Friday, April 25, 1986

Las Vegas Israelite **U.S. Jewry Hails Pope's** Visit To Rome Synagogue

NEW YORK (WNS) -The visit by Pope John Paul II to the main synagogue in Rome was hailed by American Jewish groups as a major step in the process of reconciliation between the Catholic and Jewish faiths. They also expressed hope that it would lead soon to Vatican recognition of the State of Israel.

The American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress declared in a joint statement that the Pope's visit "and the content of his eloquent remarks constitute an important and hopeful new chapter in the history of Catholicism's relations with Judaism.

"The Pope's formulation of that relationship bespoke an unusual warmth and friendship that embrace and confirm the considerable progress that has occurred in the past 20 years since Vatican II. More important, it holds the promise of further progress in that relationship," the AJC and WJC said.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the congregational arm of Reform Judaism in America, declared that the Pope "has given flesh and blood to the pronouncements of Vatican Council II and, in so doing, has given heart to Catholics and Jews alike who

seek to deepen their un- that the Pope's con- testifying to derstanding of each other.

Schindler added, however, that "this does not mean overlooking or ignoring the differences between us that still obtain. Jews can disagree with the Vatican on and on abortion diplomatic recognition of Israel and still work with Catholics on racial equality, economic justice, world hunger and nuclear disarmament." Schindler said.

Rabbi Arthur Schneir, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue in New York. called the Pope's visit "a significant and symbolic act that will serve as the basis for broadening and deepening the relationship of Catholics and Jews, including eventual recognition of the State of Israel by the Vatican. Schneier also expressed confidence

profound effect on the century." attitude of Catholics to Jews and Jews to rabbi of Temple Emanu-Catholics generations to come."

chairman of the In- firmation of tergroup Relations irrevocable call to the Committee of the Anti- Jewish people by God Defamation League of also stands as an B'nai B'rith, said in a eloquent witness to the statement that the growing sensitivity that Pope's visit was "both permeates the dialogue a symbol and reality process between

the demnation of anti- revolution that has Semitism in all of its taken place in Catholicforms and from any Jewish relations during source "will have a the last quarter of a

> for El in New York, added. "The Pope's

Dr. Ronald Sobel, recognition and reafthe

Pi Sigma Alpha, UNLV's political science honorary society, will hold its annual awards banquet April 26, 6 P.M., in Moyer Student Union, Room 203.

Rep. Harry Reid, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be guest speaker. His topic is "Congress and U.S. Foreign Policy."

This event is open to the public. The dinner is \$20 per person for non-members.

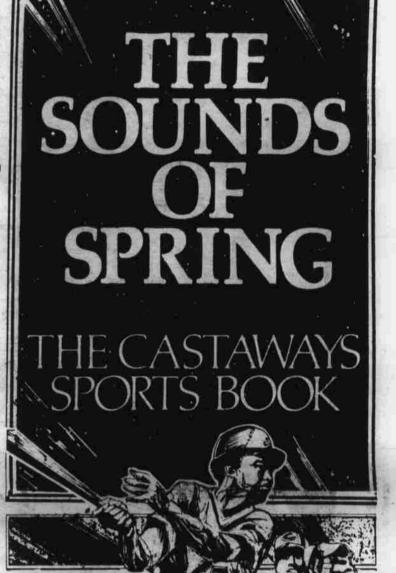
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Rabbbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los reached its demonic Angeles-based Simon proportions." Hier add-Wiesenthal Center, ed, "Having ascended said, "This short jour- the steps of reconcilianey from the throne of tion with the Jewish St. Peter to the central people and vigorously synagogue of Rome condemned antiassures Pope John Semitism, John Paul II Paul II a special place should now ascend the of honor in Jewish final Sobel, who is senior history. Had such a establishing journey been made by diplomatic relations Pious XII, it is unlikely with the State of Israel.

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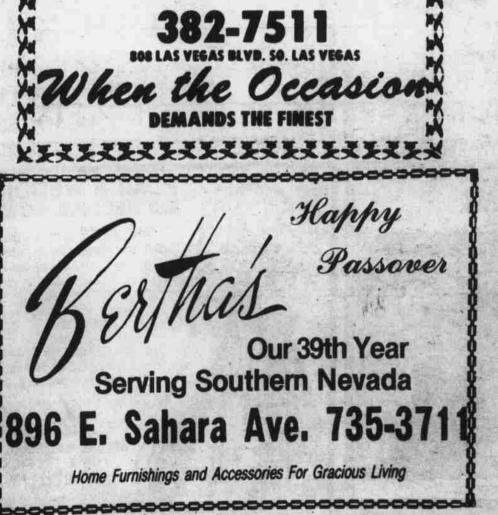
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