

**JEWISH LEADERS CONDEMN
ATTACK ON POPE**

NEW YORK (WNS) -- American Jewish leaders spoke with one voice in condemning the assassination attempt of Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. In statements released here, they deplored violence and terrorism rampant in the world and wished the Pontiff a swift and full recovery from the wounds he suffered. As reactions to the Pontiff's assassination attempt stirred considerable outrage, the would-be killer's background was unfolded. He was identified as Mehmet Ali Agca, 23, a Turkish national of Armenian descent, who is a member of the "Ulkucler" (Gray Wolves), a fanatical right-wing Moslem terrorist group affiliated with the ultra nationalist National Movement that Interpol has branded "neo-Nazi." He is a self-proclaimed enemy of the U.S., the Soviet Union and Israel. According to reports from Rome and Ankara, Agca is a fugitive who escaped from a Turkish prison while serving a

sentence for the February, 1979 murder of Abdi Ipekci, editor and chief columnist of the Istanbul liberal newspaper, "Milliyet." He left a note in his jail cell threatening the life of the Pope who was then about to visit Turkey. The note called for revenge against the Moslem extremist attack on the Grand Mosque in Mecca earlier in 1979. Agca claimed the incident was part of an American or Israeli crusade against Islam and accused the Pope of being "the masked leader of the crusade." Italian police who seized him after he fired two shots at the Pope found several handwritten notes in his pocket. One said he was killing the Pope to "protest against the imperialism of the Soviet Union and the United States and against genocide that is being carried out in Salvador and Afghanistan." Agca is also known to have threatened the lives of the American, Soviet and Israeli Consuls in Turkey.

ODD COUPLE DAZZLES PLAZA AUDIENCES

Las Vegas audiences can see Emmy-award winner Tom Poston twice nightly at the Union Plaza Hotel as Maynard Sloate presents Neil Simon's classic comedy, "The Odd Couple." Playing to an 8 p.m. dinner and 11:45 p.m. cocktail audiences, Poston plays the lovable unkempt Oscar Madison, an amiable sportswriter whose idea of cleaninghouse is moving one dirty sock from the bed to the floor. When he invites his soon-to-be-divorced best friend Felix Unger to share his apartment, the result is utter chaos -- and utter comedy. Portraying the fastidious Felix is Brian Greene, with Bobby Sargent, Tony Russel, Marvin Brody, and Maurice Breener. Playing the 'coo-coo' Pigeon sisters, are Gloria Lynn Deyer and Joan Carol O'Connell. Maynard Sloate produces and directs the hilarious comedy. Tom Poston is a versatile and talented performer. His guest

shot as Mr. Bickley on the enormously successful "Mork and Mindy" series so impressed star Robin Williams and the show's producer that they decided to make him a regular. He became a regular figure on numerous television shows including the "Steve Allen Show" where he portrayed the befuddled "Everyman" -- and where he picked up that coveted Emmy -- and on the popular game show "To Tell The Truth." On screen, Poston has also appeared in numerous motion pictures, including Joan Rivers' comedy hit "Rabbit Test" and "Cold Turkey." His stage credits alone sound like a Who's Who of Broadway -- "Romanoff and Juliet," "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to The Forum," "Forty Carats," "Come Blow Your Horn," "Bye, Bye, Birdie," "Mary, Mary," "King Lear," and "Fiddler On The Roof."

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BAR MITZVAH HELD AT BETH SHOLOM THOUSANDS CHALLENGE BEGIN'S ACTIONS

Scott Fisher, son of Dr. & Mrs. Barry Fisher, was called to the Torah and became a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Saturday morning, May 30, 1981. Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Temple, officiated and conducted the services which commenced at 9:30 A.M. Cantor Simon Bergman chanted the li-

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TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A demonstration, sponsored by the Peace Now Movement, challenging Premier Menachem Begin's handling of the missile crisis with Syria and challenging his contention that a national consensus exists in support of his policies, drew an estimated 3,000 to 10,000 people into the streets. The crowd, consisting of a large body of military reservists, academicians and students, organized on less than one day's notice, demanded that Begin's government think be-

fore it acts. Their challenge was backed up by several reserve generals who criticized Begin's position throughout the weekend and called for "cool and careful" consideration of any moves planned against the anti-aircraft missiles deployed in eastern Lebanon. Although the demonstrators made it clear that the missiles must be removed, and that they would fight if called to the colors.

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