

## RADIO VATICAN'S OPPOSITION TO NAZI IDEOLOGY, 1940-1942\*

Much has recently been published accusing Pius XII and the Catholic Church of having been silent as the Jews of Europe were murdered (1). That charge is compounded by the accusation that

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(1) Besides countless articles, the following books have presented the case against Pius XII, the Vatican during World War II and the Catholic Church generally: Daniel Jonah GOLDHAGEN, *A Moral Reckoning. The Role of the Catholic Church in the Holocaust and Its Unfulfilled Duty of Repair*, New York, Knopf, 2002; James CARROLL, *Constantine's Sword. The Church and the Jews. A History*, Boston/New York, Houghton Mifflin, 2001; David I. KERTZER, *The Popes Against the Jews. The Vatican's Role in the Rise of Antisemitism*, New York, A. Knopf, 2001; Michael PHAYER, *The Catholic Church and the Holocaust, 1935-1965*, Indiana University Press, 2000; Garry WILLS, *Papal Sin. Structures of Deceit*, New York, Double Day, 2000; Susan ZUCCOTTI, *Under His Very Window. The Vatican and the Holocaust in Italy*, New Haven/London, Yale University Press, 2000; John CORNWELL, *Hiller's Pope. The Secret History of Pius XII*, New York, Viking, 1999; besides a large number of articles and book reviews, the two major responses to the attacks on Pius XII and the Catholic Church are: José SÁNCHEZ, *Pius XII and the Holocaust. Understanding the Controversy*, Washington D. C., The Catholic University of America Press, 2002; Ronald J. RYCHLAK, *Hiller, the War, and the Pope*, Huntington, Indiana, Our Sunday Visitor, 2000; for the debate among the contending parties see *Symposium on Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust in Italy*, in *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 7/2 (2002), p. 215-268; for two earlier studies by Jews defending Pius XII see Jenó LEVAI, *Hungarian Jewry and the Papacy: Pius XII Did Not Remain Silent*.