

### POPE PIUS XI PLANNED TO STOP NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM IN 1938

WASHINGTON (WNS) --A papal encyclical attacking racism and anti-Semitism ordered by Pope Pius XI in June, 1938, might have prevented the Nazis from carrying out their planned extermination of Jews, the National Catholic Reporter, due for publication Dec. 16, has disclosed.

The copyrighted lay-edited Reporter said the Pope commissioned American Jesuit editor and scholar Rev. John LaFarge to write the encyclical 15 months before the outbreak of World War II, but it is not clear if the Pope saw the completed draft before his death in Feb. 1939.

Gordon Zahn, a Catholic scholar who has written extensively on the German church under Hitler, asked by the Reporter to analyze

the encyclical, said the publication "could have had important long-term results."

Nazi anti-Semitism practices might not have stopped, Zahn said, "but they may not have escalated to the stage of planned extermination: more important, Catholics in countries soon to be occupied might have been less ready to cooperate when the time came."

And according to the Reporter, the virtual silence of the churches following "Crystal-Night" of Nov. 9-10, 1938, when Nazi pillaged and looted synagogues and Jewish businesses and arrested thousands of Jews throughout Germany, "showed Hitler that he could get away with using Jews as scapegoats."

### JEWIS IN ANTI-ISRAEL SPY RING

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israelis were stunned by the disclosure that four young Israeli Jews were among the 20 members of a Syrian-directed Arab spy and sabotage ring that took its orders from Damascus. Most of the others arrested last week were Christian Arabs, disturbing, because the Christian-Arab community in the past had steered clear of anti-Israeli sabotage.

Daoud Osman Turki, a Christian Arab merchant and Israeli Communist Party functionary, headed the ring. Dan Vered, 30, a teacher, was apparently second in command and it

was in his home that police found code books used to transmit intelligence information to Syria.

Vered was described as an extreme Marxist who joined the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) while studying in the United States, and later left Matzpen, an anti-Zionist, pro-Trotskyist splinter group, because he thought it was too conservative.

"The ring must be viewed as one of the most dangerous ever uncovered in Israel," Commander Shoon Eshed of the Northern District Police said.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--A foreign aid bill that contains \$50 million for use by the State Department in helping resettle Soviet emigrants, mostly Jews in Israel, and \$50 million in economic support for Israel, was passed by Congress.

NEW YORK -- A "thoroughgoing reform of Christian teaching about Jewish religion and life" should be a major concern on the agenda of all Protestant churches, a noted Presbyterian scholar, Gerald Strober, at a luncheon meeting for religious educators and denominational officials.

# LETTERS

Dear Sir:

I was in Las Vegas a few weeks ago visting my brother-in-law, Paul McDermott.

I read your paper in Paul's office and thought about a little Jewish lady, a retired nurse, who is a neighbor of yours.

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If all the people in this world were like her, it would be a lot better world to live in. Please send her the paper.

Thank you,  
/s/ JOHN W. PRATT  
(Ely, Nevada)

(Ed. Note: Thank you, Mr. Pratt, on behalf of all Jews everywhere. I would like to hear from the nice Jewish lady. J. T.)

To my dear friends,  
Jack and Bea:

May God bless you one and all at this very special time of the year for our dear friends, the Jewish people.

I love you very much. It has meant a lot to have such wonderful friends since we met in St. Vincent's Hospital.

I am doing real well since my last operation. Like Jay said to me, how could I not come through with a Jewish and a Gentile Lord pulling for me.

My wife Eva sends her love,  
God bless with love and prayers.

/s/ PASTOR JOHN  
(John Clarkson,  
Rosemead, Cal.)

ED. NOTE: We love you, too. Your good health is the best news to us. Jack and Bea.)

Dear Helene:

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JERUSALEM (WNS)-- A Chilean scientific delegation is in Israel to discuss a two-year scientific cooperation program in the areas of water research, intensive agricultural and technological research.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress charged "countries that harbor and give sanctuary to terrorists" with "ultimate responsibility" for the killing and kidnaping of Israeli athletes at the Olympic games in Munich West Germany.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee called on the Olympic Games Committee to establish at all future Olympic Games a permanent memorial to the 11 Israeli athletes who were murdered in Munich, "as a reminder to the world of the tragedy and sorrow that has befallen us and of the historic implications of this event."

WASHINGTON -- A first-day cover commemorating the centennial of the mail order industry will be offered this month by the B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

NEW YORK -- The Zionist Organization of America has called on the U.S. to act unilaterally in the absence of international cooperation, in seeking to ostracize and isolate Libya for giving sanctuary to the Black September terrorists who hijacked a Lufthansa plane.

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