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Reagan policy toward refugees condemned by religious leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bitterly denouncing Reagan administration policies toward Central America, more than 200 U.S. religious leaders pleaded Thursday for a halt to deportations of Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees and an end to the jailing of American church workers who try to shelter them.

The group met in a church across the street from the Capitol. They presented petitions asking Congress to investigate the government's con-

duct and said the Senate will indeed hold such hearings.

Reacting strongly to recent arrests of Americans who had given refugees sanctuary in the Southwest — and to convictions of two workers in Texas — the leaders said it was the government that was guilty of violating U.S. law by returning refugees to face the threat of death in their homelands.

The administration's "scandalous policy is now beginning to interfere directly with the right of religious congregations

to provide humanitarian aid to refugees," said the Rev. Francis Murphy, a Roman Catholic bishop from Baltimore.

However, the church leaders said many of the refugees would appear well qualified for asylum. They said their stand is based on the 1980 Refugee Act's grounds of "persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution" at home, despite administration claims that the Salvadorans and Guatemalans came to the U.S. for economic rather than political reasons.

Fund distribution debate postponed

SALEM (AP) — Legislative leaders have decided to put aside the question of how the money generated by a sales tax would be distributed, at least for a couple of weeks.

Senate Revenue Committee Chair Rod Monroe, D-Portland, says a decision on whether to open up the distribution issue will come after his panel completes public hearings on the tax next week.

As passed by the House last week, the sales tax plan does not spell out how the proceeds from the tax would be funneled to school districts around Oregon.

Both Monroe and House Revenue Committee Chair Tom Throop, D-Bend, earlier had said the distribution question would have to be resolved to get enough support for the sales tax to win Senate approval.

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Waste disposal bill approved

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Senate Thursday approved a bill authorizing strict state controls on hazardous waste incinerators by a 26-3 vote.

But despite the wide margin of passage, some lawmakers who voted for the measure said they are uncomfortable with it.

"I'm stuck with a bill that if I vote no, we get no controls, and if I vote yes, we might be opening up the state to something we might not need and in the future find we do not want," said Sen. Frank Roberts, D-Portland, who ended up supporting the bill.

Sen. L.B. Day, R-Salem, floor manager for Senate Bill 138, said the state will have little regulatory power over waste burners unless the legislation is approved. The bill would give broad authority to the state Environmental Quality to control the number, location and operate of waste burners.

Walkout idles major airline

NEW YORK (AP) — Mechanics and baggage handlers struck Pan American World Airways on Thursday, sending thousands of stranded travelers to competing airlines as union officials warned of a long walkout.

Most of the carrier's 19,000 unionized employees — including pilots — were honoring picket lines set up nationwide by the Transport Workers Union, said Pamela Hanlon, a Pan Am spokeswoman.

The TWU struck after rejecting a 20 percent wage increase plus bonuses over three years, in return for increased productivity and reduced health and pension benefits.

"I think it is going to be a long strike," said the union's airline division director, John Kerrigan, who announced the strike of 5,753 mechanics, baggage handlers, flight dispatchers and food service workers at 12:35 a.m. EST.

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