderry, had served with the IRA until unemployment forced him to join the army.

The officials subsequently bowed to the housewives and declared a cease-fire, but the Provisional wing of the IRA refused to go along with the proposal.

Political sources said the housewives' peace drive has caused serious rifts within the Catholic community.

Members of the congregation in St. Columbus Catholic Church said IRA supporter Barney McFadden stormed up the aisle and grabbed the priest's microphone to voice his objection, but that all but 200 of the 1,000 parishioners in the church walked out while he spoke.

## Absence Of Blasts Explained

STUTTGART (UPI) — The left-wing anarchist group which threatened to explode bombs in Stuttgart Friday said Monday it had chosen instead to dedicate the "zero hour" as an hour of thought on the Vietnamese War.

In a letter to the West German news agency DPA and several newspapers, the so-called Red Army Faction of Baden-Wuerttemberg said it used the time as a "memorial hour for the shameful genocide in Vietnam."

The "zero hour" was the period between 1 and 2 p.m. Friday when the group announced it would set off three bombs in cars parked on the city's streets.

### From Heidelberg

The bombings failed to materialize and Monday's letters, postmarked Heidelberg, gave the first word from the group since Friday.

On Thursday a leader of the group, Andreas Baader, was captured in a dawn shootout with police in Frankfurt. It was not known whether his capture had anything to do with the absence of the explosions in Stuttgart.

Baader's capture was a milestone in a nationwide manhunt for members of the group, believed to number about 60. The group, composed of a loose-knit body of anarchists, robbers and accused police-murderers, has claimed responsibility for a wave of recent bombings in West Germany, some of which were fatal.

In the letters received Monday, the group said "We don't want to be misrepresented as cowards just because we have shown we are humane."

## Pope calls for dialogue of Catholics, Buddhists

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Paul VI, voicing "profound regard" for the spiritual values of Buddhism, called Monday for dialogue between followers of Christ and Buddha about the mysteries of religion and the needs of the world.

The leader of the world's 633 million Roman Catholics made his overture to the 177-million-strong Buddhist faith

in an address to a Buddhist delegation from Thailand which came to Rome for talks with the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christians.

Vatican sources called it one of the warmest approaches the Pope has made to any other faith since he established the secretariat as a goodwill body in 1964.

The Pope told the visitors,

led by the Venerable Somdej Phra Vannarat, patriarch general-designate of Thai Buddhists, "We recognize the values of which you are the custodians, and we share the desire that they should be preserved and fostered. We hope that there will be increasingly friendly dialogue and close collaboration between the traditions that you represent and the Catholic Church."

## Postal Price Board Approves \$1.27 Billion in Rate Hikes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Postal Rate Commission Monday recommended a total of \$1.27 billion a year in postage increases, including retention of the 8-cent stamp for first class letters that was implemented a year ago on a temporary basis.

The five-member commission also approved the Postal Service's request for an 11-cent air mail rate but said postcards should be held at 6 cents.

The commission's recommendations differed from the original rate request of \$1.45 billion by \$78.3 million — or approximately 5.6 per cent.

The commission said its recommendation for a permanent 6-cent rate for postcards would save the public \$25 million a year. It proposed some reductions in the zone rate for second class matter that would produce a \$25.8 million saving and other reductions for third class

bulk mail.

The Postal Service implemented on a temporary basis an across-the-board one-third increase in rates on May 16, 1971. The next day, the commission began hearings on whether to approve a total \$1.45 billion rate increase.

Under law, the nine Postal Service governors have four avenues they can follow on receipt of the Rate Commission's rec-

ommendations. They can approve the proposed rates, reject them, permit them to go into effect under protest or modify them. In the latter case, the governors can go back to the Rate Commission and seek approval for specified changes. If that fails, the governors by unanimous vote and after reaching formal findings specified by law, can put the modifications into effect.

## GI Did Not Fire At German Cops

FRANKFURT (S&S) — A 3rd Arm'd Div soldier killed in a predawn encounter with German special police here June 1 did not fire four rounds at railroad station lawmen before he was killed, a division spokesman said Monday.

U.S. officials here have requested "a full and impartial investigation" by German authorities into the shooting death of Spec. 4 Alfred J. Grayson, A Co, 503rd Supply and Transportation Bn, the spokesman said.

The initial story stated that a special police detail assigned to patrol the main train station here approached the 18-year-old soldier's car — which allegedly was blocking traffic — ordered it moved and asked the GI for identification.

The first report given to the press said the victim "drew a pistol and fired four rounds at the police, who returned fire, killing the soldier."

German police maintain that they never said the soldier fired at the special policemen.

Another Spearhead GI, who was a passenger in the vehicle

with Grayson, has since been released by German authorities without being charged, the division spokesman said.

The dead soldier is survived by his father, Hobart, of Oakland, Calif.

### Temperatures

H	L	H	L	
77	61	Albany	96	70
89	52	Albuquerque	93	64
87	61	Amarillo	81	65
85	59	Atlanta	88	68
88	55	Birmingham	90	64
79	54	Bismarck	83	73
87	51	Boise	65	55
86	62	Boston	89	71
85	68	Brownsville	81	67
76	63	Buffalo	84	61
68	64	Burlington	79	65
77	53	Casper	86	64
78	64	Christn, S.C.	96	79
85	60	Chicago	83	65
85	62	Cincinnati	72	58
75	64	Cleveland	82	50
84	61	Columbus	86	55
90	65	Dallas	78	58
83	54	Denver	82	47
80	70	Des Moines	87	59
80	6	Detroit	90	72
89	46	Duluth	75	60
90	62	El Paso	84	60
55	42	Fairbanks	71	66
84	50	Fargo	61	49
77	47	Helena	66	42
82	68	Honolulu	74	49
84	68	Houston	91	59
92	65	Indianapolis	75	46
92	58	Jackson	89	74
84	61	Jacksonville	90	79
92	73	Kansas City	87	65
			87	65
			Washington	

## Thunderbird Flier Killed at Transpo 72

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of the Air Force's precision flying team, the Thunderbirds, has died in a fiery crash while performing for tens of thousands on the last day of the Transpo 72 exhibition.

The crash Sunday was the third fatal accident to mar the huge exhibit of air and ground transport systems at Dulles International Airport in the Virginia countryside.

The pilot was identified as Maj. Joe Howard, 32, of Hoskie, N.C., a veteran of 322 combat missions in Southeast Asia including 69 over North Vietnam. He held the Silver Star and the Distinguished Fly-

ing Cross.

The team's five supersonic Phantom II jets were performing an exit maneuver when Howard's plane developed trouble at an altitude of 500 to 700 feet, officials said.

The swept-wing plane, which can fly more than twice the speed of sound, appeared to stop in midair, then rolled and drifted to the left. Moments before the plane struck ground, Howard's parachute appeared.

The \$2.5 million plane exploded in a huge fireball and sent up a column of smoke. The heat was believed to have sucked the parachute into the blaze.

## Brandt Announces a Memorial to the Marshall Plan

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — West German Chancellor Willy Brandt announced the establishment Monday of a \$47-million memorial to the Marshall Plan. Funds from the memorial will be used to finance joint American-European studies and research.

The memorial "should promote understanding between the partners on the two sides of the Atlantic," Brandt said.

The chancellor made the announcement in a speech pre-

pared for delivery at a Harvard University convocation celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

Brandt said the Marshall Plan, proclaimed 25 years ago Monday at Harvard by the late Secretary of State George C. Marshall, was "one of the greatest and most successful achievements of the United States."

The plan provided massive aid to help rehabilitate Europe

following World War II.

"The gratitude of the Europeans is still alive," Brandt added.

He said the \$47-million "German Marshall Fund of the United States — a Memorial to the Marshall Plan," will be paid in 15 installments of 10 million German marks every June 5.

He said the fund should be directed toward three major areas:

—Comparative studies of the

problems of highly industrialized countries in Europe, in North America, and other parts of the world.

—Studies of problems of world politics as they affect American-European relations.

—European studies in general.

Harvard's Institute of West European Studies will receive from the fund 3 million marks to establish a "German Marshall Memorial Endowment."

Brandt said the fund has been

registered in Washington and its officials elected. All three political parties represented in the West German parliament had agreed to the establishment of the fund, the chancellor said.

According to an agreement between the fund's board of directors and the West German government, the German Marshall Fund will use the money without interference from German authorities to promote American-European studies and research.