

"YET, POPE JOHN PAUL II SAYS NOTHING OF HIS OWN THOUGHTS ON THIS HIGH HONOR. HE HAS NEW DUTIES TO ADJUST TO, BEGINNING WITH A CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS, TWO DAYS AFTER HIS ELECTION..."



"THE CARDINALS HAVE ASSEMBLED TO SWEAR FEALTY TO THEIR NEW LEADER-- BUT THE POMP ACCRUED TO HIS OFFICE OVER THE YEARS IS NOT FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II..."



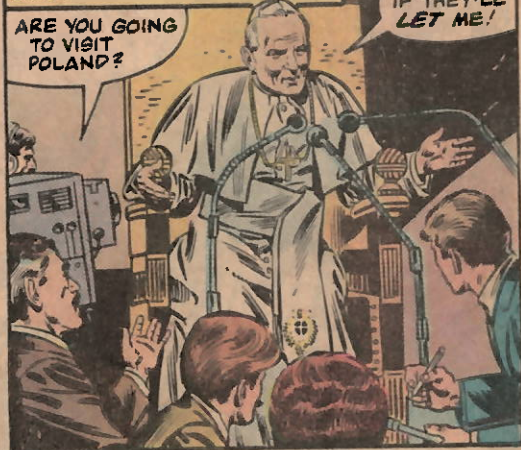
CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI!  
AS PRIMATE OF POLAND,  
YOU WERE MY LEADER  
FOR SO LONG! IT IS  
NOT RIGHT THAT THE  
LEADER SHOULD KNEEL  
BEFORE THE  
FOLLOWER!

LET US EMBRACE INSTEAD--  
AS FRIENDS AND AS BROTHERS  
IN GOD!



"THERE ARE SOME WHO DISMISS THIS DEPARTURE FROM PROCEDURE AS A SENTIMENTAL ABERRATION ON THE POPE'S PART..."

"IT IS, IN FACT, THE BEGINNING OF A CANDOR THAT WILL COME TO CHARACTERIZE THE NEW PONTIFF-- CONTINUING WITH A NEWS CONFERENCE SEVERAL DAYS LATER..."



ARE YOU GOING  
TO VISIT  
POLAND?

IF THEY'LL  
LET ME!

WILL YOU CONTINUE  
SKIING?

OH, THEY DEFINITELY  
WON'T LET ME!



OH, IF ONLY WE HAD  
ANOTHER POPE LIKE  
PIUS XII. HE WAS SO  
GOOD. HE NEVER  
EVEN SMILED!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!  
THIS PEOPLE'S POPE WILL  
BE THE RUIN OF US!

