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Pope commends press at end of foreign tour

United Press International
 MEXICO CITY — Pope John Paul II, winding up the first foreign tour of his papacy, spoke out for freedom of the press Wednesday while thousands of U.S. Catholics gathered near the Texas border to see him.

About 200,000 persons had crossed the border, heading for Monterrey, including many Mexican-Americans and foreign tourists in the United States, Ruth McClendon, U.S. consul in the northern Mexican city, said.

John Paul was to speak from a highway bridge near Monterrey, about 120 miles south of Laredo, late Wednesday afternoon on the last stop of his six-day Mexican tour.

McClendon said the consulate set up a three-officer "emergency team" to work with Monterrey and Nuevo Leon state officials on the expected problems, such as lost immigration documents, illnesses and lost children.

In one of his final appearances in Mexico City, John Paul appeared in a papal press audience before a crowd of the reporters who had covered his trip, saying he was impressed by how hard journalists work, praising their profession and urging freedom of the press.

"Understanding the tensions and difficulties in which you do your work, I know well the effort required to report the news. I can imagine how tiring it must be to move, install and remove, from one place to another, all your compli-

cated equipment," he said. "Serve all the truth," he told them. "In the measure that you pursue this ideal, we assure the church will remain at your side, because that is her ideal too: She loves the truth and freedom, freedom to know the truth, to preach it, to communicate it to others."

In a morning appearance in Mexico City, the pontiff appeared before about 250,000 students from Catholic universities throughout the country, urging them to be both good students and good Catholics.

Saying he was directing his words

to "the whole university of Latin America," the pontiff on them to "work indefatigably the authentic and complete of your homelands."

"Give a hand, without prejudice of any kind, to those who like all of you, to build the good."

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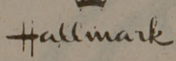
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Soviets confirm the executed dissidents

United Press International
 MOSCOW — An Armenian dissident and two other people executed for bombing the Moscow subway in January 1977, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported Wednesday.

In the first official confirmation of a report given to Western reporters Monday by Nobel laureate and dissident leader Andrei Sakharov, Tass described Stepan Zatikyan as a "very dangerous repeat criminal" and said he and two accomplices were tried in court by the criminal branch of the Supreme Court.

The description of Zatikyan, 32, as a repeat criminal referred to a five-year jail sentence he received in 1967 for anti-Soviet slander while a student in the Armenian capital of Yerevan. Zatikyan was married and had two children.

"During the trial, the guilt of the defendants was fully proved by the evidence of the witnesses, the conclusions of an expert examination and other materials of the case," Tass said.

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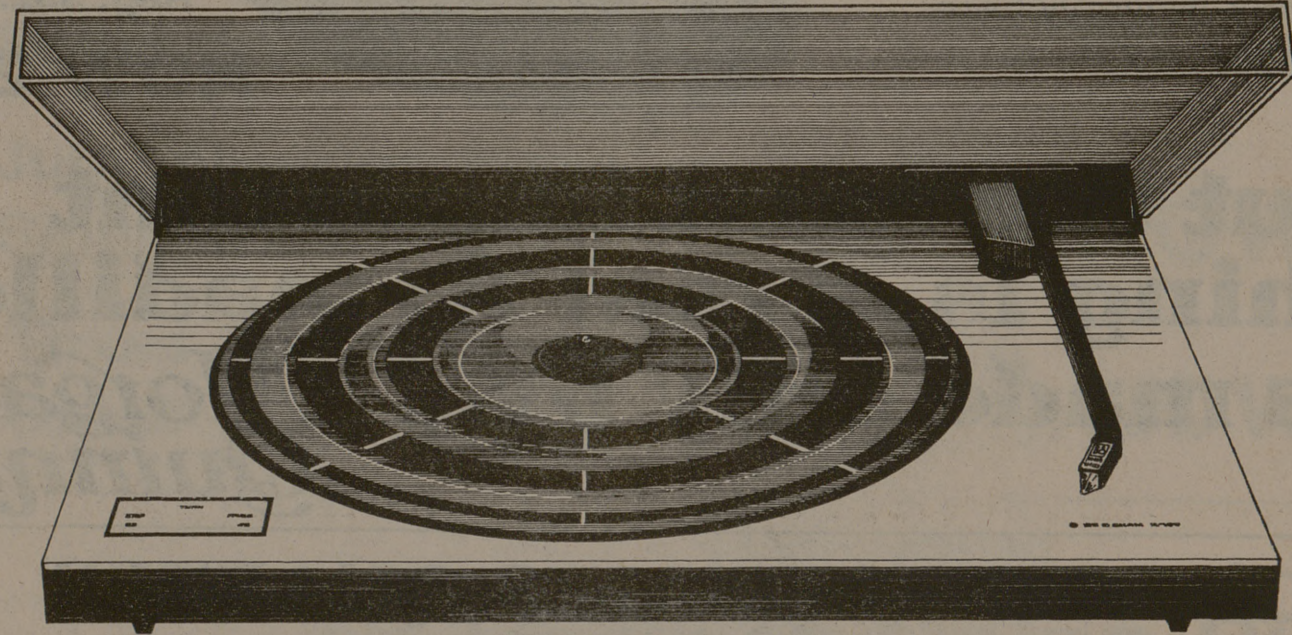
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