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Dear Rabbi,

Feb. 16, 1990

At last, "The Priest" has accepted the enclosed article, in which I try to give you some of the credit which you richly deserve for your efforts.

I challenged them with the statement that Priests are opinion molders, and by their sermons, they could bring nearer the day when all people could live in peace and harmony.

As I have told you, you could have written it more eloquently, but you could not, in all modesty, refer to yourself as I do!

With best wishes,

Shalom

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Dear Rabbi,

June 10, 1990

I hope that this note finds all well. Enclosed is a copy of The Priest with my work. I had a 3,500-word version, but they limited me to about 2,000 words, and, as you see, I cited you again, and again, as the "towering figure in Jewish-Christian relations".

A thought—The Times magazine is very hard to crack. Suppose I prepare another version of this article, under a new title, and submit it to a Baltimore magazine or mag. section. After all, you're a native son. Then I would appreciate some suggestions from you, if you wished to add some aspects of the story that may be missing from this article. But the key to acceptance is always brevity, 2000 to 2500 words.

If you have any thoughts, please drop me a line. I sold my office and am retired now, so I have more time. With best, Shalom!
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SUBMISSION TO THE BRYANT SPANN MEMORIAL PRIZE.

" The Quiet Revolution"appeared in THE Priest, June, 1990.

SUMMARY AND THEME. The most catastrophic tragedy in our century, if not in human history, was the brutal and systematic extermination of twelve million men, women, and children, six million of them Jews, during the Nazi reign of terror in WWII. Efficiency in this slaughter was made possible by Ph. D.'s and the latest scientific technology.

Jews, called " Christ-killers", were special targets, thus justifying confining them in ghettos, and restricting their social, economic, and political rights, and accusing them of ritual murder.

All these afflictions imposed on Jews over the centuries are in direct CONFLICT WITH THE TRADITION AND TEACHING OF SUCH A CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS EUGENE V. DEBS. Such treatment denied them the dignity due all human beings, as well as freedom, equal opportunity, and social and political democracy. It shattered human brotherhood and the possibility of a cooperative society. It brought on prejudice and war, and stifled protest against wrong.

The Declaration of Vatican Council II was a clarion call in the true Eugene V. Debs tradition and teaching. It proclaimed the commitment of the Catholic Church " to the task of promoting unity and love among men, indeed, among nations." In later guidelines, the Vatican added, " In the spirit of the prophets, Jews and Christians will work willingly together, seeking social justice and peace at every level, local, national, and international. At the same time, such collaboration can do much to foster mutual understanding and esteem."

The Declaration may well loom as the leading positive achievement of our troubled era. I am confident that these noble words would have received warm and emphatic approval from such a noted champion of human rights as Eugene V. Debs.

Respectfully submitted,


Louis Auster.

myself
July 22/90
with to dinner

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Dear Rabbi, July 19, 1990

Hope this note finds all well.

There is a magazine, PEOPLE IN ACTION, with a limit of 1200 words for articles.

Tough to do you justice in so short a space, but here is a copy of my effort.

Shalom!

With best,
for

P.S. Will keep you posted.
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Feb. 10, 1991

Dear Rabbi,

I trust that this note finds you and Georgette well. First, for the good news,

Before submitting my last article, The Quiet Revolution, to The Priest, it was accepted by Social Justice Review, but they could not run it before 1991. So I sent it to The Priest, which ran it in 1990, the 25th anniversary of Vatican II.

Now, as you see, Social Justice will print it, late in the year, as soon as space permits. That article highlights the important role that you played in that historic event. More people should know it!

The editor of Midstream has advised me that my article about Leon Pinsker will appear shortly.

The bad news! I have not yet been able to get your PROTTA article published, but I'm pursuing efforts in all directions. I don't give up.

My wife and I would love to meet you, at a time mutually convenient. Since I am your self-appointed P.R. man, I must have contact with my client.

SHALOM!

Sincerely, *for*

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For

SOCIAL JUSTICE REVIEW



January 16, 1991

Mr. Louis Auster
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Dear Mr. Auster:

I just want to let you know that your manuscript, *The Quiet Revolution*, arrived safely.

I have taken the liberty of inserting three subheads, somewhat different from those appearing in *THE PRIEST: MEMORIES OF THE PAST* just after the first paragraph; on p. 3 after 2nd paragraph: *VATICAN II'S DECLARATION*; and *ADECISIVE ACHIEVEMENT*. I changed the subheads slightly so as not to copy from *THE PRIEST* and reduced their number in order not to make the text choppy.

Presuming that all this is acceptable to you, I now place your manuscript in chronological order. Naturally, if at all possible, I'll publish it ahead of the projected schedule.

Please accept my thanks for resubmitting the article. I reciprocate your wishes for peace -- especially in these frightening days. They are all the more reason why we should all conscientiously work together.

Sincerely in the Lord,

John H. Miller, C.S.C.

(Rev.) John H. Miller, C.S.C.
Editor, SJR

*I also had to make the tense past in "as we approached"
The 15th anniversary of... Rabi Taraberman... reflected*

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MAR 22, 1991

Dear Rabbi,

As you see, I write about subjects other than Catholic-Jewish relations. These are galley proofs of my article on Rusker, a neglected figure in the story of Zionism, due to appear in Midstream. (They printed my article on Jules Isaac, another neglected Jewish hero). I need not tell you about that.

I have also entered my last article in a contest, in honor of Eugene V. Debs, a champion of human rights, but I boldly assert that the plight of Jews ~~is~~ much involved in the causes that he espoused, — but they limit me to ONE PAGE!

No luck yet with your Profile, but I'm trying.

I trust that this note finds all well with you and Georgette. We're going to our daughter in Florida for Passover. Lee + I extend to you our warmest wishes for a happy + sweet Passover.

With best,

S. H. Auster
fondly

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Dear Rabbi,

April 11, 1991

Thanks for your kind words about my article on Leon Pinsker, but I am quick to add that it is in no way as significant, or equal in power to your forceful presentation of the case against Isabella's sainthood. I read that article, and have a copy of it in my file, which contains all my correspondence with you.

I must express disappointment that I have not been able to get my Profile, if you published. In my last effort, I submitted it to a magazine, Avenue, a publication for upper east siders. I told them (they are on East 57 St.) that a distinguished upper east sider has been doing noble work in bringing healing and reconciliation, RIGHT IN THEIR BACK YARD, on East 56 St., but they mumbled "not suitable for their present needs." Oh, well, I don't give up, so I'll persist.

Thanks for your gracious invitation, but next week, we'll be gone (for a week) upstate.

We'll return by April 22.

Your articles are scholarly and inspiring!
With best to Georgette & you, Shalom,
Louis

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May 28, 1991

Dear Rabbi,

As you see, I used all your material, as well as some of my own research notes. I tried to make the article a little lesson in Jewish history, little known to most laymen.

At the same time, I had a good deal of the Profile in it. I've sent the article to Midstream, as requested — but you know editors — unpredictable. I hope that you don't find some comments objectionable.

I made sure that the reader is aware of your role in this, and past episodes.

With best,
Shalom,
Louis.