

### 15,000 ATTEND CHILD'S FUNERAL IN ROME

ROME (WNS) -- About 15,000 people, virtually the entire Jewish population of this city, attended the funeral services held October 12 for two year old Stephano Tasche, who was killed when unidentified gunmen attacked Jewish worshippers outside the main synagogue. The funeral was an occasion of mourning and catharsis for the Jews of Rome. The Jewish community had blamed the media for creating a climate in which violence against Jews was permissible and the release of emotions at the funeral enabled a reconciliation of sorts between Italy's Jews and the Italian officialdom.

The terrorist attack, in which 37 people were wounded, including women and young children in a hail of machinegun fire and grenade fragments, came on the heels of the reception given to Palestine Liberation Organization chief, Yasir Arafat, by President Sandro Pertini and Pope John Paul II. That was seen by Italian Jews as the legitimization of a terrorist leader and arch-enemy of Israel and the Jewish people. Jews were furious with the Italian media for what they considered unfair criticism of Israel's actions in Lebanon, bordering on anti-Semitism. The Rome Jewish community isolated itself and rejected all expressions of sympathy. "Words serve little purpose," declared Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff.

At the funeral, however, Toaff and President Pertini embraced and the Chief Rabbi spoke of reconciliation, reconstruction and peace. No Italian authorities had been

invited to the burial services, although the community announced that "whoever wished could come." Pertini came, accompanied by Premier Giovanni Spadolini, the only senior minister who had refused to greet Arafat. President Pertini kissed the tiny coffin of the dead child whom the Chief Rabbi designated a "holy martyr" of Judaism. There were also Christian friends among the mourners, some former partisan fighters and survivors of the Holocaust which took the lives of many non-Jews in Italy during World War II.

The president of the Union of Italian Jewish communities, Otto Lenghi, spoke just before the cortege set off on its sombre march through the streets of Rome. He said the procession had been decided on to "break through the isolation" into which Rome's Jews plunged themselves after Saturday's tragedy. The cortege moved slowly from Tiberine Island which houses the Fatebenefratelli Hospital where many of the injured in the terrorist attack were treated and where young Stephano's mother, recovering from wounds watched tearfully, to the main synagogue where Rabbi Toaff recited prayers. It ended in front of the Pantheon. The marchers

included a massive turnout of teenagers. They carried signs reading, "The Jewish People Live," and "We Italians are all wounded Jews" along with many other placards.

But while reconciliation was in the air, the mood of the mourners remained bitter. Most Jews boycotted an official day of mourning Oct. 11, proclaimed by the municipal, provincial and regional governments and the federation of trade unions. The one Jewish delegation was led by architect Bruno Zevi who recited a list of accusations and demanded passage of a law that would make anti-Semitism a criminal offense. Italian factories and businesses observed a two hour work stoppage and bus drivers called for a strike to demonstrate solidarity with Rome's Jews.

Meanwhile, the terrorists who perpetrated the assault on the synagogue have not been apprehended. But Abu Nidal, a shadowy figure in the rogues gallery of Palestinian terrorists emerged as the prime suspect behind the attack. Italian police, who have the cooperation of the French police in the case, determined that the weapons used in Rome were of the same type as those employed in attacks on Jews and others.

### SHAMIR MEETS WITH SHULTZ

WASH. (WNS) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir emerged from a four-hour meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz and announced that Israel and the U.S. would set up a working group to discuss their proposals for the early withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon. Shamir, who presented Shultz with proposals drafted by the Israeli Cabinet, would not reveal any details of the Cabinet's positions. He declined to discuss a reported two-tier security plan for south Lebanon that the Cabinet was said to have suggested.

Shamir said his talk with Shultz, which lasted two hours longer than had been scheduled, was held in a "spirit of friendly consultation." He said they were trying to find a common solution to withdrawal and ensuring the security of the Lebanese-Israeli border.

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- Michael Masch of the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent, the Cleveland Jewish News staff and Martin Peretz, editor of the New Republic are the winners of the 1982 Smolar Awards for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism conferred by the Council of Jewish Federations. The CJF Smolar Award Committee, chaired by Marvin Holland of Rhode Island, chose the winners from a group of 13 finalists among over 100 entries. The Awards are named after Boris Smolar, journalist, author and editor-in-chief emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

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