

"HUNDREDS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II'S COUNTRYMEN COME TO THE INAUGURATION-- AND, ON THE NEXT DAY, THE POPE MEETS THEM ALL, FOR THEY ARE STILL DEAREST TO HIS HEART..."



"LATER..."

YOU SHOULD SEE THE PEOPLE BACK HOME! IT WAS QUITE A THRILL FOR THEM!

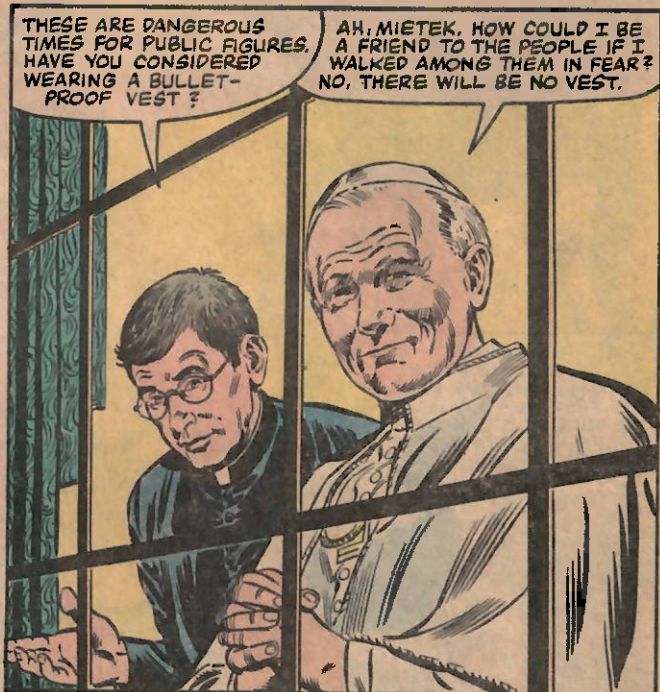
THE GOVERNMENT WASN'T VERY THRILLED, THOUGH... NOR THE RUSSIANS!

I KNOW, THEY REFUSED TRAVEL PERMITS TO SEVERAL FRIENDS I'D PERSONALLY INVITED HERE.



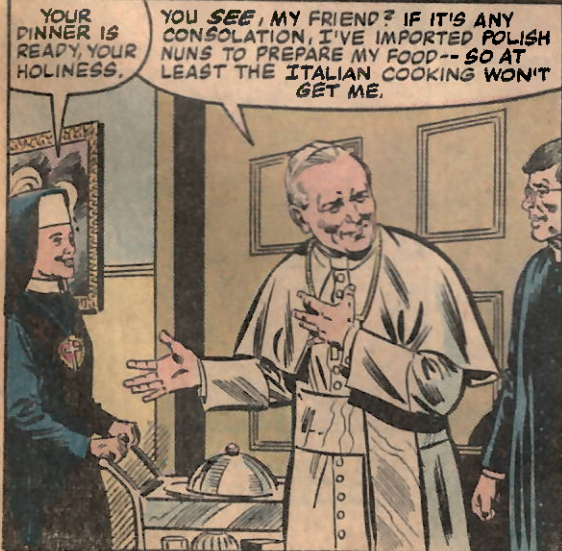
THESE ARE DANGEROUS TIMES FOR PUBLIC FIGURES. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WEARING A BULLET-PROOF VEST?

AH, MIITEK, HOW COULD I BE A FRIEND TO THE PEOPLE IF I WALKED AMONG THEM IN FEAR? NO, THERE WILL BE NO VEST.



YOUR DINNER IS READY, YOUR HOLINESS.

YOU SEE, MY FRIEND? IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, I'VE IMPORTED POLISH NUNS TO PREPARE MY FOOD-- SO AT LEAST THE ITALIAN COOKING WON'T GET ME.



IT'S A DIFFICULT TASK I HAVE AHEAD OF ME, MIECZYSLAW. GOD WILLING, I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BRING THIS CHURCH INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

I PRAY I WILL BE UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

