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Soviet television gave full coverage to the newlyelected Polish Pope's first public appearance – on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, shortly after his election on Oct. 16, smiling and waving to a welcoming crowd of some 100,000 people.

When his predecessor, John Paul I, was elected, Soviet television confined itself to a terse announcement.

Several newspapers in the Soviet Union also published stories about the selection of John Paul II, again, in contrast to the way they handled the election of John Paul I, either ignoring it or simply mentioning the bare fact.

In similar fashion elsewhere in Eastern Europe, newspapers carried front-page reports of the news of John Paul II's election.

Patriarch Pimen of the Russian Orthodox Church, not unexpectedly, sent a warm message of congratulations to John Paul II, wishing the new pontiff "a long and happy pontificate."

Significantly, Soviet Communist Party Chief. Leonid I. Brezhnev, who took no official notice of the election of John Paul I, sent a congratulatory message to John Paul II, expressing wishes "for fruitful activity in the interest of the relaxtion of international tensions and of friendship and peace

the Iron Curtain. "Where the persecution was greatest, there you had the greatest faith.

Official policies toward the church vary widely from country to country in Eastern Europe, and in some, like Albania, which declared itself to be the world's first totally atheist state in 1961, the jackboot remains firmly planted.

Nevertheless, thanks in part, some observers believe, to the Vatican's "ostpolitik," or rapor rapprochement with countries in the Soviet block, churchstate relations have entered a period of wary accommodation.

This is seen to be especially true of Pope John Paul II's homeland. where the Catholic Church can claim the respect and allegiance of well over 90 per cent of the 34.5 million population.

While the Warsaw government has yet to respond to the Catholic Church hierarchy's repeated demands for an easing of state censorship, access by the Church to the mass media, and for permission for more churches, the government is well aware that it needs the cooperation of the Church.

The Church is deeply rooted among Poland's working and farming people. The government knows this and realizes that it needs all the responsible support it can get amid accumulating economic problems,

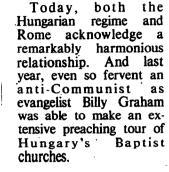
deepseated public unrest, and demands for more freedom.

Despite its power, the Church has used it moderately, accepting some cooperation with the regime in the interest of the nation. For example, after the worker riots of 1976 over proposed higher food prices, the Catholic bishops played a key conciliatory role and helped to restore calm in the country where twice in two decades worker uprisings have overturned governments.

Yugoslavia under Marshal Tito, who was received at the Vatican by Pope Paul VI, is the only Eastern Communist nation to maintain full diplomatic relations with the Vatican although Roman Catholics are outnumbered by members of the Serbian-Orthodox Church, the nation's largest religious body.

While there are no official restraints in Yugoslavia on individual worship, it is taken for granted that practicing believers stand far less chance of getting a good job, or of being promoted. or of getting admitted to universities than nonchurchgoers.

In Hungary, every Catholic diocese now has a bishop for the first time since 1948. Two years ago, a Hungarian cardinal (Laszlo Lekai) was installed as Primate of Hungary with full government recognition.



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Germany's East Communist Party leader Erich Honecker also sent a congratulatory message to the Vatican on the election of John Paul II, voicing a hope for world peace.

The first reactions of some of Eastern Europe's Communist leadership to Pope John Paul II highlight the differences between the plight of Catholics, and other believers, under the first decade of Communist rule and the measure of tolerance that has increasingly replaced bitter confrontation of the past.

Today's delicate balance of church-state relations in some of the Eastern European nations is primarily due, according to some observers, to the Communists' grudging acknowledgement that the church cannot be destroyed by decree.

"By the mid-50s, it was perfectly clear to the Communists that their hard-line policy was failing," says the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux, a British Anglican priestexpert on religion behind