

# Armenian Patriarch Hails Vatican Relations with U.S.

Rome — Cardinal Gregorio Agagianian, Armenian Patriarch of Cilicia, today described the forthcoming consistory of the most significant members of the Armenian Catholic Church as a historic event.

The Patriarch of the Armenian Catholic Church will address Pope Pius XII on behalf of the newly designated members of the College of Cardinals at the opening session.

In an exclusive interview with International News Service, the tall, black-bearded, 50-year-old Patriarch said:

"The excellent relations between the United States and the Vatican is of the greatest consolation to the Holy Father in the present troubled and tormented world."

He expressed his happiness at

his imminent reunion with Cardinal Spellman of New York, his schoolmate at the Society for Propagation of the Faith in Rome. He declared:

"I last saw Cardinal Spellman in 1943 when he visited me at Beyroth."

"I said to him that the hopes of humanity were centered on the United States and I now more than ever see that your great country carried the responsibility for peace and human welfare."

Asked whether he foreses the day when an American Cardinal would ascend to the throne of St. Peter, the Patriarch smilingly answered:

"There is no reason why the supreme destinies of the universal church should not be ruled by an American or a Latin American Pope."

# CARD. MOONEY'S CHURCH



Exterior view of Rome's historic Santa Susanna Church which Pope Pius XII has assigned to Edward Cardinal Mooney as his titular church in the Eternal City. The present edifice is built upon the home of St. Susanna, a third century martyr, who was put to death in her own home by the order of Emperor Decian because she refused to break her vow of virginity and marry the emperor's son. Known as the "English-speaking" church of Rome, Santa Susanna previously served as the titular church of the late Cardinals Hinsley and Lepicier.

# Card. Mooney Pays Tribute To Pope in Detroit Speech

(Special to Courier-Journal)

Rome, Airport, Detroit—Sunday—A warm tribute to Pope Pius XII highlighted the farwell message which Cardinal-designate Edward Mooney broadcast to the people of Detroit before boarding the TWA airliner, Star of Cairo, for his historic flight to Rome.

Originally scheduled to leave here at 11:05 today, the trip was delayed until 7:35 this evening because of a mechanical defect discovered when the plane arrived here from Chicago with Cardinal-designate Samuel Stritch and his party.

In his brief "au revoir" broadcast to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Archbishop Mooney expressed heartfelt gratitude for the general manifestation of good will evoked by the event which occasions his departure for Rome.

Standing in the shadow of the giant four-motored plane, he observed that "one cannot but be struck by this marvel of modern engineering skill which more than anything else except the radio has drawn the ends of the earth together and made all people in a physical sense, neighbors."

"And the goal of our swift journeying," he added, "is the historic heart of Christianity, the City of the Soul, the See of Peter which, through the centuries, has worked as no other power on earth to make all people in a spiritual sense, neighbors."

### All People Neighbors

The Archbishop revealed an obvious happiness at the prospect that in a few short hours he would be able to greet the Holy Father.

"We shall kneel," he said, "at the feet of him in whose Feast we live today and who speaks through his apostolic agents for the Christian civilization of the West. The formation of which, through the centuries, Peter has worked as no other power on earth to make all people in a spiritual sense, neighbors."

From his own window, the Star of Cairo looks out on three thousand churches beneath whose spires lie apostles and martyrs who in their day spoke and died for truth and right and justice and charity — and therefore for peace. And their spirit still hovers over that ancient and unique city.

Concluding his farwell address, the Cardinal-designate expressed the chief aim of his work as Archbishop of Detroit.

deeply than ever before — what Rome has to give, surely I can hope to come back better disposed to do in our dynamic Detroit the work of a bishop, which is to build up and not to pull down, and to exercise in this city we love what St. Paul so strikingly calls "the ministry of reconciliation."

Nearly 100 persons were on hand to see the Constellation take off and to bid the departing prelates and their parties "bon voyage."

Affixed to the pilot's door is the copy of a message which reads: "Saint Raymond with Tobias, Saint Gabriel with the Virgin Mary, Saint Michael with all the heavenly hierarchy, be with us on this journey." Alongside the prayer were the American and the Papal flags.

# 4 U. S. Cardinals Arrive in Rome

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### Star of Rome Hops

The second airliner, the Star of Rome, left EsGuardia Field, Rome, on Monday afternoon, February 13. Its passenger list was headed by Cardinals-designate John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis and Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York who were joined by Cardinal-designate Thomas Tien, S.V. D., from Peking and M. Tullio, of the Holy See. The traveling schedule of the plane provided for long stops over a, Elre and Paris, with arrival in Rome scheduled today.

The Sacred Consistory, during which 20 of the 33 Cardinals-designate representing all continents of the earth will officially become members of the "Senate of the Church," will take place next Monday, February 14. The solemn ceremonies will reach their climax on February 21 with the Public Consistory at St. Peter's Basilica when the Red Hats will be presented to the new Cardinals.

Many members of the American Hierarchy and other distinguished prelates and priests, as well as leaders of the Catholic laity and newspapers representing the Catholic and secular press of this country, are among those accompanying the four American Cardinals-designate and their colleagues from China on the pilgrimage to Rome.

# Consistory Mass To be Offered in Armenian Rite

Rome — (RNS) — An interesting feature of ceremonies climaxed the consistory at which Pope Pius XII will proclaim 32 new members of the Sacred College of Cardinals will be a Mass of thanksgiving on behalf of the cardinals celebrated according to the Armenian rite rather than the Latin Rite.

Celebrant will be the Most Rev. Gregorio Pietro XV Agagianian, Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians, whose name appears first on the list of the new princes of the Church. Benediction will be given by the Pope after the Mass — also according to the Armenian Rite.

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