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Between You and Me

by BORIS SMOLAR

POPE JOHN XXIII — Jewish history knows of Popes who have condemned the Jews to perpetual "serfdom," who ordered all Jews expelled from Papal territories, who rebuked Christians for socializing with Jews.

On the other hand, Jewish history knows also of Popes who protected Jews against maltreatment, who patronized the Jews, and who made it their policy to combat libels against Jews.

Pope John XXIII belonged to the latter category.

During his brief period of about five years as the supreme head of the Roman Catholic Church, world Jewry came to look upon him as a friend of the Jews not only in words but also in deeds.

His elimination of "perfidious Jews" from the Good Friday liturgy and his orders to churches to cover up within their walls any inscription inimical to Jews were only part of these deeds. In words, he missed no occasion to pronounce his outspoken friendship to Jews.

I WAS FORTUNATE to hear him in his chamber at the Vatican, pronounce his famous declaration "I am Joseph, your brother" to a group of American Jewish leaders who he received.

His face shone with a friendliness which fascinated all who were present at this historic event in October 1960.

The group, composed of the top leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, felt highly elevated and inspired by the half-hour which they spent with Pope John.

They left him with the feeling that they saw an exceptional personality whose regard for human welfare had no limits.

DURING THE LAST year, when he convoked the Ecumenical Council, he made no secret of the fact that he anticipated a statement by the Council condemning anti-Semitism.

He himself has openly and vigorously denounced anti-Semitism. This resulted in the fact, that Catholic authorities in the United States and in other countries have begun the work of undoing centuries of harm to Jews by the revision of Church teaching in the parochial schools.

His memory will be cherished by Jews forever as one of the great figures in the Catholic Church whose appearance on the world scene was like sunlight after the darkest years in Jewish history, when 6,000,000 Jews were annihilated with the Christian world—with a few noble exceptions — being practically indifferent to their fate.

POPES AND JEWS — In the light of outspoken friendship which Pope John XXIII had displayed toward the Jews in word and in action, Jews throughout the world will be looking forward to his successor to follow the same path.

The relations of the Pope to Jews, since the foundation of the Papacy, presents no picture of a continuous church policy, except in desire to convert Jews to Christianity.

Generally, the Popes, as sovereign pontiffs, followed the theories of the Justinian code — as did all sovereigns throughout the Middle Ages — to keep Jews and Christians apart, to prevent Jews from exercising authority over Christians, and to prevent Judaism from becoming an official religion.

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UJA Publicity Department

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102 JEWISH LEADERS FROM U. S. SEE POPE

Special to The New York Times.

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The Jewish leaders constitute a United Jewish Appeal mission visiting Rome under the auspices of the American Joint Distribution Committee, which is in charge of relief and rehabilitation programs for needy Jews in twenty-five countries.

The members of the mission are on a fact-finding survey of conditions in Europe and Israel, preparatory to beginning the United Jewish Appeal's fundraising campaign for 1961.

The group's greeting to the Pope was delivered by Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. He read it from a hand-inscribed scroll contained in an olive-wood case from Jerusalem.

Pope John professed great interest in the work of the United Jewish Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. He has been interested in relief and rehabilitation, he said, since the Hitler era and World War II, when he did everything he could, he declared, to help Jews and other victims of the Nazis.

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JDC, UJA Activities Commended by Pope John XXIII; Americans Thank Vatican for Rescue Work

Direct JTA Teletype Wire to The Jewish News

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peal as helping to "transmit to
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friends." Zellerbach was guest
speaker at a dinner given in
Rome by the Joint Distribution
Committee, in honor of mem-
bers of the 1960 UJA Study
Mission.

Renzo Levi, vice-president of
the Union of Italian Jewish Com-
munities, also traced the history
of JDC aid to the Rome Jewish
community. The JDC, he said,
helped bring life and hope to
Italy's stricken Jews even before
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cease with the end of the war,
Levi said, but continued long
after when the welfare agency
stepped in to help Egyptian
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the Sinai campaign crisis in 1956.

Charles Jordan, overseas di-
rector of the JDC, in a report
on the agency's activities since

the end of the war, noted that
"because of this unstinting gen-
erosity, Western European
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Frederick Forman expressed ap-
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U.J.A. IN ROME STUDY

Mission Reviews Spending in Jewish Communities

Special to The New York Times.

ROME, Oct. 14—The Overseas Study Mission of the United Jewish Appeal began a five-day series of meetings here today to review how the funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal were being used to help Jewish communities in Europe and the lands on the Mediterranean.

The mission's 120 members will meet daily until Tuesday. They will hear reports by the men who run the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, Israel, North Africa, and Iran. The committee is the agency that spends most of the funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal.

The mission's members will be received in the Vatican by Pope John XXIII next Monday. Later they will move to Israel and draw up a report after an inspection tour of institutions supported by the United Jewish Appeal.

The members of the mission expect to be back in the United States by Nov. 3.

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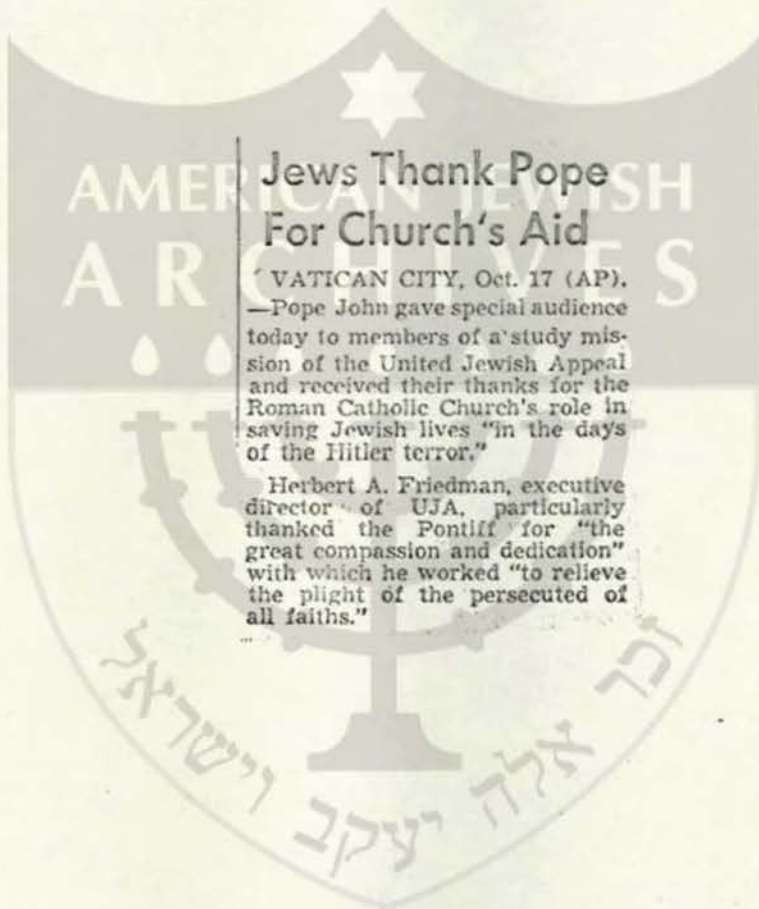
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Jews Thank Pope For Church's Aid

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 17 (AP).
—Pope John gave special audience today to members of a study mission of the United Jewish Appeal and received their thanks for the Roman Catholic Church's role in saving Jewish lives "in the days of the Hitler terror."

Herbert A. Friedman, executive director of UJA, particularly thanked the Pontiff for "the great compassion and dedication" with which he worked "to relieve the plight of the persecuted of all faiths."

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**Jewish Leaders Have
Audience With Pope John**

Rome, Oct. 18 (Reuters)—
More than 100 leaders of American Jewry were received by Pope John XXIII yesterday and paid tribute to the work of the Pontiff and his church in saving Jewish lives in Hitler-occupied Europe.

Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of United Jewish Appeal, voiced the tribute on behalf of a 102-member U. J. A. delegation received by Pope John.

PROCLAMATION ON OCCASION OF VISIT OF SEVENTH UJA STUDY MISSION
TO POPE JOHN XXIII ON OCTOBER 17, 1960

Every Member of This Group has long been involved in a great effort to save and rebuild the lives of Jewish victims of oppression. We have been engaged in several days of meetings here in Rome to study the still remaining needs of distressed Jews in Europe and other continents.

We Are Now On Our Way to the State of Israel Our purpose in going is to see for ourselves the progress being made and the needs which still exist in the great work of receiving and rehabilitating a million Jewish refugees.

On This Important Occasion, we felt it was fitting and proper that we should pause in our journey to make known our gratitude and appreciation to His Holiness for his own great and humane efforts to comfort the persecuted, rescue the oppressed and resettle the homeless.

Rome, October 17, 1960

For Many Years His Holiness has, with great compassion and dedication, worked to relieve the plight of the persecuted of all faiths.

As Europe Was Turned Into a Darkened Prison by Hitler, His Holiness, then the Representative of the Holy See in Turkey, worked mightily, with all the influence of his office, to rescue European Jewish victims of Hitler's barbarity and bring them to safety.

In An Almost Silenced Europe, he made clear his protest against inhumanity and anti-Semitism by life-saving action and deed.

With Great Appreciation, too, we recall the moving appeal to all the nations of the world made by His Holiness in connection with the United Nations' World Refugee Year, when he urged that they "throw open their frontiers ever more generously and speedily to bring about the human and social resettlement of so many unfortunate people."

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HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN XXIII

The Delegation of the United Jewish Appeal wishes to express sincere gratitude for His Holiness' warm sympathy with the humanitarian work of the United Jewish Appeal, for his deep concern for the plight of persecuted Jews, as exemplified during his representation of the Holy See in Turkey by the use of his influence and good offices to bring Jewish victims of Nazism to safety, and for his keen and unceasing interest in the fate of the homeless and oppressed everywhere.

The United Jewish Appeal was born in the year 1939. Since that time it has worked night and day, with the devoted help of tens of thousands of Americans of all faiths to rescue and rehabilitate the victims of war, oppression and homelessness. It has worked in the spirit which His Holiness enunciated so well in his message to all the nations of the globe on the occasion of World Refugee Year (1959-1960) in which he asked the nations to

"throw open their frontiers evermore generously and speedily to bring about the human and social resettlement of so many unfortunate people"

In commemoration of this inspiring audience and of our mutual concern for the welfare of humanity in distress, the United Jewish Appeal presents this scroll, in gratitude to

HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN XXIII

State of Vatican City

October 17, 1960

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His Holiness Pope John XXIII,

the delegation of the United Jewish Appeal wishes to express its sincere gratitude for His Holiness' warm understanding of the humanitarian work performed by the American philanthropic organization in the past twenty-two years.

With great appreciation, the delegation notes the moving appeal made by His Holiness in connection with the World Refugee Year proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations. Addressing himself to all the nations of the globe, the Pontiff urged them to

"throw open their frontiers ever more generously
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It was precisely the intense desire of bringing a speedy "human and social resettlement" that inspired the very creation of the United Jewish Appeal and has served as a guiding line throughout its entire existence.

The United Jewish Appeal was born in 1939, - the year the world was plunged into a fierce military conflict, followed by six long years of barbaric oppression and relentless acts of extermination.

The task of the United Jewish Appeal was - to bring aid and succor to the victims of Nazism.

Europe was a darkened fortress, vigilantly guarded by Hitler's armies, and most of the continent's population frightened into a helpless silence. Yet, the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal were able to penetrate the heavily guarded fortress and to bring some measure of assistance to their suffering brethren.

There were sparks of light in occupied Europe. Courageous men and women, Gentile and Jews, were united in the "Underground of Mercy", - a dangerous work of transmitting funds, distributing food and, above all, rescuing Jewish victims.

In the silenced Europe, especially in France, individual representatives of the Church nobly raised their voices against brutal anti-Semitism. For instance, the letter of Monsignor Pierre Marie, Bishop of Montauban, will always be remembered as an example of an undying spiritual dignity. Noting that "At Paris tens of thousands of Jews have been treated with most savage barbarism," the Bishop stated that "On behalf of my outraged Christian conscience, I raise my voice in protest and I assert that all men, Aryans and non-Aryans, are brothers because they have been created by the same God; that all men, whatever their race or religion, have the right to be respected by individuals and States."

"The present anti-Semitic measures flout human dignity and violate the most sacred rights of the human person and family."

The Nazi tyranny was defeated. Humanity will always mourn the victims of Hitlerism. The Jewish people will hold in lasting sacred memory the 6,000,000 children, women and men who perished.

But society must move forward.

One of the greatest, most challenging task facing a free community of nations is the taking care of the homeless, the socially, politically and economically displaced persons. To this endeavor the United Jewish Appeal dedicates its energies.

The United Jewish Appeal looks forward to the day when the requirements for "human and social resettlement" are completely satisfied.

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Gratefully acknowledging the moral support His Holiness has given to humanitarian efforts

