



Pope shot 3 times, undergoes surgery

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II was shot three times in St. Peter's Square today by a man believed to be a Turkish fugitive who had vowed to kill him.

The pontiff was still in surgery more than two hours after being hit in the intestines today as he stood waving from his white jeep at some 15,000 people massed in sunny St. Peter's Square for a general audience. But no vital organ was hit and he was "not in serious condition," Vatican Radio said.

The Vatican said a small part of the pope's intestine was removed in the surgery, during which he received a transfusion. Vatican Radio said the pope was "serene and calm" prior to the operation, which began at 5:55 p.m. — 8:55 a.m. Arizona time — and ended 30 minutes later.

Police said the shots were fired

from a 9mm pistol by a 23-year-old man who identified himself as a Turkish national and kept repeating, "I couldn't care less about life." Police said he gave his name as Mehmet Ali Hagca.

Police said in addition to the 60-year-old pope, two women were wounded by the four or five bullets fired in St. Peter's Square. One was identified as Ann Odre of Buffalo, N.Y. She was not in serious condition, police said.

"We heard the shots. A terrible quiet fell over the crowd. Then all of a sudden screams and yelling began. People were pushing and shoving. The pope slumped over. Guards were running after people," said Betty Holsten of Minneapolis, Minn. who was in the square.

The Vatican Radio appealed to the faithful around the world to pray for the pope, whose 61st birthday is Monday.

President Reagan, himself the victim of a would-be assassin six weeks ago, said, "I'll pray for him," then called Cardinal Terence Cooke in New York and "expressed the sorrow of the American people and expressed his personal concern" for the pope, a White House spokesman said.

The Italian news agency ANSA said the pope had been hit by two bullets at the level of his pancreas and that he was standing on his jeep near the Vatican post office between St. Peter's Basilica and the famous Bernini colonnade.

Vatican Radio said the pontiff had been driven through St. Peter's Square in his jeep and was about to leave the jeep to start a general audience when shots were heard at about 5:19 p.m. — 8:19 a.m. Arizona time.

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Yuma: Anger, prayers And thanksgiving that the pontiff survived

By PATRICE STEADMON

The Yuma Daily Sun

Yumans expressed sorrow and horror today at the shooting of Pope John Paul II in Rome, but rallied to pray and give thanks that the pontiff appeared to have survived this morning's attack.

An unscheduled Mass at noon at Immaculate Conception Church was offered for the well-being of the pope. Immaculate Conception's pastor Msgr. Richard O'Keeffe said when he heard of the shooting, he was saddened and his thoughts "went back to when the pope was in Ireland and said violence was evil, that it has no place in the dignity of the person and that it should be abhorred."

"It's ironic that this man now suffers from an act of violence," O'Keeffe said.

Father William Shuppert of the Immaculate Heart of Mary said that it appeared the pope's condition will make a regular Mass at 7 p.m. today "a Mass of thanksgiving that everything has turned out okay."

Pope John Paul was in his jeep between St. Peter's Basilica and the Bernini Colonnade on the way to a public audience when he was hit by three shots in the side at 8:25 a.m. Arizona time.

The driver turned the jeep and sped to the most modern hospital in Rome, where the pope was in surgery for 30 minutes. The bullets did not hit any major organs and were being removed this morning.

Communion was being held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10 p.m. this morning, and the congregation "offered up a prayer" for the pope, the Rev. Jesse Bigham Jr. said.

"I am horrified and saddened by

man's inhumanity to man," Bigham said. "It's tragic a spiritual leader has to fear for his life in public."

A 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday at St. Thomas Mission on Indian Hill will be dedicated to the recovery of the pope. Father John Wheeler of the mission said he thought it was sad "that there's such a disregard for life in our society, not only for the unborn. It reflects a sick society and the sick minds of some people."

Two services this morning, one for praise of all God's gifts and one for the sick guided by Father John Barry of St. Francis of Assisi Church, became prayers for the pope.

The senselessness of the act appalled Yumans contacted by The Sun.

"I'm amazed anybody would try to shoot a man like that, a man who is trying to do good," Ferdy Sant said.

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For funerals

Price lists required

Although local mortuaries already offer price lists, Arizona funeral directors will be required to provide such lists before showing caskets and other merchandise under a rule adopted by the state Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

The rule was adopted Tuesday after a two-hour hearing despite objections from the industry and the four industry representatives on the board itself.

The showdown roll call vote came on a motion by board member Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe of Yuma, who moved to adopt the entire redraft of current regulations and its tougher penalties for deceptive practices and misrepresentation.

Board President Keith Rottman of Prescott was alone in voting against it on the final roll call. Rottman, a funeral director, argued that current law, enacted in 1978, was as "explicit" as the proposed rule.

"That's not the case," responded the board's legal counsel, Assistant Attorney General Gary Sheets. "The law does not require a price list before going into the showroom or before the services."

O'Keeffe said he believes most of the state's mortuaries will support the change, although "the old guard and traditionalists" will oppose it.

He likened the requirement to going into a restaurant and being able to see a selection and prices written out before ordering. According to O'Keeffe, the new regulation will mean "a whole educational process" will be started for people who don't know what the procedures for arranging funerals are.

O'Keeffe said he is sure the regulation will be challenged by some funeral homes, but noted that the change was drafted by the attorney general's staff and it is "unlikely they'll let something go through that won't hold up."

Yuma morticians said today their clients appreciate that they offer price lists and believe the regulation is a positive move.

Bart Jenkins of Ryzek Yuma Mortuary said he thinks the requirement is "super" although Ryzek has had price lists "all along."

"It'll be especially nice to pre-arrange funerals. People will be able to price shop," Jenkins said.

Ken Sage of Johnson and Kammann Mortuaries agreed with Jenkins that providing price lists should be mandatory.

"We've had price lists for two years,"

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NEHMET ALI HAGCA

Arrested suspect claims he's student from Turkey

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Police who arrested Mehmet Ali Hagca, suspected of shooting Pope John Paul II, said he told them he was a student at the University for Foreigners at Perugia, north of Rome. However, the university said no such student was enrolled.

A man with a similar name escaped from a Turkish jail in November 1979, after admitting the assassination of a moderate Turkish newspaper editor. However, there was no immediate confirmation that the suspect in the shooting of the pope and the escaped man were one in the same.

First reports from Italian police sources said two men were seized and a third was being sought in the shooting, but officials later made no mention of any suspect except the 23-year-old who identified himself as Hagca.

The pope's many travels and stands on controversial issues have placed him in potential jeopardy on several occasions. Shortly before the pope's arrival in February in Karachi, Pakistan, a homemade grenade exploded at a stadium where he was to celebrate Mass. The man carrying the grenade was killed.

Extraordinary security was in effect in

Manila, where Pope Paul VI survived an assassination attempt in 1970 by a knife-wielding Bolivian judged later to be deranged.

John Paul brought personal charm, stamina, a straight-forward pastoral style, a command of many foreign languages and a keen sense of timing to his papacy — the 264th of the Roman Catholic Church.

As pope, his conservatism in doctrinal matters is offset by deep concern for the rights of peasants and workers. He has spoken out again abortion, divorce, extramarital sex and homosexual practice. He has insisted on priestly celibacy and discipline within his church.

His first trip, in January 1979, took him to the Dominican Republic and Mexico. Perhaps his most rewarding and most emotional trip was the nine-day visit to Poland later in June, 1979.

The following October took him to the United States, where scores of thousands poured out to see him in Boston, Philadelphia, Des Moines, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

John Paul also has visited Ireland, Turkey, West Germany, Brazil, Zaire, the Peoples Republic of the Congo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Japan and Guam.

Elementary school pay hikes get mixed reaction

By DAN SMITH

The Yuma Daily Sun

School boards in both Yuma elementary districts approved employee salary schedules Tuesday evening, but only one group of teachers was satisfied with the final product.

Because of increased enrollment in District 1, its 292 teachers will receive an average \$2,420 raise for the 1981-82 school

year. Those teachers are satisfied.

In Crane school district teachers received an average \$1,800 increase. They aren't happy at all. Crane Education Association representative Martha Cauthen told the board she was "deeply disappointed, frustrated and angered" at the administration offer.

The board, however, unanimously approved the pay package, which included several fringe benefit increases for teachers.

The Crane teacher increase amounted to a 12% across-the-board hike plus a \$460 boost for each step of professional growth. The beginning teacher salary was increased to \$12,500.

In addition, the teachers received an increase in life insurance coverage from \$10,000 to \$15,000, a new dental insurance plan, four days of leave for death in the immediate family, increased emergency leave and sick leave for illness in the family.

But it was more hard dollars the teachers wanted. Mrs. Cauthen complained that the district's operating budget neglects teachers while allotting too much for cafeteria operations, non-teaching employees and utility and gasoline purchases.

"They shouldn't take money out of our pockets to subsidize lunches for people making three times what we are," Mrs.

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Weather/ 98°

High today	98
Low tonight	upper 60s
High tomorrow	mid-90s
High yesterday	99
Low this morning	68
11 a.m. temperature	87
11 a.m. humidity	17%
Average high this date	93
Average low this date	63
Yuma-area forecast: Sunny and warm this afternoon becoming windy and not quite as warm Thursday.	
Sunset 7:27	Sunrise 5:41

Swallowed

Eyewitnesses watched last weekend as a giant sinkhole in Florida gobbled up chunks of street paving, a municipal swimming pool, telephone and light poles and the backside of four businesses.

Threatened

Rising interest rates, fears on Wall Street that inflation will persist indefinitely and problems in controlling the nation's money pool threaten to neutralize the benefits of President Reagan's economic plans.

Vanished

Chances for a special legislative session in June to raise billions of new dollars for Arizona's highway needs have virtually vanished, and the real question may be whether there will be one at all this year.

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Dow Jones industrial stock average near closing was 967.76 off 3.06.