

'Constellations' Fly U. S. Cardinals to Rome



The planes which take the four American Archbishops to Rome to be elevated to the Cardinalate in February will be two of the celebrated Lockheed "Constellations" operated by the Transcontinental and World Airlines. One of these huge TWA planes last year established a new record by flying from Washington to Paris in 14 hours and 47 minutes. They have a wing span of 123 feet, an over-all length of 95 feet, a full-load speed of more than 300 miles an hour, and are as tall as a two-story house. The planes carrying the Cardinals-Designate will be making their maiden flights in a service to be operated between the United States and Rome. Archbishop John J. Gleason of St. Louis (extreme left, above) and Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York (extreme right, above) will fly together to Rome in one of the "Constellations," while Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit (left center, above) and Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago (right center, above) will fly together in the other plane. The Rev. Lawrence E. Casey, will fly with Cardinal Mooney.

Wilhelmina Hails New Dutch Cardinal; China Thanks Pope

Vatican City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII's nomination of 22 new Cardinals from a score of countries has produced a deeply gratifying response throughout the world. It is indicated by word coming to the Vatican from widespread sources. Particularly notable are the reactions reported from China and Holland.

Elevation of Bishop Thomas Tien, Vicar Apostolic of Tainingtau, to the Sacred College of Cardinals has been received with great satisfaction in China, reports indicate. The Chinese Foreign Minister telegraphed Archbishop Mario Zanin, Apostolic Delegate to China, asking the latter to convey to His Holiness an expression of his great satisfaction.

It is not as yet known here when Cardinal-elect Tien will arrive in Rome. Archbishop James Charles McGuigan of Toronto, Canada, is expected to be the first of the newly-named Princes of the Church to arrive from outside the Eternal City.

In The Netherlands, the nomination to the Cardinalate of Archbishop Jon de Jong of Utrecht, who is considered a national hero in Holland, was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Queen Wilhelmina telegraphed her congratulations to the new Prince of the Church, while the Prime Minister, accompanied by three Catholic members of the Cabinet, made a special visit to felicitate Cardinal-elect de Jong. In many cities of Holland, especially in Utrecht, national flags were flown for some days following the publication of the news.

Gets Degree



Sister M. Benedict Young, M.D., of the Medical Mission Sisters, Philadelphia, who has received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia. Sister M. Benedict is the 47th member of her community to receive a Medical degree.

during his recent tour of Europe.

London—(NC)—Among the first to send congratulations to Archbishop Bernard Griffin of Westminster, when it was announced Pope Pius XII had named him to the Sacred College of Cardinals, was the sister of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who is Mother Agnes of the Lisieux Carmel in France. Archbishop Griffin visited the Carmel

New York—His elevation to the Cardinalate is a great honor intended for the clergy and faithful of his diocese, and especially for those of the city of Berlin. Bishop Konrad von Preysing of Berlin is quoted as saying in a British press service broadcast in German to Allied-occupied Ger-

Four Nuremberg Defendants Have U. S. Chaplain

BY MAX JORDAN
Nuremberg—(NC)—All four Catholic defendants at the war crimes trial here have received the German language edition of Father Stedman's Missal, the prayerbook "Mit Gott," a pocket edition of the New Testament and a rosary, army chaplain Sixtus R. O'Connor, O.F.M., who ministers to their spiritual needs, has revealed.
The four prisoners who are Catholic and attend Sunday Mass when at all possible are Arthur Seyss-Inquart, of Vienna, former Nazi governor of Holland, Franz von Papen, former Chancellor of Germany, Hans Frank, former Nazi governor of Poland, and Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Austrian Gestapo chief.
Frank claims to have broken with Nazi philosophies as far back as 1942. He became a convert to the Church on October 25 last, after having received instructions from Father O'Connor.
(According to secular press reports from Nuremberg, Frank has indicated that he may leave the Church again because of the introduction of Vatican documents as evidence at the trial.)
Julius Streicher, notorious Jew-hater, was born and baptized a Catholic, but until recently has shown no interest in either attending services or talking with a chaplain, although he asked for a copy of the Bible, which he read.
As many Protestants as Catholics attend the Mass offered by Father O'Connor every Sunday in the Witness wing of the court jail, but the defendants also have private Masses said in their cells, in the presence of guards. The chaplain calls on the prisoners regularly during the week, particularly on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
Father O'Connor has collected 26 volumes of Catholic authors, who are all eager readers. When von Papen arrived at the jail, the only book he had with him was a Missal.

Catholic Schools Win Freedom in Japan

BY REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, S.S.C.
Tokyo—(NC)—In the ruins of the Shirayuri 'White Lily' School here, 500 girls sit in class all day in outdoor garb. While the bitter air of the Tokyo winter blows through glassless windows, pupils and teachers endure the cold for the sake of education under Catholic auspices—now more valued than ever before because freedom to teach religion prevails.
Without heat in some places crowded into inadequate temporary quarters, in others actually exposed to the elements, Catholic schools in Japan this winter have an advantage far outweighing the real physical hardships as, for the first time in 46 years, they are permitted to give religious instruction within the regular curriculum.
Following General MacArthur's directive ordering removal of restrictions on political, civil and religious liberties, the Japanese Ministry of Education ordered local officials to permit private schools to teach religion freely. Since 1899 these schools had been allowed to give religious instruction only after class hours and only to pupils expressing a liking for it.
Reports reaching the capital indicate the order has been effectively carried out. Denominational schools have reopened after the Christmas-New Year vacation with full religious liberty. The abolition of State Shinto and the Emperor's New Year message disavowing the theory of his divine origin and status have added to the new sense of freedom in the religious schools.
The majority of pupils in Catholic schools in Japan are non-Christian, and they represent some of the country's leading families—facts which indicate the high esteem the people hold for education in a religious atmosphere. One sign reflecting changed conditions here is the frequent granting of parental permission, hitherto withheld, for children to be baptized.
The Shirayuri School, whose name means "White Lily," is conducted by Japanese Sisters of St.

Paul of Chartres. The sacrifices made by these nuns and their girl students are duplicated in other Catholic institutions conducted by the Jesuits, the Marianists, the Sacred Heart nuns, the Sisters of St. Maur, and other communities.



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