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Pope John Paul bids farewell to New Yorkers Wednesday

## Philadelphia flocks to get look at pope

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pope John Paul II thrilled Philadelphia on his stopover here, drawing his biggest American crowd yet as he cast off some of the papacy's old stiffness but stressed classical virtues — and firmly told seminarians the vow of celibacy cannot be broken.

This unconventional pope walks among the people, jokes, chants with teenagers, and even preaches bareheaded in a break with past papal form. But he has also bared some steel, insisting the priestly vow not to marry is irrevocable and calling for strict fidelity in marriage.

"Human dignity requires that you maintain this commitment," he told seminarians Wednesday night, calling celibacy a "gift."

He was touching a sensitive nerve in American Catholicism. About 10,000 priests in this country have been given dispensations to return to lay status in the past decade, before John Paul's papacy. But the dispensations — which free a priest to marry without fear of excommunication — have reportedly stopped under John Paul.

Speaking to priestly candidates at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in a Philadel-

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phia suburb Wednesday night, he said it is required that "you keep your promise to Christ no matter what difficulties you may encounter, and no matter what temptations you may be exposed to."

The vigorous 59-year-old leader of the world's 700 million Catholics flies today from Philadelphia to the farmlands of Des Moines, Iowa — fourth stop on his six-city U.S. tour. Tonight he travels to Chicago and on Saturday to Washington and a meeting with President Carter.

A million or more people flooded Philadelphia's Logan Circle on Wednesday for an outdoor pontifical Mass, an ocean of humanity filling the central park and fanning out four blocks away. It was the biggest crowd of the pope's U.S. tour and rivaled the 1.25 million Irish who flocked to a Dublin park for a papal Mass last Saturday.

Delight radiated from the crowd around the gleaming white altar in the circle, as

thumping bands and streaming banners conjured up the atmosphere of a New Year's Mummers parade under the sunny skies.

"He's having a tremendous effect," the Rev. John Foley, a local priest, said of the pope. "It's bound to bring a lift to the spirit in this country."

"He has some kind of magic," said Jim Burke, a retired federal employee, speaking for the multitudes who came from the coal mines of Pennsylvania, the farms of Ohio and the towns of southern New Jersey to welcome the pontiff.

The carnival-like atmosphere prevailed from the moment the pope's plane, Shepherd I, arrived.

"A spiritual Pennsylvanian," Gov. Dick Thornburgh called him, "Our source of joy," said Mayor Frank Rizzo. "Unrestrained joy." Philadelphia's Cardinal John Krol echoed to a crowd in the copper-domed Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul.

"God bless Philadelphia," said the obviously delighted pope.

## Striking tenants demonstrate for improvements

By PHIL WAGA and STEVE CLARK Staff Writers

Chanting "we ain't going to take it anymore," more than 250 angry Yonkers tenants demonstrated in front of their apartment complex Wednesday evening to protest what they called skyrocketing rents and deplorable living conditions.

More than 100 of the 175 tenants in Whitney Young Towers — two buildings at 254 and 258 Nepperhan Ave. — began a rent strike Monday.

Instead of paying their rents to the complex management company, Jackie Robinson Management Corp. in Brooklyn, the tenants are paying their rents to an escrow

account administered by Edward Miller, a Hartsdale attorney.

Rachel Robinson, the head of the management company, said in an interview at the demonstration Wednesday that the firm is continuing to collect rents as usual and tenants who do not pay their rent "will face court action" and eviction.

With about a dozen Yonkers police officers standing by, the tenants, including many youngsters, marched around the complex for more than an hour Wednesday evening.

The two Nepperhan Avenue buildings, along with 11 others in five more sites in Yonkers, were constructed with federal, section 236 funds, are federally subsidized but are now administered by the New York State Division

of Housing and Community Renewal.

Throughout Yonkers, there are more than 5,500 tenants in more than 2,000 section 236 units, which were designed for low and middle-income tenants.

The tenants all complain that their rents have increased just too quickly and are now intolerable. They point out that a studio can cost as much as \$300 a month, while a five-bedroom apartment can be as much as \$500 a month.

The tenants also complain about their living conditions and say their buildings are badly maintained, are run-down and even have mice.

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### Tenants just can't stand it anymore

In the middle of the many boisterous demonstrations marching around the Whitney Young Towers Wednesday evening was frail and quiet Barbara Gibson.

Barbara, 10, was demonstrating with her older sister. And the hand-lettered sign Barbara carried reflected the problems all the tenants say they have.

"Momma can't pay Whitney Young's rent and feed me too," Barbara's picket sign read.

Whitney Young's two buildings, along with 11 other section 236 buildings throughout Yonkers, were intended to serve as good housing for low and middle-income tenants.

But, the tenants now say, the buildings are terribly maintained and not only are they not good, but they aren't even adequate. As for the rents, the tenants say they just continue to increase by large leaps and they can't stand it anymore.

When Whitney Young Towers was constructed in late 1973, it was hoped that it would rejuvenate the neighborhood. But, just as it has disappointed the tenants, it has also disappointed neighborhood planners because the neighborhood has not improved.

Ernestine Pitts pays nearly \$400 a month for a five-room apartment in Whitney Young. "The rent is killing me," she said as she and the demonstrators marched around the buildings. "The rent is so high that you either pay it and don't eat or you eat and don't pay the rent."

Asked how much she pays in rent, Darrett Mills said, "Plenty. Plenty. Too much." She lives with her four-year-old son and, she said, "The buildings are deteriorating so quickly but all the rent does is just keep increasing and increasing."

"We just pay a lot of money to live in a modified slum, Vanessa Freeman, another tenant said. "The management never fixes anything or does anything. We have to wait weeks or months before they'll fix anything in our apartments. We don't get anything for our rents."

"I can't feed my kids because of my rent," Lee Bryant, still another tenant, angrily declared. "I can't stand it anymore. And you know what I get for my rent? Rain in my living room. For my rent, I get rain coming in my living room. It's terrible."

After shaking her head in disbelief and with a heavy sigh, Mrs. Bryant resumed marching around the buildings with the other tenants.

The signs the tenants carried, all hand-made, reflected their frustration. "We have been dead too long," one sign read. "What happened to our affordable rents," another sign declared. "We shall overcome. We shall overcome high rents," still another sign read.

"We ain't going to take it anymore. We ain't going to take it anymore, the tenants chanted as they marched. We ain't going to pay this rent anymore. We ain't going to pay this rent anymore."

PHIL WAGA

## Surprise twister flails Connecticut town: 1 dead

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. (AP) — Cleanup began today in neighborhoods devastated by a freak tornado described as "a big monster" that killed one person, left more than 100 hospitalized and caused more than \$100 million damage.

Bradley International, the state's major airport, remained closed today, its regular and backup electrical power knocked out and the airfield strewn with the splintered wreckage of airplanes and helicopters.

"It looks like it's been bombed," said state Transportation Commissioner Arthur Powers after flying over the damage zone in and around the state-run airport about 10 miles north of Hartford.

The National Weather Service — its office located at Bradley International — had issued no tornado watch advisory during the afternoon, when a wave of thunderstorms moved into the state. When the twister struck just before 3 p.m., forecasters reported 86 mph winds and issued a severe thunderstorm warning.

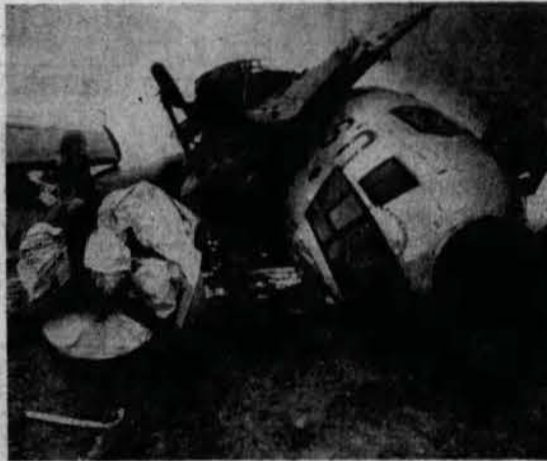
Initially, they were unaware a tornado with much stronger winds had struck on the other side of the airfield, which serves both the Hartford and Springfield areas.

Because the twister struck so close to the NWS office, its radar was unable to detect it, said Roland Laro, meteorologist in charge.

Rescue efforts had been hindered drastically because most of the Connecticut National Guard's helicopter fleet was destroyed. The few available helicopters were flown in from other parts of the state to airlift the most seriously injured to hospitals while roads remained blocked by debris.

The funnel cloud, unexpected by weather forecasters and striking late in the year — swept across part of the airport, severely damaging or destroying dozens of light planes and leveling the Bradley Air

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Twisted wreckage of helicopter at airport

## Sam Carr's 2nd son dies

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Police at the 20th Precinct in Manhattan said that Carr, 27, was killed in an automobile accident near 70th St. at 2:45 a.m. The accident is under investigation. The body was reportedly taken to nearby Roosevelt Hospital.

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Mrs. Carr said she was told today by Yonkers police that Michael had lost control of the green Buick LaSabre he was driving, went over the center divider and smashed into a pole. She said her husband and daughter, Wheat, were making a final identification of the body this morning.

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