## Open Letter to the Pope

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Your Holiness:

Yaser Araat slaughtered more Christians than any person now alive.

Yet you saw fit to see him and raise his prestige.

When you saw him did you reproach him for his savagery towards your people?

In Beirut, bandits who call themselves Christians (thus blaspheming that term) engaged in a bloody massacre. Have you denounced or at least renounced them?

Sometime ago you compelled a humanitarian Jesuit priest, Father Robert Drinan, to give up his seat in the U.S. Congress because you sent out a signal that you did not want a priest

in politics.

Please explain why you leashed Father Drinan, whose character and career were replete with humanitarian activities (in keeping with the moral values of Roman Catholicism at its noblest) and you released Archbishop Valerian

Capucci was caught red - handed smuggling arms to avowed killers. He was let out of jail because your aides promised that he would be kept from political activities.

Yet Capucci has surfaced in many parts of the world voicing violent, vicious and virulent bigotry.

You are one of the most popular personages on earth. You are the only person today whose very appearance can attract a million people. You have spoken of the need for greater manifestations of mercy.

Can you please explain the mystery of some of your policies? Many of us would be most grateful if you would.

## UANC BEGINS DRIVE TO RAISE \$5 MILLION

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LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) launched a \$5 million drive here to rescue, restore and reacquire long - lost documents and artifacts representing 1000 years of Polish - Jewish his-tory. The funds will go toward the UAHC's Polish Judaica project initiated last year following the signing of a unique cultural exchange agreement between the Reform Jewish group and the University Warsaw.

Dr. Armand Hammer, president of Oc-Petroleum cidental Corp., served chairman of the \$500a-plate dinner in the Beverly Wilshire Beverly Hotel attended by 600 guests. Hammer called the UAHC - Polish agreement "a breakbecause for through the first time a Comnation, Pomunist land, has agreed contractually with an American Jewish Organization to provide Judaic objects, manuscripts and art. much of which has been inaccessible to scholar-Western ship."

Many of the works of Polish Judaica were thought lost or destroyed in the Holocaust. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, told the dinner "We cannot bring back the martyrs of our people, or restore the burned scrolls and precious manuscripts that have been lost fragments of a vanished world. more vividly remember, more fully comand more tality and genius of one of the great communities in our

ment was Schindler broadened to the restoration UAHC of cemeteries in veral of a Jewish at the site of Maidenek concentration camps.

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But through this historic agreement, we can and will carry out our proud obligation to for today years to precious In doing so, prehend nobly honor people's Since

the vihistory." the agreesigned, reported, the project has been include and reconsecration by the Jewish some 400 cities and towns in Poland, as well as the restoration of sesynagogues, the furnishing of a new synagogue in Lublin and the construction chapel the

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if Israel "does not stand firm now .... we may reach the same situation that we had before the war" Lebanon. "Nobody wants to move the "Nobody Israeli troops out of Lebanon more than we do ourselves," he asvisitors. sured the

"But it would be a major mistake if after so many and so sacrifices many casualties we were to move back without solving the problem of the threat of terrorism (return-ing to) Lebanon."

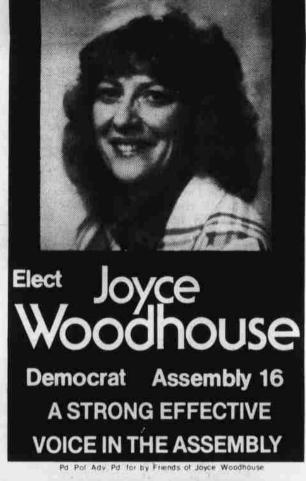
Standing on a hilltop in Elkana, from which the Gush Emunim settlers and visitors have a wide view of the entire coastal plain -- a spot where Sharon often brings visitors toexplain his security views, even though funds are no UJA spent on the West Bank -- the Defense Minister blamed the free world for compromising with terroinstead of rism fighting terrorism.

The UJA gather-

ing began at Modiin, the ancient birthplace of the Maccabees. The group proceeded directly there after arriving at Ben Gurion Airport to meet with President Yitzhak Navon.

In an official UJA statement, the purpose of the gathering is defined as: "To demonstrate world Jewry's support of the people of Israel and the solidarity of the Jewish people around the world. also want to They see and hear at first hand what the situation in Israel really is, and what the feelings and reac-tions of the Israeli people and their leaders are to the recent troubling events."









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