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JOHN PAUL II

On October 1, Pope John Paul the II arrived in Boston, Massachusetts for a seven day tour of the United States. Upon entering this country as well as in other countries the Pope proclaimed a mission of peace. The proclamation of peace in itself is not unusual for an international leader. But what made Pope John Paul II's proclamation unique is that the vehicle for 'peace' offered by the Pope was based on moral consciousness that transcended national boundaries and even religious philosophy.

Most proclamations for peace made by international leaders are distorted with unnecessary political ramifications. In these instances peace is accepted or desired when it pressures the sovereign structures of the state.

In effect the Pope's mission represents a new force emerging in the world, one of popular dissatisfaction with the present institutions. The Pope not only represents a religious leader but also a symbol of government defiance particularly to the Polish and Italians.

One important point that must be made is that the Pope's is derived from voluntary acceptance of his ideology. This is not to say that the papacy is without autocracy and bureaucracy. But rather that the people are free to accept him voluntarily. The Ireland and America who turned out in numbers to praise or merely to listen to his message did so without compulsion or coercion.

The Pope's message was simple and direct. Two prominent themes of his message were peace and the sanctity of the family. Regardless to whether you agree with this philosophy the message was profound and the world shall see a profound effect that man will have on the institutions of the world.

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