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were injured, some permanently crippled, and eight, including Portland reporter Linda Frazier, were killed in the bombing.

While perhaps few people have heard of the Christic Institute, many will be familiar with its work. The Institute successfully represented the Karen Silkwood estate in its suit against the Kerr-McGee nuclear corporation, proving employees of Kerr-McGee entered Silkwood's home and deliberately contaminated it with plutonium, a toxic radioactive substance used to make nuclear weapons.

The Christic Institute also won a lawsuit against the Ku Klux Klan for violating the civil rights of several demonstrators whom the Klan shot to death at a rally in Greensborough, N. C., in July 1984.

The Institute won an appeal in the defense of Catholic workers in the Sanctuary Movement charged with violating immigration laws in Brownsville, Texas, in March 1984.

It also represented victims of the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster.

The Institute's current lawsuit generates some skepticism. The Reagan Administration calls it a "minor nuisance." Defendant Richard Secord called the it "pure fantasy."

In the meantime, however, Secord has spent \$130,000 of the money from the sale of arms to Iran to have operatives "dig up dirt on the people doing the lawsuit," Davis said. The federal court in Miami refused a defense motion to dismiss the suit, and two Congressional committees, the Senate Foreign



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Relations Committee chaired by John F. Kerry, D-Mass., and a House Judiciary Subcommittee chaired by Congressman Bill Hughes, D., N.J., are looking into the Institute's allegations.

They will be holding hearings on Contra drug smuggling within a couple of weeks, Davis said.

This case is a watershed and could go either way, Davis said. It could be a chance to "take our democracy back," or it could become "the biggest cover-up yet," he said.

A lot depends on the media, which have given scant coverage to the lawsuit so far.

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to flight insurance for the Contras at U.S. taxpayers' expense.

Defazio went on to praise the Contradora and Arias peace plans. He said he believed Reagan never wanted to deal peacefully with the Sandinistas.

"In early September (1984) we hailed this (peace plan) as a tremendous breakthrough. Two weeks later, unexpectedly, the Nicaraguans agreed to accept the Contradora proposal.

"Suddenly the next day we found it to be totally objectionable. The United States turned 180 degrees... We were not able to satisfactorily explain why... one day we found it acceptable and when the Nicaraguans agreed to it, it wasn't," Defazio said.

Although he said he didn't wholly support the Sandinistas, citing suppression of public meeting and press freedoms, he

applauded them for making concessions — in some cases going beyond those made by neighboring countries.

Defazio said the Contra aid vote before the House Feb. 3 will be close, but expects the House will succeed in killing funding of the insurgents once and for all.

Defazio explained the vote will hinge on the votes of conservative southern Democrats who are afraid of being labeled pro-communist and are thus easy prey to administration political pressure.

When a member of the audience asked why Defazio thought Reagan was so "freaked out" about the Sandinistas, the congressman rubbed his eyes and joked, "I don't know, maybe it was something from his childhood."

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are taught by instructors from Academic Learning Services who offer tutorials to students in need. Other support services are provided by the Council for Minority Education and the counselor for student athletes.

Prior to the inception of the Five Percent Program, many at risk students fell into one of two groups — those who were committing academic suicide and those who were not meeting their full potential, said Jan Oliver, acting director of the Council for Minority Education. Oliver currently works with 36 students who were accepted under the Five Percent Program.

"It's not a question of these students' learning ability," Oliver said. But sometimes there's another problem that these students must conquer before they can make it through college. These problems include lack of self-discipline, poor time management and feelings of isolation.

Although many of these kids have survived their first year, "they still can get lost," said Miki Donahue, counselor for student athletes.

Working with 19 specially admitted students, Donahue admits that outside support is necessary help student athletes effectively cope the demands placed on their time.

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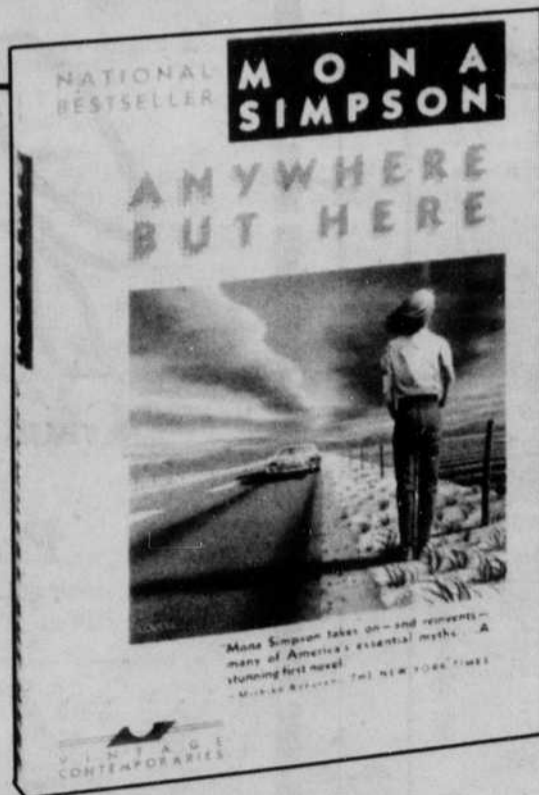
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