

### METRO

#### 2 linked to art ring

Prosecutors said yesterday that two of three men nabbed Sunday morning in an alleged \$36 million art burglary in Queens were members of a wide-ranging international art theft ring, and that the third man paid them \$50,000 to steal the valuable artifacts.

Assistant Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said Nedjatollah Sakhai, 48, of Old Westbury, L.I., paid Thomas May, 52, and Daniel Kohl, 44, both of Queens, to commit the burglary. All three were jailed yesterday following arraignment on burglary and other charges.

—Frank Faso

#### AIDS cons getting out

ALBANY—Up to 40 inmates suffering from AIDS will be released to the care of Mother Teresa to spend their final days at a New York City hospice and hospital run by the Nobel Prize winner, officials said yesterday.

The inmates—to be released over the next few months—represent nearly 80% of the 53 prisoners in state prisons suffering from the fatal disease.

#### Tutu chides Ron

South African Bishop Desmond Tutu mildly chided President Reagan yesterday for his inaction on apartheid, and said he prayed for "something" to happen to make the President as tough on the South African government as he is on Nicaragua's.

Tutu spoke at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, on the upper West Side, after a meeting with more than 60 black New York clergymen.

#### Franzese warning bared

Testifying yesterday at a Brooklyn federal hearing to determine if alleged rackets figure Michael Franzese should remain in custody, a former associate

said that after he became a protected informant, Franzese gave his son a frightening message.

Lawrence Iorizzo said his son Larry Jr., 23, was warned by Franzese, the son of reputed Columbo crime family underboss John (Sonny) Franzese, "Tell your father he better do the right thing."

—Daniel Hays

#### Dies in welfare hotel

The youngest child of a welfare mother of four died in the Martinique Hotel early yesterday and his body lay unclaimed by the medical examiner's office throughout the day, according to his distraught mother.

Barbara Harris, 27, complained of unhealthy conditions and lack of heat in the Herald Square welfare hotel, and said she had pleaded with welfare officials to find her family an apartment.

Her 2-month-old son, Stefone, born with a congenital heart defect, died at 9 a.m. in the family's single room. The ambulance arrived about 6:30 p.m.

#### Teachers leaving U.S.

The New York State United Teachers union was unable to find a suitable convention site in New York and so will send 2,500 members and staff to Toronto for the annual union meeting, a union official said yesterday.

The March 6-9 convention had been scheduled for the new Marriott Marquis hotel in New York City, said union spokesman Robert Rice. However, the union canceled the contract in October because the hotel did not have a unionized work force, Rice said, adding it then was too late to make reservations elsewhere in the state.

### NATION

#### Jail uprising quelled

FORT MADISON, Iowa (UPI)—A handful of convicts with homemade

knives took seven guards hostage yesterday at the Iowa State Penitentiary but surrendered 90 minutes later after a 20-member riot squad charged in and surrounded them without waiting for the governor's approval.

No shots were fired. One guard suffered a sprained knee and three inmates were injured.

#### Bombings in P.R.

SAN JUAN—Early morning bombings damaged three U.S. post offices yesterday, and an unexploded bomb was found at a military recruiting office, police said.

Police called the attacks "politically motivated," indicating probable involvement of leftist groups promoting political independence for Puerto Rico, which is a commonwealth associated with the United States.

#### Fire kills 3 kids, teen

BLAIRSTOWN, N.J.—An early morning fire leveled a wood-frame house yesterday, killing three preschoolers and their teenage uncle, police said.

Patricia Tutty, 23, and her live-in boyfriend, Fred Kopi, 22, escaped from the two-story wood-frame house just before the home collapsed, a neighbor said. But killed were Tutty's children, William, 4, Christine, 3, and Patricia, 2, and her brother, Richard Feldwater, 15.

#### Navy OKs Israel drones

WASHINGTON—After several years of experimentation, the Navy has decided to begin purchasing small, unmanned reconnaissance drones developed in Israel, the service said yesterday.

The Navy said it had awarded a \$25.8 million contract to AAI Inc. for three "systems" consisting of 24 drones, or Short Range Remotely Piloted Vehicles.

### WORLD

#### Pol meets Cambo rebs

BANGKOK—Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) met separately yesterday with feuding factions of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front to discuss ways to solve their internal dispute and step up pressure on Vietnamese troops in Cambodia.

Solarz, chairman of the House subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs, met first with front President Son Sann and then with Gen. Sak Sutsakhan and Abdul Gaffar Peangmeth, leaders of a dissident faction that claims to have taken over the front.

#### 3 IRA men end fast

BELFAST—Three convicted killers in the Maze prison allied with the outlawed Irish Republican Army yesterday abandoned a hunger strike they had vowed would last "to the death," authorities said.

Robert Tohill, Gerard Steenson and Thomas Power broke their fast by taking their evening meal after refusing food for 19, 12 and 5 days, respectively, a government spokesman said.

#### Volcano 'alert' off & on

BOGOTA—The government lifted the state of "maximum alert" yesterday in some areas near the Nevado del Ruiz volcano, which sent down a wall of mud in November that killed 25,000 people and was rumbling again a few days ago.

The National Emergency Committee said that thousands of people were returning to their homes in the Andes Mountain towns of Honda, Guayabal and Ambalema but the alert was still in force at Chinchina and Mariquita.

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