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BALTIMORE — Roman Catholic women seeking admission to the priesthood decided Sunday to send a delegation to Rome to make a first-hand appeal to Pope John Paul II.

The action was among a score of strategies and positions adopted on the closing day of a three-day meeting attended by more than 2,000 Catholics from across the country. About two-thirds of the delegates were nuns, the others were lay women.

PORTLAND — Continued expansion of the Japanese economy should offer the Pacific Northwest an opportunity to increase significantly its exports to the Far East, an Oregon economist says.

Japan needs wood, seafood and agricultural products to sustain its growth, says Edward Hallett, trade analyst in the agricultural development division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

"These needs, coupled with careful, imaginative planning by people in the Northwest may lead to revitalizing investment returns that could be rewarding for both the Japanese and American people" Hallett says.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas—Authorities here are faced with the dilemma of trying to keep alive a death-row prisoner who is trying to starve himself to death.

"We're faced with a man who categorically refuses to eat and wants very much to die," prison spokesman Ron Taylor told District Judge James F. Warren at a hearing to decide how to keep David Lee Powell alive until he can be put to death by the state.

NEW YORK—Economist Milton Friedman said Sunday that a U.S. recession is inevitable and could come as early as the first quarter of next year.

"There is only one thing I am sure of," Friedman said. "We're going to have a recession, and the later it happens, the deeper it will be."

A recession is a temporary falling off of business activity and growth, usually after a period of rapid growth.

"If we have more inflation, we will have a recession. If we have less, we will also have a recession," added the Nobel Prize winner.

Friedman said recession would come in the first part of 1979 if the Federal Reserve Board retains tight money policies, which he advocates.

Iranians clash over oil strike

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Clashes between troops and anti-government protesters claimed nine lives in Iran's oil belt, the Iranian news agency reported Sunday, and oil workers defied a government deadline for ending their crippling 13-day-old strike.

A key anti-government Moslem religious leader, meanwhile, blamed President Carter for "complicating" the Iranian crisis with his support of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

The reported violence was the bloodiest since the shah appointed a military-led government last Monday.

The Paris news agency said six persons, including an army sergeant, were killed and 23 demonstrators wounded Saturday in Khorramshahr, about 410 miles southwest of Tehran. Protesters set fire to 15 banks and a number of shops before troops moved in to disperse them, Pars said.

In Ahwaz, about 70 miles north of Khorramshahr, soldiers shot and killed three persons Saturday when a group organizing a demonstration refused to disperse, Pars reported.

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The exiled Moslem leader Ayatollah Khomeini, a central figure in the opposition, said in an interview in Paris that Carter's "protection of the shah is complicating the current crisis in Iran."

The oil workers launched their strike Oct. 31 amid swelling opposition to the shah's rule. They also demanded a 22.6 percent pay hike, which was approved by the shah last week in a bid to prevent the collapse of the oil industry. But as the bloody rioting continued throughout the country, the strikers refused to go back to work.

The walkout has all but shut down the oil industry in Iran, the world's second-largest oil exporter and major supplier of Western Europe, Israel and South Africa. Production dropped from barrels a day to under one million.

Carter talks to leaders in effort to stop Mideast peace talks from deteriorating

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter telephoned the leaders of Egypt and Israel Sunday as the United States stepped up its efforts to overcome difficulties in the Mideast peace talks.

Carter held what one White House source called "substantive discussions" with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who was visiting Toronto.

The content of the discussions and their length were not disclosed in the White House announcement.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance met with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan until after midnight Sunday morn-

ing, then prepared to fly to New York to meet with Begin.

The stepped-up U.S. effort came as the Israeli Cabinet rejected new Egyptian demands to link the peace treaty more closely to progress on the Palestinian question and the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Alaskans plan computerized homesteading

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaskans will use computers and airplanes instead of Conestoga wagons to homestead up to 30 million acres of land if an initiative approved in the general election stands up to expected court challenges.

Unlike America's first homesteaders, Alaskans won't have to build cabins on the land, which covers an area larger than the state of Pennsylvania. They won't even have to see it. All a homesteader has to do is glance at a computer list and file a claim, says state Natural Resources Commissioner Robert Le Resche.

Environmentalists and state officials say passage of the Beirne Homestead Initiative will lead to an invasion of Alaska's pristine wilderness.

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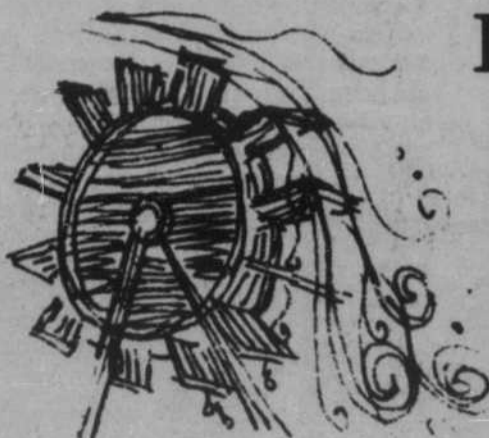
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